

**TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**STATE HIGHWAY (SH) 161 INTERIM BOTTLENECK OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS**  
**FROM: SOUTH OF CONFLANS ROAD**  
**TO: NORTH OF SH 114**  
**CSJ: 2964-01-022**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will conduct a Public Meeting on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, for the proposed the implementation of interim bottleneck operational improvements to address localized congestion for an approximately 6.326 mile section of State Highway (SH) 161 from south of Conflans Road to north of SH 114 in Irving, Dallas County, Texas. The Public Meeting will be held at MacArthur High School located at 3700 N MacArthur Blvd., Irving, Texas, 75062 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to present the proposed project to the public and receive comments. It will be conducted in an informal open house format. Representatives from TxDOT, the RTC, and regional partners will be available to answer questions about the proposed project.

The proposed project would convert the use of the inside shoulder to an interim operational travel lane during AM/PM peak-hours periods as a method to increase the performance of the existing highway's capacity. The proposed improvements would include restriping the existing paved inside shoulder to provide an interim operational travel lane thereby enabling three general purpose lanes of operations in each direction during AM/PM peak-hour periods. TxDOT and its regional partners are looking for an interim improvement to improve mobility and safety until a long-term improvement can be implemented. The proposed project is anticipated to have a beneficial interim effect on regional and community traffic operations by improving traffic flow through the project area until a more substantial and ultimate-build project (toll) is implemented.

The proposed project would not be on new location and it would not substantially alter either the horizontal or vertical alignment. The proposed project would be implemented within the existing SH 161 right-of-way (ROW) and completely within the footprint of the existing base course. The proposed project would not impact the FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain.

Maps showing the proposed project's location and geometric design will be available for viewing at the Public Meeting. This information will also available for public inspection at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150. Information about the tentative schedules for the implementation of these interim bottleneck operational improvements may be obtained at the Public Meeting or from the TxDOT Dallas District Office.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting to obtain information about the proposed project and to express their views. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-6100 at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made. Because the Public Meeting will be conducted in English, any request for language interpretation or other special communication needs should also be made at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the proposed SH 161 interim bottleneck operational improvements will be accepted at the meeting. Written comments can also be submitted to: Sandra Williams, TxDOT Dallas District APD, 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643.

Written comments will be accepted for a period of 10 days after the meeting and must be postmarked by Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. For additional information please contact Sandra Williams 214-320-6686 or e-mail at: Sandra.Williams2@txdot.gov.