



Public Hearing Notice

Texas Rural Transportation Plan

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 East Riverside Drive, Room 1A-2, Austin, Texas to receive public comments on the Texas Rural Transportation Plan (TRTP). The TRTP is the rural component of the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP) a 24-year long-range multimodal plan for the state of Texas.

Transportation Code, §201.601, requires the department to develop a statewide transportation plan that contains all modes of transportation.

Title 23, United States Code, §135 requires the state to develop a long-range plan as a condition to securing federal funds for transportation projects under Title 23 or the Federal Transit Act (49 USC §5301, et seq.). Sections 135(a) and (e) require the state to develop its long-range plan to provide for the development and integrated management and operation of transportation systems and facilities (including accessible pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) that will function as an intermodal transportation system for the state and an integral part of an intermodal transportation system for the United States, taking into consideration the concerns of affected local officials, Indian tribal governments and Federal land management agencies. Section 135(f) requires the state to develop a SLRTP for all areas of the state in cooperation with the designated metropolitan planning organizations and, with respect to non-metropolitan areas, in consultation with affected local officials, and further requires an opportunity for



participation by interested parties.

A copy of the proposed TRTP will be available for review, at the time the notice of hearing is published, at each of the department's district offices, at the department's Transportation Planning and Programming Division offices located in Building 118, Second Floor, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, and on the department's website at:

www.txdot.gov

Persons wishing to review the TRTP may do so online or contact the Transportation Planning and Programming Division at (512) 486-5036.

Persons wishing to speak at the hearing may register in advance by notifying Peggy Thurin, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, at (512) 486-5036 not later than Friday, May 18, 2012, or they may register at the hearing location beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. Speakers will be taken in the order registered. Any interested person may appear and offer comments or testimony, either orally or in writing; however, questioning of witnesses will be reserved exclusively to the presiding authority as may be necessary to ensure a complete record. While any persons with pertinent comments or testimony will be granted an opportunity to present them during the course of the hearing, the presiding authority reserves the right to restrict testimony in terms of time or repetitive content. Groups, organizations, or associations should be represented by only one speaker. Speakers are requested to refrain from repeating previously presented testimony. Persons with disabilities who have special communication or accommodation needs or who plan to attend the hearing may contact the Transportation Planning and Programming Division, at 118 East Riverside Drive,



Austin, Texas 78704, (512) 486-5038. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the needs.

Further information on the TRTP may be obtained from Peggy Thurin, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704, (512) 486-5036. Interested parties who are unable to attend the hearing may submit comments to James L. Randall, P.E., Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. In order to be considered, all written comments must be received at the Transportation Planning and Programming office by Monday, June 4, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.