

Notice of Public Hearing and Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement Trinity Parkway Project City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA), in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), will conduct a formal Public Hearing on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Arena, located at 650 S. Griffin Street, Dallas, 75202, to discuss the proposed Trinity Parkway Project in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas (the Project). The limits of the Project extend from the Interstate Highway (IH) 35E/State Highway (SH) 183 interchange to the United States Highway (US) 175/SH 310 interchange to the south for a distance of approximately 9 miles. The Project corridor includes a portion of the Dallas Floodway of the Trinity River, located on the west side of downtown Dallas. An Open House will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. prior to the Public Hearing at the same location to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. NTTA and TxDOT staff will be present to answer questions regarding the Project at the Open House. The formal Public Hearing presentation will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. followed by a formal public comment period.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to inform the public and agencies and solicit comments on the schematic plans for the Project alternatives and on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). While not traditionally provided after the FEIS stage of project development, due to public interest in the Project, the NTTA, TxDOT, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have agreed to provide an additional Public Hearing after the FEIS was made available to the public.

The primary purpose of the Project is to provide a safe and efficient transportation solution to manage traffic congestion and improve safety in the area of the Dallas Central Business District. As proposed, the Project involves the construction of a six-lane controlled access toll facility with local street interchanges, and freeway-to-tollway interchanges at IH 35E/SH 183, US 175/SH 310, Woodall Rodgers Freeway, and IH 45. The Project would be grade separated at crossings of existing highways and local arterial streets. The number and configuration of interchanges vary among the Build Alternatives considered.

The FEIS was prepared by the NTTA, the FHWA, and TxDOT, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and provides new or additional information and analysis performed since the publication of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) in February 2009 and the Limited Scope Supplemental (LSS) in March 2012. The FEIS presents an analysis of information relating to the four Build Alternatives (Alternatives 2A, 2B, 3C, and 4B) under consideration as well as the No-Build Alternative (Alternative 1), and information about these alternatives will be presented at the Public Hearing. Alternatives 2A (elevated facility) and 2B (at-grade facility) would generally follow existing Irving/Riverfront (Industrial) Boulevard. Alternative 3C would generally follow along the east levee inside of the Dallas Floodway, and Alternative 4B would be a split configuration with north and southbound lanes generally following along inside the east and west Dallas Floodway levees, respectively.

The FEIS presents an analysis of expected impacts of the Build Alternatives as assessed in the SDEIS/LSS and explains the recommendation of Build Alternative 3C for further design refinements and updated environmental impact analyses. The proposed project could affect (beneficially or adversely) land use, single-family residences, businesses, socio-economic conditions, wetlands and jurisdictional waters of the U.S., floodplains, water quality, air quality, noise conditions, cultural resources, parklands, visual quality, and hazardous materials. Alternative 3C would have an adverse effect on the historic

Continental Avenue Viaduct. Alternative 3C would impact approximately 305 acres of the Federal Emergency Management Agency 100-year floodplain, and is considered a significant and longitudinal encroachment in the Dallas Floodway. The right-of-way for Build Alternative 3C would be approximately 559 acres. Potential displacements for this alternative would be three single-family residences and 27 commercial buildings.

Information concerning the NTTA's Relocation and Assistance Program will be discussed at the Public Hearing. The benefits and services for displaced residential and commercial property owners can also be obtained from the NTTA. The NTTA is committed to coordinate available programs provided by Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas to help minimize or mitigate for adverse impacts to business owners and individual employees as an anticipated result of the Project's implementation.

Conceptual schematic drawings depicting the geometric design, the FEIS, and other Project-related information will be displayed at the Open House and Public Hearing. The FEIS and conceptual schematic drawings are available for public inspection and review at the following places: City of Dallas, 1500 Marilla Street, Room 6BS, Dallas 75201; Dallas County, 411 Elm Street, 4th Floor, Dallas 75202; NTTA Offices, 5900 W. Plano Parkway, Suite 100, Plano 75093; TxDOT-Dallas District Library, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite 75150; and the North Central Texas Council of Government's headquarters – Center Point Two, 1st Floor, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington 76011. The FEIS may also be obtained on the NTTA homepage via the internet at www.ntta.org. Select 'Roads & Projects' on the NTTA homepage, and then click on 'Trinity Parkway' under the 'Future Projects' category. Finally, click on 'Project Meeting Materials' (<https://www.ntta.org/roadsprojects/futproj/trihwy/Pages/Project-Meeting-Materials.aspx>).

Copies of the FEIS are also available for public review at the following locations: J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas 75201; Martin Luther King Jr. Branch Library, 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Dallas 75215; Dallas West Branch Library, 2332 Singleton Boulevard, Dallas 75212; North Oak Cliff Branch Library, 302 W. Tenth Street, Dallas 75208; Oak Lawn Branch Library, 4100 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas 75219; Pleasant Grove Branch Library, 7310 Lake June Road, Dallas 75217; Dallas Regional Chamber, 500 N. Akard Street, Suite 2600, Dallas 75201; Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, 1001 N. Bishop Avenue, Dallas 75208; Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, 2838 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Dallas 75215; Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 4622 Maple Avenue, Suite 207, Dallas 75219; Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce, 7610 Stemmons Freeway, Suite 690, Dallas 75247; Downtown Dallas, 901 Main Street, Suite 7100, Dallas 75202; West Dallas Multipurpose Center, 2828 Fish Trap Road, Dallas 75212; St. Philip's School and Community Center, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Dallas 75215; Exline Recreation Center, 2525 Pine Street, Dallas 75215; and TR Hoover Community Development Corporation, 5106 Bexar Street, Dallas 75215. Copies of the FEIS (both electronic and paper) may be requested online at trinityparkway@ntta.org or by mail. Written requests should be submitted to NTTA, Attn: Corridor Manager, Re: Trinity Parkway Project, P.O. Box 260729, Plano, TX 75026. Paper copies are available for \$320.00 plus shipping and handling, and a CD-ROM of the document in Adobe Acrobat format is available for \$10.00 plus shipping and handling.

Persons interested in attending the Public Hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the NTTA at 214-224-3062 or by email at trinityparkway@ntta.org at least three (3) working days prior to the Public Hearing. Because the Public Hearing will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least three (3) working days prior to the hearing. The NTTA will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate these needs.

All interested parties are invited to attend this Public Hearing and Open House. Verbal and written comments relative to the Project and the FEIS may be presented at the hearing or written comments may be submitted to NTTA, Attn: Corridor Manager, Re: Trinity Parkway Project, P.O. Box 260729, Plano, TX 75026. Comments will also be accepted by email at trinityparkway@ntta.org. All comments must be received or postmarked on or before Monday, May 5, 2014, to be included in the Public Hearing record. Substantive comments not addressed in the FEIS would be noted in the Record of Decision (ROD).

FHWA will execute a ROD no sooner than 30 days from the date of publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the FEIS in the Federal Register.

Contingent upon a ROD from FHWA, USACE authorization pursuant to 33 United States Code Section 408 would be required due to the proposed location of the Project within the Dallas Floodway. Approximately 66 acres of waters of the U.S., including wetlands, would be impacted by Alternative 3C, and USACE authorization pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 would also be required. USACE is proposing to utilize CESWF-09-RGP-12 Regional General Permit 12 (RGP-12) for the modification and alteration of Corps of Engineers Project for this action. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has certified pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA and Title 30, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 279, for activities for which it is responsible, and that result in the loss of less than 0.5 acre of waters of the state, that activities conducted under RGP-12 should not result in a violation of established Texas Water Quality Standards provided that the Standard Provisions are followed. Since impacts to waters of the U.S. result in the loss of greater than 0.5 acre of waters of the U.S., Section 401 water quality certification for the Trinity Parkway is being requested during the USACE Section 408 review process under the scope of RGP-12. Since USACE is a Cooperating Agency on this FEIS, USACE is utilizing this NOA to make the public aware that, concurrent with USACE processing of this Department of the Army application, the TCEQ is reviewing this application under Section 401 of the CWA, and 30 TAC Sections 279.1 - 13 to determine if the work would comply with State water quality standards. By virtue of an agreement between USACE and TCEQ, this public notice is also issued for the purpose of advising all known interested persons that there is pending before the TCEQ a decision on water quality certification under such act. Any comments concerning the Section 401 Water Quality Certification application may be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, 401 Coordinator, MSC-150, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 by Monday, May 5, 2014. The TCEQ may conduct a public meeting to consider all comments concerning water quality if requested in writing. A request for a public meeting must contain the following information: the name, mailing address, application number, or other recognizable reference to the application; a brief description of the interest of the requestor, or of persons represented by the requestor; and a brief description of how the application, if granted, would adversely affect such interest.