NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING #2
FOR THE PROPOSED GRAYSON COUNTY TOLLWAY
GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Paris District with support from the Grayson County Regional Mobility Authority (GCRMA) will host a second Public Meeting (starting with a brief overview project presentation followed by an Open House) on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Sherman Municipal Ballroom located at 405 North Rusk Street, Sherman, Texas, 75090. The Public Meeting will present the progress made toward a preferred preliminary alignment for a proposed Grayson County Tollway from Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 121 south of Gunter to US 75 in Denison. In preparation for this Public Meeting, TxDOT reviewed and considered comments received regarding preliminary alternative alignments presented at the first Public Meeting on November 18, 2010.

The Grayson County Tollway is intended to improve transportation efficiency along the extension of the Dallas North Tollway through Grayson County, providing access to the North Texas Regional Airport, and then connecting to US 75 north of Denison, Texas. The length of the proposed tollway would vary depending on the alignment chosen; however, the entire length from both southern and northern limits is approximately 33 miles (including built sections of SH 289 through a recent pass-through financing agreement). The project is currently listed in Transportation Outlook 2035, the Sherman-Denison Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

The proposed facility would be designed to accommodate residential and commercial development in Grayson County, relieve traffic congestion along US 75 through the cities of Sherman and Denison, link the proposed centers of development within Grayson County, as well as provide a transportation system that connects Grayson County to the northern edge of the expanding Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) metropolitan area. The study associated with this tollway project includes identifying, developing and evaluating alignments for engineering and toll feasibility, and providing environmental documentation for the proposed project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines to assess potential social, environmental, and economic effects. A decision on a locally preferred alternative design would be subject to the approval by the TxDOT Design Division and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

A brief verbal presentation of the study progress to date is scheduled to begin promptly at 6:00 pm, followed by an Open House for the general public. The Open House portion of the meeting will display preliminary project exhibits showing recommended preferred tollway alignments, approximate right-of-way needs, preliminary environmental analyses and preliminary cost estimates. Project handouts will be available. During the Open House, TxDOT staff and their consultants will be available to answer questions regarding the displayed alignments, as well as next steps in the project development process.
All interested persons are invited to attend this Open House Public Meeting to discuss the proposed project with TxDOT personnel. TxDOT will receive written public comments about the proposed project at this Open House Public Meeting. After the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the following address:

Texas Department of Transportation  
Attn: Noel Paramanantham, P.E.,  
3904 US 75 South  
Sherman, TX 75090

Written comments submitted after the Open House Public Meeting must be postmarked on or before Friday, July 1, 2011, to be included in the Public Meeting Record. In addition, comments can be emailed to Noel.Paramanantham@txdot.gov or faxed to (903) 813-0134.

Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact the TxDOT Public Information Office at (903) 737-9213 at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Meeting. Because the Public Meeting will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two (2) working days prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate these needs.