

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed tolling of State Highway (SH) 121 main lanes from the Dallas North Tollway (DNT) to United States (U.S.) 75 for a length of approximately 12.5 miles in Collin County. The project is adjacent to the Cities of Plano, Frisco, Allen, McKinney and the Town of Fairview. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss the proposed tolling of the SH 121 main lanes within the project corridor that are currently in various stages of construction. The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 26, 2007 at Legacy Church, 4501 Legacy Drive, Plano, Texas 75024. Prior to the Public Hearing, an Open House will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions during the Open House. The Public Hearing will begin with a formal presentation at 7 p.m., followed by the public comment period.

There are no proposed changes to the footprint, locations or sizes of the previously designed ramps and main lanes. The proposed tolling of SH 121 would not require additional right-of-way, displacements or relocations. As proposed, the toll facility would consist of a six lane controlled access facility with three lane continuous frontage roads. Although the mainlanes of SH 121 are proposed for tolling, the frontage roads would remain as a non-toll alternative to the proposed toll facility. The proposed project would encroach in to the 100-year floodplain; however the improvements would not increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances.

An environmental re-evaluation has been prepared to research and identify potential changes to the natural, social, and economic environment that could occur as a result of implementing the proposed toll facility. The environmental re-evaluation, maps, and other drawings depicting the proposed project location and geometric design will be displayed at the Public Hearing. This and other information about the project are on file and available for inspection and copying at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150. Other locations where this information is located include: The TxDOT Collin County Area Office, 2250 South State Highway 5, McKinney, Texas 75069; City of Plano, Transportation Engineering Department, 1520 Avenue K, Plano, Texas, 75074; City of Frisco, Engineering Services Department, 6101 Frisco Square Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Frisco, Texas, 75034; City of McKinney, Public Works Department, 222 North Tennessee Street, McKinney, Texas, 75069; City of Allen, Engineering Department, 305 Century Parkway, Allen, Texas, 75013; Town of Fairview, Town Engineer, 500 South Highway 5, Fairview, Texas 75069.

All interested persons are invited to attend the Public Hearing. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact Jennifer Halstead at HNTB Corporation (972) 628-3167, at least two (2) working days prior to the Hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Because the Hearing will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two (2) working days prior to the Hearing. Every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs will be made.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the proposed tolling can be presented at the Hearing. Written comments can also be submitted to the following

address: HNTB Corporation, SH 121 Collin County Public Hearing, Attn: Jennifer Halstead, 5910 West Plano Parkway, Suite 200, Plano, Texas 75093. Comments must be hand delivered or postmarked on or before Thursday, March 8, 2007 to be included as part of the official public record.