



## **PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY**

The Texas Department of Transportation, Houston District conducted a public meeting concerning the proposed SH 105 Roadway Expansion from Mt. Mariah Road to FM 149, on May 2, 2007 in the cafeteria of Montgomery Middle School located at 803 Liberty Street, Montgomery, Texas 77356. The proposed project consists of widening the existing roadway from a two-lane undivided facility to a four-lane divided facility. The total length of the project is approximately 6.8 miles. The purpose of the meeting was to present recent design changes to the preferred alternative and to gather public input. The design changes included the realignment of the proposed SH 105 roadway near the City of Dobbin and a flush median within the City of Montgomery.

The Notice of Public Meeting was published on April 2 and 22, 2007 in the *Conroe Courier* and *Houston Chronicle* newspapers and on April 4 and 18, 2007 in the *Montgomery County News*. The notice and the affidavits of publication are attached.

The public meeting was held, from approximately 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in an open house format. A registration table was located at the entrance of the cafeteria where attendees were invited to sign-in. Each person was provided with a blank, pre-addressed comment form to share their thoughts regarding the proposed project, and a program, which contained a brief description and purpose of the proposed project.

Citizens were given an opportunity to view the various exhibits that were on display (see attached photos). Exhibits included the schematic and typical sections for the preferred alternative and an environmental constraints map. Additionally, project management staff was available at each station to provide information and answer questions from citizens regarding the proposed project.

### **Public Comments**

The public was encouraged to ask questions and make comments. All verbal questions and comments were immediately responded to at the meeting. Four public meeting comment forms were submitted at the public meeting and three comment forms were submitted via regular mail or email by the deadline of May 17, 2007. Input gathered from meeting attendees will be evaluated and used in the final adjustments of the preferred alternative. The written questions/comments received and responses are summarized as follows:

*Comment 1:* Can the raised median within the City of Dobbin be removed in favor of a turning lane for better access along the roadway for the community. Also can a red light be installed at SH 105 and FM 1486?

*Response:* The elimination of the raised median in this location would increase hazardous conditions along SH 105. Since increasing safety is an objective of the proposed project, the raised median will remain in the current design. At this time, there is not enough traffic to warrant a traffic light at the intersection of SH 105 and FM 1486, however, the proposed design alternatives for the roadway facility would increase safety levels at that

intersection.

*Comment 2:* Why build something that has to be added on to in five years?

*Response:* The preferred roadway design would accommodate 2026 predicted traffic counts.

*Comment 3:* Make tractor crossings along the roadway.

*Response:* Tractors will be able to use the vehicle crossovers proposed in the preferred alternative.

*Comment 4:* The expansion of SH 105 around the Montgomery High School needs to begin now. I would also like the accident data for that area.

*Response:* The proposed project will begin as soon as the environmental process is completed and the project has received the proper funding from the federal government. It is estimated that construction will begin sometime between 2010 and 2015. Accident data can be obtained through the Department of Public Safety.

*Comment 5:* The project is fine as long as the raised median doesn't occur within the City of Montgomery.

*Response:* Comment noted. The raised median will now be a flush median within the City of Montgomery.

*Comment 6:* Thank you for listening to comments concerning turning lanes instead of raised median in Montgomery.

*Response:* Comment noted.

*Comment 7:* Commenter was impressed with preferred alternative.

*Response:* Comment noted.

*Comment 8:* I would like to be placed on TxDOT's mailing list

*Response:* Comment noted. The additional names will be placed on the mailing list.

Copies of the comment forms, as well as, the sign-in sheets and public meeting programs are attached with the summary.