



Public Hearing Notice - Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at 200 East Riverside Drive, Room 1A-2, in Austin, Texas to receive public comments on the proposed 2017-2020 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The STIP reflects the federally funded transportation projects in the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the state. The STIP includes both state and federally funded projects for the nonattainment areas of Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, and Houston. The STIP also contains information on federally funded projects in rural areas that are not included in any MPO area, and other statewide programs as listed.

Title 23, United States Code, §134 and §135 require each designated MPO and the state, respectively, to develop a TIP and STIP as a condition to securing federal funds for transportation projects under Title 23 or the Federal Transit Act (49 USC §5301, et seq.). Section 134 requires a MPO to develop its TIP in cooperation with the state and affected public transit operators and to provide an opportunity for interested parties to participate in the development of the program. Section 135 requires the state to develop a STIP for all areas of the state in cooperation with the designated MPOs and, with respect to non-metropolitan areas, in consultation with affected local officials, and further requires an opportunity for participation by interested parties as well as approval by the Governor or the Governor's designee.

A copy of the proposed FY 2017-2020 STIP will be available for review, at the time the notice of hearing is published, at each of the department's district offices, at the department's Transportation Planning and Programming Division offices located in Building 118, Second

Floor, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, or (512) 486-5033, and on the department's website at: <http://www.txdot.gov/government/programs/stips.html>

Persons wishing to speak at the hearing may register in advance by notifying Lori Morel, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, at (512) 486-5033 no later than Friday, August 12, 2016, or they may register at the hearing location beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. Speakers will be taken in the order registered. Any interested person may appear and offer comments or testimony, either orally or in writing; however, questioning of witnesses will be reserved exclusively to the presiding authority as may be necessary to ensure a complete record. While any persons with pertinent comments or testimony will be granted an opportunity to present them during the course of the hearing, the presiding authority reserves the right to restrict testimony in terms of time or repetitive content. Groups, organizations, or associations should be represented by only one speaker. Speakers are requested to refrain from repeating previously presented testimony. Persons with disabilities who have special communication or accommodation needs or who plan to attend the hearing may contact the Transportation Planning and Programming Division, at 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205, (512) 486-5053. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the needs.

Interested parties who are unable to attend the hearing may submit comments regarding the proposed FY 2017-2020 STIP to Lauren Garduno P.E., Interim Director of the Transportation Planning and Programming Division, P.O. Box 149217, Austin, Texas 78714-9217. In order to be considered, all written comments must be received at the Transportation Planning and Programming office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2016.