

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 cities of Dallas, Cedar Hill, De Soto, Duncanville, and Lancaster in Dallas County, Texas. The proposed project is approximately 23 miles long. The proposed improvements collectively referred to as "The Southern Gateway Managed Lanes Project," consist of managed lane implementation throughout the entire project limits and full reconstruction of the section of I-35E between the I-35E/US 67 split and Colorado Blvd. 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, June 23, 2015

Cedar Hill Recreation Center
310 E. Parkerville Rd.
Cedar Hill, Texas 75104
Public Meeting 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Hilton Garden Inn
800 N. Main Street
Duncanville, Texas 75116
Public Meeting 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

DeSoto Recreation Center
211 E. Pleasant Run Road
DeSoto, Texas 75115
Public Meeting 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 9, 2015

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

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility, traffic operations, address roadway deficiencies, and improve safety. The proposed project would also address the HOV/Managed Lane system throughout the corridor allowing single occupancy vehicles (SOV) users as well as high occupancy vehicles (HOV) two plus users to access the facility.

The proposed project would consist of full reconstruction of the section of I-35E between the I-35E/US 67 split and Colorado Blvd., conversion of existing HOV lanes to tolled managed lanes, and addition of tolled managed lanes. Within the Dallas Horseshoe Project limits, two reversible HOV/managed lanes are proposed along I-35E from Reunion Blvd. to Colorado Blvd. to provide HOV continuity with the Southern Gateway Managed Lanes Project. Improvements along I-35E from I-20 to the I-35E/US 67 split consist of implementing a one lane reversible tolled managed lane in the existing center median. Similarly along US 67 from I-20 to the I-35E/US 67 split, the general improvements consist of partial reconstruction to change the existing concurrent HOV lane to two reversible tolled managed lanes, and the addition of one reversible tolled managed lane between FM 1382 to I-20 in the center median. Additional operational improvements such as ramp relocations and intersection improvements are under evaluation south of the I-35E/US 67 split. Approximately 11.76 acres of additional ROW and 0.7 acres of temporary easements would be required.

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, Five Mile Creek, Woody Branch, Ten Mile Creek, Bentle Branch, Ricketts Branch, and Mauk Branch. 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 citizens to have their questions answered by TxDOT staff and the project team. Maps and other drawings depicting the project location and proposed improvements will be available at the meeting. 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 the Public Information Office **via phone (214) 320-4480** at least two working days prior the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Since the meeting will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least five working days prior to the 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 meeting. Written comments can be submitted to **John Nguyen, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643**. Comments may be presented for a period of 10 days after the meetings and must be postmarked by **Monday, July 20, 2015**, to be included as part of the official public record. For additional information, please contact **John Nguyen, P.E.**

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.