April 3, 2014

Welcome to tonight's public meeting!

The purpose of the meeting is two-fold: (1) to provide information regarding planned transportation projects and programs that might affect bicycle use of the state system within the Austin District, and (2) to gather input from the community on bicycle planning in the Austin District. The Austin District is made up of eleven counties: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Gillespie, Hays, Mason, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties.

To meet the first goal of tonight's meeting, maps depicting planned projects in each county are displayed along one-half of the room. To meet the second goal, district-wide maps showing some of the existing conditions on the state system, including bicycle usage, shoulder widths, and speed limits, are displayed on the other half of the room. In the center of the room are large maps that you are invited to mark particular areas of interest – popular routes, barriers, etc.

The exhibits will be on display this evening from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, during which time TxDOT staff will be available to answer your questions. Electronic copies of the maps and all other meeting materials are available on our website (www.txdot.gov) by typing "Austin bike meeting" in the search box in the upper right hand corner.

Please take the time to provide us comments on both groups of information provided here tonight. There are two comment forms in this packet, as well as large notepads posted around the room for public comments. Written comments not submitted during the meeting can be mailed to the TxDOT - Austin District, Bonnie Lister, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, 15426, Texas 78761-5426, P.O. Box Austin, or bonnie.lister@txdot.gov. Written comments received by April 18, 2014, will be included in the official public meeting record. Comments submitted later than that date will continue to be considered in planning and project development. Thank you for attending tonight's public meeting.