



TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Southern Gateway Project
Dallas Horseshoe Project
Dallas County

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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting on **Thursday, March 27, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at the Hilton Garden Inn, 800 N. Main St., Duncanville, Texas 75116. The purpose of the public meeting is to present project information and updates regarding the Southern Gateway Project and the Dallas Horseshoe Project. These corridors are being considered together at the meeting because they constitute a comprehensive, integrated approach to providing continuous high occupancy vehicles (HOV)/managed lanes along I-35E.

The two corridors have previously been environmentally cleared in separate environmental assessments:

- The Southern Gateway Project, I-35E from I-20 to 8th St. and US 67 from I-35E to FM 1382, was previously cleared as an Environmental Assessment (EA) in 2006.
- The Dallas Horseshoe Project, I-30 from Sylvan Ave. to west of I-45; and I-35E, from 8th St. to I-30; was previously cleared as an EA in 2012.

The environmental decisions made in the original documents will be reassessed and updated. For additional Southern Gateway Project information, visit www.thesoutherngateway.org and for Dallas Horseshoe Project information, visit www.dallashorseshoe.com

The purpose of the proposed projects is to develop long-term transportation and operational improvements for these corridors. The proposed projects are designed to enhance the regional and national transportation system by increasing capacity, reducing traffic congestion, improving mobility, improving design deficiencies and improving system linkages. The Southern Gateway Project is located within the cities of Cedar Hill, Dallas, De Soto, Duncanville, and Lancaster in Dallas County. The Dallas Horseshoe Project is located within the City of Dallas in Dallas County.

The ultimate improvements for the Southern Gateway Project approved in 2006 consisted of six main lanes, one reversible HOV lane, and two-lane frontage roads in each direction along I-35E from I-20 to US 67 and ten main lanes with two reversible HOV lanes from US 67 to 8th St. There would be discontinuous frontage roads between US 67 and 12th St./Beckley Ave along I-35E. Two lane frontage roads began at this point and continued to 8th St. Proposed improvements along US 67 consisted of six main lanes, two lane frontage roads, and one reversible HOV lane from Farm to Market Road (FM) 1382 to I-20 and two reversible HOV lanes from I-20 to I-35E.

The proposed ultimate improvements for the Southern Gateway Project extend along I-35E from I-20 to south of I-30 and US 67 from I-35E to FM 1382, a distance of approximately 19 miles. The recommended facilities along I-35E are six main lanes from I-20 to US 67 and ten main lanes from US 67 to 8th St. The recommended facility along US 67 is six main lanes from FM 1382 to I-35E. In the center median, the proposed recommendations consist of one reversible HOV/managed lane on I-35E from I-20 to US 67, two reversible HOV/managed lanes from US 67 to 8th St. On US 67, one reversible HOV/managed lane from FM 1382 to I-20 and two

reversible HOV/managed lanes from I-20 to I-35E. Improvements to ramps, frontage roads, and cross-streets would occur throughout the corridor. The Southern Gateway Project may be constructed in stages. The initial phase of improvements would involve the implementation of the HOV/managed lanes. Within the Dallas Horseshoe Project limits, two reversible HOV/managed lanes are proposed along I-35E from Reunion Blvd. to Colorado Blvd. to provide HOV continuity with the Southern Gateway Project.

The previously proposed improvements for the Dallas Horseshoe Project approved in 2012, along I-35E, consisted of two non-tolled reversible HOV lanes along I-35E between Reunion Blvd. and Colorado Blvd. The current proposed ultimate improvements to be addressed in the RCC for the Dallas Horseshoe Project along I-35 between Reunion Blvd. and Colorado Blvd. extend a distance of approximately 1.5 miles and consist of two tolled reversible HOV/managed lanes.

The proposed Southern Gateway Project is located within the Federal Emergency Management Agency designated 100-year floodplain at Cedar Creek, Five Mile Creek, Woody Branch, Ten Mile Creek, Bentle Branch, Ricketts Branch, and Mauk Branch. The hydraulic design for the proposed project would be in accordance with current TxDOT and Federal Highway Administration design policies and standards.

The Dallas Horseshoe Project traverses the Dallas Floodway, which is a public works project within the USACE jurisdiction; therefore, USACE review and approval per 33 U.S.C. Section 408 was required and has been completed. The Dallas Horseshoe Project, which is currently under construction was developed using the design-build delivery method of construction.

The meeting will be held in open house format to allow for questions and present project information. TxDOT staff and project consultants will be available to answer questions during the open house. Maps and other drawings depicting the project location and proposed improvements will be available. This and other project information is also on file and available for inspection at the TxDOT Dallas District, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150; and at the City of Dallas, 1500 Marilla St., Dallas, TX 75201. The tentative construction schedule can also be obtained at the TxDOT Dallas District office.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public meeting. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact the TxDOT Dallas District public information officer at (214) 320-6100 at least 2 working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Because the meeting will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least 2 working days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the Southern Gateway Project and the Dallas Horseshoe Project can be presented at the meeting. Written comments can also be submitted to **Ashley Haire, P.E., TxDOT Dallas District, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643**. Comments may be presented for a period of 10 days after the meeting and must be postmarked by **April 7, 2014**, to be included as part of the official public record. For additional information, please contact **Ashley Haire, P.E., TxDOT Dallas District, via phone (214) 320-6611, or e-mail: Ashley.Haire@txdot.gov**.