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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

I-610 West Loop Dedicated Bus Lane from I-10 (Northwest Transit Center) to Post Oak Boulevard

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing on April 12, 2016, at TxDOT Houston District Office Auditorium located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. The purpose of the hearing is to present a proposed dedicated bus lane on Interstate Highway (I) 610 from I-10 (Northwest Transit Center) to Post Oak Boulevard in Houston, Texas, and to receive public comments. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 p.m. with the formal hearing commencing at 6:30 p.m.

The proposed project would construct a dedicated bus lane on I-610. The removal of bus traffic on the I-610 West Loop from I-10 to Post Oak Boulevard to dedicated bus lanes would allow buses to move more efficiently and predictably between the Northwest Transit Center and Post Oak Boulevard. The proposed dedicated bus lane would consist of a two-lane structure over the west frontage road of the I-610 West Loop, then would cross to the center of the I-610 West Loop. The total project length is approximately 1.5 miles, and would not require any additional right-of-way or displacements.

Maps and other drawings showing the proposed project's location and design will be displayed at the hearing. Environmental documentation for the project will also be available for inspection at the hearing. This information is available by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Houston District office located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. To schedule an appointment, please contact Patrick Gant, P.E., at (713) 802-5274. The project information can also be viewed at TxDOT's website: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and may be presented for a period of 10 business days following the hearing. Written comments may be submitted either in person or by mail to the TxDOT District Office, Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251, or emailed to HOU-PIOWebmail@txdot.gov. Comments must be received or postmarked on or before April 27, 2016, in order to become part of the official hearing record.

The Public Hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing that have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT District Public Information Officer at (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least two business days before the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to

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23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by the FHWA and TxDOT.

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