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I-35 Waco Project Final Public Hearing Final Meeting for I-35 Expansion in Waco Scheduled

Thursday, September 20, 2012 has been set for the final public hearing for the segment of the I-35 Expansion Project that runs through Waco.

Scheduled for 7 pm in the cafeteria of University High School at 3201 S. New Road in Waco, the event is an opportunity for the public to see the final design schematics, ask questions of engineers, and give comments about the project for the public record.

The proposed right-of-way changes would require a number of residential and commercial relocations. Information about the state's ROW acquisition process and the relocation assistance program will be available at the event.

The proposed construction will expand I-35 to four lanes in each direction, and add continuous access roads in the locations where they are currently interrupted. The new frontage roads would also include 6-foot sidewalks with curbs and gutters. Improved bicycle and pedestrian access are also included in the plans.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this hearing and present their comments. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Mr. Michael Rhodes at (254) 867-2739 as soon as possible so arrangements can be made. Since the hearing will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least one week prior to the hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments regarding the proposed project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the hearing or in writing after the hearing. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm, October 1, 2012 following the hearing in order to be included in the public hearing record. Written statements may be submitted to Mr. Andy Petter, P.E., Deputy District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, 100 South Loop Drive, Waco, TX 76704-2858

Efforts to improve the I-35 corridor throughout the state would not be possible without the support of local governments, the Texas Legislature and the U.S. Congress. In addition to the ongoing \$1.9 billion dollar expansion of I-35 through TxDOT's Waco District, a number of critical projects are underway in the Dallas/Fort Worth region to improve I-35 connections to I-820 and I-635 thanks to a partnership with the

private sector. Meanwhile, TxDOT continues to plan for the long-term future of the I-35 corridor through the MY 35 citizen-driven planning process. For more information about I-35 expansion projects or the MY 35 planning effort, visit www.my35.org.

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