



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Loop 275**

On Thursday, February 6, 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing to discuss plans to improve Loop 275 (Congress Avenue) from Eberhart Lane to Foremost Drive.

The public hearing will be held in the cafeteria of Pleasant Hill Elementary School located at 6405 Circle S Road, Austin, Texas 78745. The public hearing will begin with an open house from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. During this time, displays of the project and other project information will be available for review. Project team members will be present to answer questions. At 6:30 p.m., a formal presentation will be given, followed by a public comment period.

The purpose of the proposed improvements is to improve mobility and enhance safety for the traveling public within the city of Austin. There is a need to provide a refuge for vehicles and increase travel capacity on this heavily-traveled roadway.

If completed, the proposed improvements would include widening Congress Avenue from an existing three-lane road to a five-lane road with 12-foot travel lanes, a 14-foot continuous center-turn lane, 5-foot shoulders, and a 6-foot sidewalk on the west side of the roadway. No additional right-of-way would be required.

The proposed project does not encroach on a floodplain, wetland, or a sole-source aquifer recharge zone.

Displays of the improvements being considered and other information concerning the project are available for review prior to the hearing at the TxDOT South Travis Area Office located at 9725 S IH 35 in Austin.

The public hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the public hearing with special communication or physical needs are requested to contact Monica Swenson at the TxDOT Austin District office at (512) 832-7181 at least 10 business days prior to the public hearing so that appropriate arrangements may be made. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate communication or accessibility needs.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide input on the project. Verbal and written comments may be presented at the public hearing. Written comments not submitted at the public hearing may be mailed to the TxDOT Austin District Environmental Coordinator, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 15426, Austin, Texas 78761-5426, or faxed to (512) 832-7157. All comments received by Tuesday, February 18, 2014 will be included in the public hearing record.