



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed extension of State Highway (SH) 249: From FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 in north of Todd Mission, Montgomery and Grimes counties, Texas. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at Magnolia West High School, which is located at 42202 FM 1774 Rd, Magnolia, TX 77354.

The proposed SH 249 Extension would be constructed as a controlled access tolled facility consisting of four main lanes within a typical 400-foot wide right-of-way (ROW). The project length is approximately 15 miles. Informational displays and individuals knowledgeable about the proposed SH 249 project will be available from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with the Public Hearing starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to view the displays and ask questions before the Public Hearing. The hearing will include a brief presentation discussing an overview of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) document and its findings.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input and comments on the relevant issues that should be addressed in the next phase of the environmental review process. The hearing will provide an opportunity to make oral and written comments.

Approximately 727 acres of additional right-of-way would be required for the proposed project and displacements would be necessary. Personnel from the TxDOT Right-of-Way Section will be available to discuss TxDOT's Relocation Assistance Program that provides benefits and services for those that may be displaced. Information about the tentative right-of-way acquisition schedule may be obtained from the Houston District office.

All interested persons are invited to comment on the Draft EIS document. The document is on file and available for review at the following locations: (1) Texas Department of Transportation, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007; (2) Montgomery County Area Office, 901 N. FM 3083 East, Conroe, TX 77303; (3) TxDOT Bryan District Office, 2591 North Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, TX 77803; (4) Malcolm Purvis Library, 510 Melton Street, Magnolia, TX 77354; (5) Tomball Public Library, 30555 SH 249, Tomball, TX 77375; (6) Navasota Public Library, 1411 E. Washington Ave., Navasota, TX 77868; (7) Montgomery County Library Central Branch, 104 I-45 North, Conroe, TX 77301. The approved document can also be downloaded at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html>. All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing to express their views and voice their comments. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or physical accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the District Public Information Officer (713) 802-5072. Because the Public Hearing will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two days prior to the Public Hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. The TxDOT office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding State of Texas holidays. Written comments may be submitted to TxDOT Houston District, Attention: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386. Comments will also be accepted by email to [HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov](mailto:HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov) or through the email link at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html>. The comment period closes on March 9, 2015.

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.

