

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING S.M. Wright Project Phase II-B Proposed Improvements to United States Highway (US) 175 (S.M. Wright Freeway) from Pennsylvania Avenue to Grand Avenue and Interstate 45 (I-45) from Lenway Street to Good Latimer Expressway CSJs: 0092-01-XXX, 0092-14-XXX

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the City of Dallas, will conduct a public meeting for proposed improvements to I-45 and S.M. Wright Freeway (S.M. Wright) near downtown Dallas in Dallas County, Texas. The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Park South YMCA, 2500 Romine Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75215. 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 with no formal presentation. Representatives from TxDOT and project consultants will be available to answer questions about the proposed project.

The proposed project includes the reconfiguration of the existing interchange between I-45, S.M. Wright, Cesar Chavez Boulevard, and Good Latimer Expressway. The proposed improvements will extend S.M. Wright to connect exclusively to Cesar Chavez Boulevard. The existing S.M. Wright underpass of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (MLK) would be converted to an at-grade signalized intersection. The I-45 frontage roads would be extended to MLK, and the existing ramps connecting MLK and I-45 would be relocated to the proposed signalized intersections of the proposed frontage roads and MLK. A northbound exit ramp to Grand Avenue. from I-45 as well as a southbound entrance ramp from Grand Avenue. to I-45 would also be constructed. Pedestrian and bicycle improvements would be constructed along S.M. Wright to create a continuous network between S.M. Wright, MLK, Grand Avenue., and Good Latimer Expressway. Additional right-of-way (ROW), approximately two acres, is anticipated to be required along both the east and west side of I-45. One fire station and two commercial businesses would potentially be displaced as a result of the proposed project.

Maps depicting the proposed project's location and preliminary geometric design will be available for viewing at the public meeting. This information is also on file and available for public inspection at the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150; City of Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street, Room 6BS, Dallas, Texas 75201; and the Martin Luther King Branch Library, 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75215. This information is also available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and will be accepted for a period of 10 calendar days following the meeting. Written comments may be submitted either in person or by mail to the **TxDOT Dallas District Office**, **Mr. Stephen Endres**, **P.E.**, **4777 E. U.S. Highway 80 Mesquite**, **TX 75150-6643.** Written comments must be postmarked on or before Monday, March 9, 2015 to be included in the Public Meeting Summary.

The public meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480 at least two (2) working days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Stephen Endres at (214) 320-4469 or by e-mail at <u>Stephen.Endres@txdot.gov</u>.

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.

