



Notice of Public Meeting US 290: I-610 to SH 99 (Grand Parkway)

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a public meetings regarding the proposed revised interim configuration for the US 290 corridor in Harris County, Texas. The meetings will be held in two locations, with each meeting presenting the same information: Tuesday, September 1, 2015, Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Road, Cypress, Texas 77433 and Thursday, September 3, 2015, Sheraton Brookhollow, 3000 North Loop West, Houston, Texas 77092. The meetings will be held in an open house format from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the public meetings is to present the proposed revised lane configuration for the initial construction phase of the US 290 Corridor reconstruction. Changes in how the reconstructed corridor will be configured/designed during the initial operations of the facility are necessary due to changes in the funding and operational agreements between TxDOT and Harris County. The revised design replaces the four east and westbound general purpose lanes and three reversible managed lanes configuration that was to be operated by Harris County. The proposed design now includes one additional general purpose lane in each direction from I-610 to SH 6, with a one-lane reversible High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in the center of US 290 from I-610 to SH 99 (Grand Parkway). This lane configuration would allow TxDOT and its operating partner, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, to meet current highway design and safety standards, optimize the available capacity and maintain access for carpoolers and transit on an HOV lane until the proposed Hempstead Tollway portion of the ultimate US 290 Corridor project can be constructed.

Exhibits showing aerial photography and schematic plans for the proposed project will be available for review at the public meetings and at www.my290.com. This information will also be available by appointment for review Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding city and state holidays. To schedule an appointment at the US 290 Program Management Consultant office, Brookhollow Central III, 2950 North Loop West, Suite 1150, Houston Texas 77092, contact Mike Zientek, (713) 354-1556.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public meetings. Written comments about this project may be submitted at the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted in person at the Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007, mailed to the Director of Project Development, TxDOT Houston District, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386, or emailed to HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov. Comments must be postmarked or emailed on or before September 17, 2015.

The public meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Public Information Office at (713) 802-5072. Requests



should be made at least two working days prior to the meeting. 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 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.