



TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
The Southern Gateway Managed Lanes Project
Dallas County
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) proposes improvements to Interstate Highway 35 East (I-35E) and U.S. Highway 67 (US 67) within the City of Dallas in Dallas County, Texas. The proposed project is approximately 11 miles long. The proposed improvements collectively referred to as "The Southern Gateway Managed Lanes Project," consists of improvements to I-35E from US 67 to Reunion Boulevard and along US 67 from Interstate Highway 20 (I-20) to I-35E. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility, traffic operations, address roadway deficiencies, and improve safety. For additional Southern Gateway Managed Lanes Project information, visit www.thesoutherngateway.org.

TxDOT will conduct a series of public meetings to present information regarding the proposed project on:

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Beckley-Saner Recreation Center
114 W. Hobson Ave.
Dallas, Texas 75224
Public Meeting 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center
5150 Mark Trail
Dallas, Texas 75232
Public Meeting 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Since the last series of public meetings held in Summer of 2015, there have been substantial changes to the project based on stakeholder and public input. The most notable change to the project is that the managed lane will not be proposed as a toll facility. Instead, a non-tolled express/managed lane facility open to all users will be implemented. Other changes consist of relocating the managed lane access points, providing wider cross-street accommodations for pedestrian and bicycle accessibility, updates to ramping configuration at the I-35E and Beckley Avenue, adding general purpose lanes, realignment of the mainlane geometry to reduce right-of-way (ROW) impacts and providing accommodations for a future deck park.

The Dallas Horseshoe Project under construction along I-35E, consists of two reversible non-tolled High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes with 10 mainlanes that will tie into the proposed Southern Gateway Managed Lanes Project at Colorado Boulevard, providing a full build out connection to Reunion Boulevard. In order to provide a continuous managed lane facility, the HOV lanes will be converted to non-tolled express/managed lanes in the Dallas Horseshoe Project. The proposed Southern Gateway Managed Lanes Project would consist of full reconstruction of the section of I-35E between the I-35E/US 67 split interchange and Colorado Boulevard to include two reversible non-tolled express/managed lanes, increasing the number of mainlanes from 8 to 10, increasing the number of frontage road lanes from a minimum/maximum of 4/6 to a minimum/maximum of 4/8, along with ramping modifications. After further evaluation along I-35E from I-20 to the I-35E/US 67 split, improvements will not be proposed until future funding is available. Along US 67 from I-20 to the I-35E/US 67 split, the proposed improvements consist of changing the existing concurrent HOV lane to a non-tolled reversible express/managed lane within the existing median, increasing the number of mainlanes from 4 to 6, along with ramping modifications while keeping the existing mainlane pavement in place where feasible. Additional proposed improvements would include the full reconstruction of the I-35E/US 67 interchange. Approximately 4.1 acres of additional ROW and a 1.5 acre drainage easement would be required.

The proposed improvements along US 67 from Belt Line Road to I-20 will be constructed as a separate project and is no longer part of the Southern Gateway Managed Lanes Project. The scope of the separate project will include adding one general purpose lane in each direction on the outside of the existing mainlane pavement while leaving the existing center median in place for a future non-tolled express/managed lane.

Per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements, sidewalks and 14-ft shared use lanes to accommodate vehicles and bicyclists would be implemented along those frontage roads and cross-streets where reconstruction is proposed within the project limits.

The proposed project is located within the Federal Emergency Management Agency designated 100-year floodplain at Cedar Creek, South Branch of Cedar Creek, Five Mile Creek, South Prong of Five Mile Creek, and the Trinity River. The hydraulic design for the proposed project would be in accordance with current TxDOT and FHWA design policies and standards.

The public meetings will be held in an open house format to allow for one-on-one opportunities for attendees to get their questions answered by TxDOT staff and the project team. There will be no formal presentation. Maps and other drawings depicting the project location and proposed improvements will be available at the meetings. The information presented at each of the meetings will be identical.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public meetings. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact TxDOT's Public Information Office **via phone at (214) 320-4480** at least two (2) working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Because the meetings will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least five (5) working days prior to each meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the Southern Gateway Managed Lanes Project can be presented at the meetings. Written comments can be submitted to **John Nguyen, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643**. Comments may be submitted for a period of 10 days after the meetings and must be postmarked by **Monday, February 8, 2016**, to be included as part of the official public record. For additional information, please contact **John Nguyen, P.E. via email at John.Nguyen@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.