

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is advising the public of the availability of the ROD for the proposed construction of the US 181 Harbor Bridge Project improvements in Nueces County, Texas. The project limits include: US 181 at Beach Avenue on the north; Crosstown Expressway at Morgan Avenue on the south; I-37 and Up River Road on the west; and I-37 and Shoreline Boulevard on the east.

The project would replace the existing Harbor Bridge and reconstruct portions of US 181, I-37 and the Crosstown Expressway. The improvements would consist of constructing a six-lane controlled-access facility within a right-of-way width that varies between 200-430 feet, three lanes in each direction with a median barrier, shoulders and a bicycle and pedestrian shared-use path on the main span of the bridge and approaches.

The ROD identifies the Recommended Alternative as the selected alternative for construction of the US 181 Harbor Bridge Project. It presents the basis for the decision, summarizes the mitigation measures that will be incorporated into the project, and summarizes the responses to comments received on the FEIS. It also describes the Voluntary Resolution Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT that is the response to a complaint filed under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 concerning the project.

A digital version of the ROD may be downloaded from the project website at [ccharborbridgeproject.com](http://ccharborbridgeproject.com). Paper copies of the ROD and other information about the project may be requested from TxDOT Corpus Christi District Office, 1701 S. Padre Island Drive, Texas 78416 or from TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704. Paper copies may be obtained at the requester's expense. Submit requests in writing to Christopher Amy, TxDOT Corpus Christi District Office, 1701 S. Padre Island Drive, Texas 78416, [christopher.amy@txdot.gov](mailto:christopher.amy@txdot.gov), (361) 808-2376.

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#### Notice of Availability

Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) SH 249 Extension from south of Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 1774/FM 149 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission in Montgomery and Grimes Counties, Texas

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is advising the public of the

availability of the combined Final EIS and ROD for proposed construction of State Highway 249 Extension (SH 249) in Montgomery and Grimes Counties, Texas. The project would construct a four-lane, limited access toll road. The project limits extend from south of FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, a distance of 15 miles. The Selected Alternative would consist of a limited access toll facility on new location and would typically include four 12-foot-wide lanes, 10-foot-wide outside shoulders, and four-foot-wide inside shoulders within a 400 foot right-of-way. The Selected Alternative would require the acquisition of 727 acres of additional right-of-way.

The ROD explains how the Selected Alternative was chosen and signifies the completion of the environmental review process.

A digital version of the combined Final EIS and ROD may be downloaded from the SH 249 Extension project website at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html>. In addition, the Final EIS/ROD is on file at the following locations:

(1) Texas Department of Transportation, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007;

(2) Montgomery County Area Office, 901 N. FM 3083 East, Conroe, Texas 77303; and

(3) TxDOT Bryan District Office, 2591 North Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, Texas 77803.

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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. Under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, Section 1319, TxDOT has issued a combined Final EIS and ROD.

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