



Notice

Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review and Public Hearing

S.M. Wright Project Phase IIB

SH 310 from Pennsylvania Avenue to North of Al Lipscomb Way and IH 45 from Lenway Street to Good Latimer Expressway

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Dallas County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing improvements to the interchange between State Highway 310 (SH 310) and Interstate Highway 45 (IH 45) in Dallas County, Texas. Project limits for SH 310 extend from Pennsylvania Avenue to north of Al Lipscomb Way, a distance of approximately 0.5 mile. Project limits for IH 45 are from Lenway Street to Good Latimer Expressway, a distance of approximately 1.0 mile. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and §2.108, and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter H, §771.111, and Title 40, Chapter V, §1506, this notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2016, at Park South YMCA, 2500 Romine Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75215. Displays will be available for viewing at 6 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 7 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project, referred to as the "SM Wright Project Phase IIB", includes the reconfiguration of the existing interchange between IH 45 and SH 310 (S.M. Wright Parkway), Cesar Chavez Boulevard, and Good Latimer Expressway. These changes would convert the existing freeway-to-freeway connections between IH 45 and SH 310 to a diamond-type interchange involving two cross-streets: Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (MLK) and Al Lipscomb Way (formerly Grand Avenue). The proposed improvements will extend SH 310 to connect exclusively to Cesar Chavez Boulevard. The existing SH 310 underpass of MLK would be converted to an at-grade signalized intersection. The existing IH 45 frontage roads would be extended to MLK, and the existing ramps connecting MLK and IH 45 would be relocated to the

proposed signalized intersections of the proposed frontage roads and MLK. A northbound exit ramp to Al Lipscomb Way from IH 45 as well as a southbound entrance ramp from Al Lipscomb Way to IH 45 would also be constructed. Pedestrian and bicycle improvements would be constructed along SH 310 to create a continuous network between SH 310, MLK, Al Lipscomb Way, and Good Latimer Expressway.

The existing right-of-way (ROW) width along SH 310 is typically 220 to 240 feet, but widens to 360 feet north of MLK. The existing ROW width along IH 45 varies from 240 to 500 feet. Approximately 1.7 acres of additional ROW along both sides of IH 45 would be necessary for the proposed project. The proposed project would displace one former fire station and two commercial businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT District Office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Staff from the Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas will be invited to the public hearing to answer questions and present services information. The proposed project is not located within a 100-year floodplain of any water feature.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting. This information is also available for inspection in the City of Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street, Room 6BS, Dallas, Texas 75201; and the Martin Luther King Branch Library, 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75215. Additionally, this information will be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to Mr. Stephen Endres, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation Dallas District Office, 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150. Comments must be received on or before Friday, December 30, 2016 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Stephen Endres, P.E. at (214) 320-4469 or by e-mail at Stephen.Endres@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.