

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Rufe Snow Drive

From Mid-Cities Blvd/Watauga Road to Ridgetop Road

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in conjunction with the City of North Richland Hills, will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 23, 2011, at the City of North Richland Hills, City Council Chambers, 7301 NE Loop 820, North Richland Hills, Texas, 76180. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the planned improvements to Rufe Snow Drive in the cities of North Richland Hills and Watauga in Tarrant County, Texas. The improvements extend from Mid-Cities Boulevard/Watauga Road to Ridgetop Road. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:30 PM with the formal hearing commencing at 7:00 PM.

The project would widen the existing five-lane undivided roadway section of Rufe Snow Drive to seven lanes of undivided roadway. Dedicated right-turn lanes would also be added for southbound traffic at Watauga Road, northbound traffic at Hightower Drive, and southbound traffic at Hightower Drive. The current design includes widening the existing right-of-way section from a varying width of 75.5'-105' to a proposed 110'.

The proposed facility will provide two interior 11 foot wide travel lanes in each direction and one outer 14 foot wide travel lane in each direction with curb and gutter and a single center left turn lane. The proposed improvements require 2.83 acres of additional ROW. No relocations are needed for the proposed project. There is no potential habitat for federal and/or state listed endangered or threatened species within the project limits. The proposed project will not encroach upon a floodplain.

Maps and other drawings depicting the proposed improvements will be on display at the public hearing. In addition, the plan layout, the environmental document, design schematics, and other pertinent information concerning the project are on file and available for inspection at the following locations:

TxDOT Fort Worth District Office – 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133; Telephone – (817) 370-6549, Donna Fowler

TxDOT North Tarrant County Area Office – 2501 Eules Blvd, Eules, TX 76040; Telephone – (817) 399-4200, Alireza Shafiye, P.E.

City of North Richland Hills, Public Works Department – 7301 N.E. Loop 820, North Richland Hills, TX 76180; Telephone – (817) 427-6400, Caroline Waggoner, P.E.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested. Written comments may be submitted either in person or by mail to Maribel Chavez, P.E., District Engineer, 2501 SW Loop 820, P.O. Box 6868 Fort Worth, Texas 76115. Comments must be received on or before Tuesday, July 5, 2011 in order to become part of the official hearing record.

The public hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the public hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as interpreters, are requested to contact Caroline Montgomery, P.E. at the City of North Richland Hills at (817) 427-6400 as soon as possible so arrangements can be made. Requests should be made at least five business days prior to the public hearing so that appropriate arrangements may be made. TxDOT and the City of North Richland Hills will make every reasonable effort to accommodate communication or accessibility needs.