

Gulf Freeway Planning and Environmental Linkages Study

I-45 South from Interstate 69 / US Highway 59 (Downtown) to Beltway 8 South



What is a PEL Study?

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is preparing a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study. A PEL is a high-level approach to transportation planning and decision making that considers environmental, community and economic goals for a specified corridor to accelerate project delivery. The goals of a PEL are to:

- Minimize duplication of project development efforts;
- Develop solutions with full consideration of public input as well as local, state and federal agency priorities;
- Promote efficient and cost-effective solutions to issues identified; and
- Carry goals and findings to future project phases.

The PEL will provide a platform for the community to discuss and prioritize transportation issues and improvements, develop a corridor vision, streamline the NEPA process and help guide project decisions.

The study will follow Federal Highway Administration guidelines for PELs; this allows information collected and analyzed to be incorporated and referenced in future engineering and environmental phases of projects being developed.

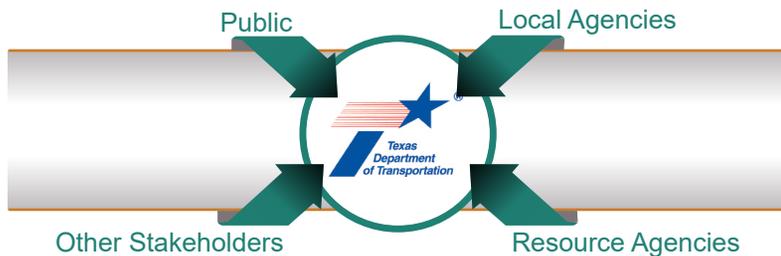
Why is TxDOT preparing a PEL Study?

TxDOT is preparing a PEL for the Gulf Freeway (I-45 South) corridor from I-69/US 59 in downtown Houston to Beltway 8 South. The PEL will address concerns and needs for improving traffic flow, safety and future growth. The PEL will also:

- Assist with planning for the Gulf Freeway corridor;
- Streamline future projects along the Gulf Freeway;
- Engage the public and stakeholders in the planning process;
- Enhance collaboration among agencies; and
- Identify key environmental resource issues.

PEL studies help document planning information and decisions made. This information is incorporated into NEPA documentation during project development.

PEL Study Coordination



For more information

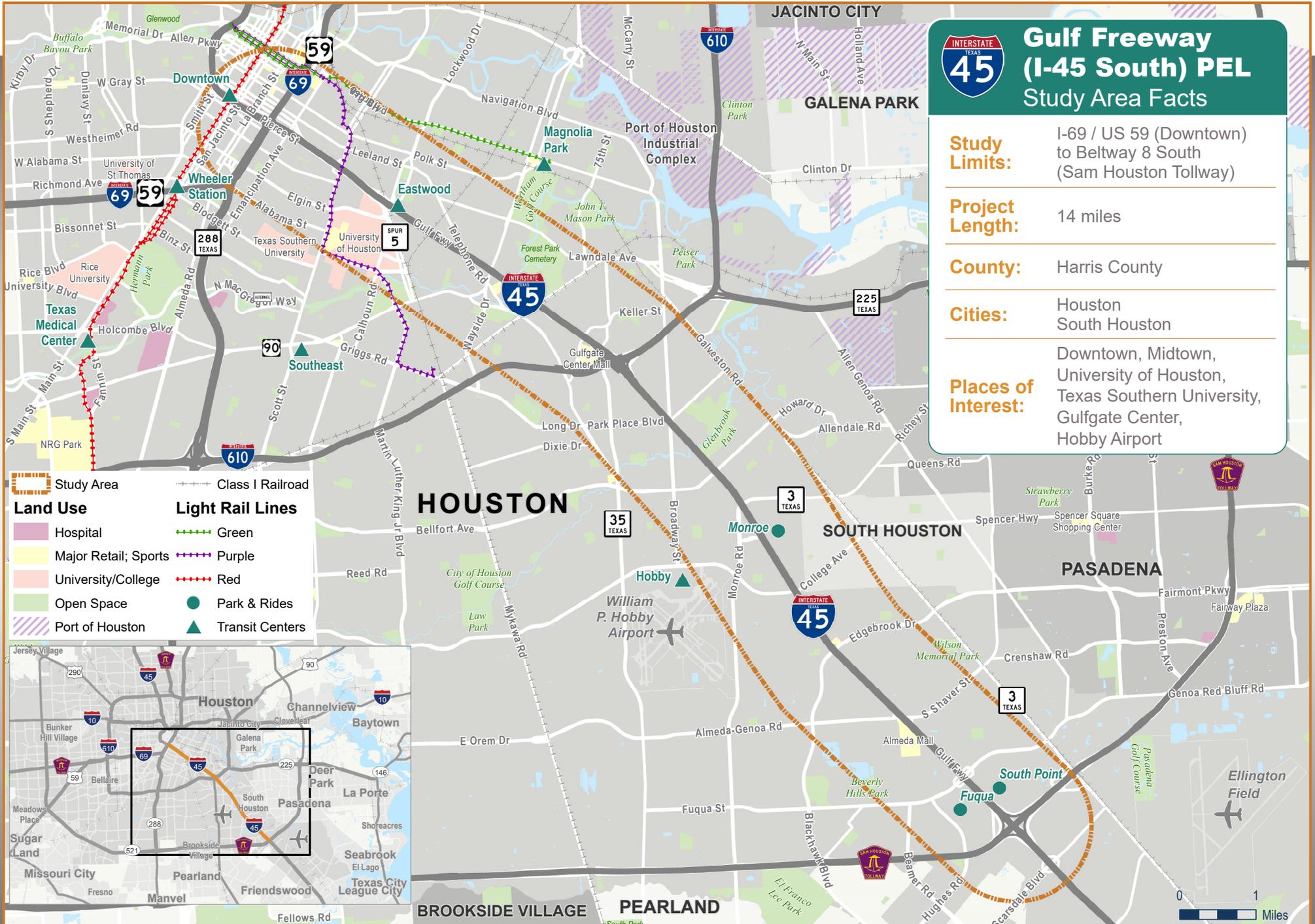
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INTERSTATE TEXAS 45 Gulf Freeway (I-45 South) PEL Study Area Facts

Study Limits:	I-69 / US 59 (Downtown) to Beltway 8 South (Sam Houston Tollway)
Project Length:	14 miles
County:	Harris County
Cities:	Houston South Houston
Places of Interest:	Downtown, Midtown, University of Houston, Texas Southern University, Gulfgate Center, Hobby Airport

- Study Area
- Class I Railroad
- Land Use**
- Hospital
- Major Retail; Sports
- University/College
- Open Space
- Port of Houston
- Light Rail Lines**
- Green
- Purple
- Red
- Park & Rides
- Transit Centers