

# Public Hearing Proposed SM Wright Project

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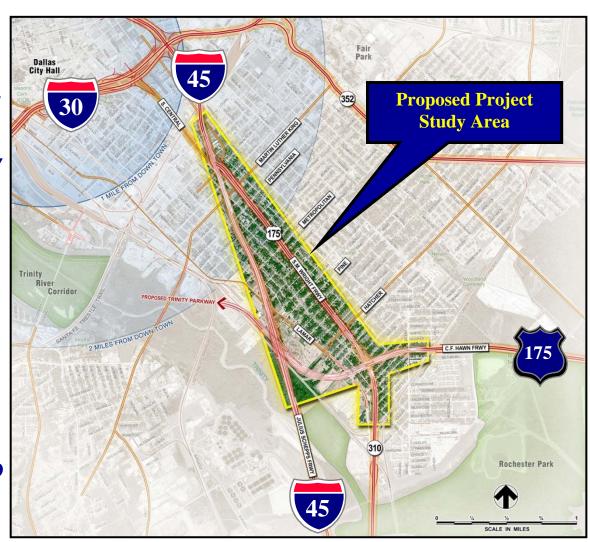
#### **Proposed Project Location**

# Proposed Project Limits:

SM Wright Freeway
I-45 to SH 310
2.2 miles

CF Hawn Freeway
Bexar Street to I-45
1.5 miles

I-45
SM Wright Freeway to
Lamar
2.3 miles





#### **Public Hearing Agenda**

- Introduction Mr. Kelly Selman, P.E.
- Proposed Project Design and Environmental Presentation Mr. Matt Craig, P.E.
- Public Involvement and Job Opportunity Presentation
   Ms. Alva Baker
- Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation
   Mr. Cecil Saldana
- 15 Minute Recess

  Questions
- Public Comments
   Mr. Kelly Selman, P.E.

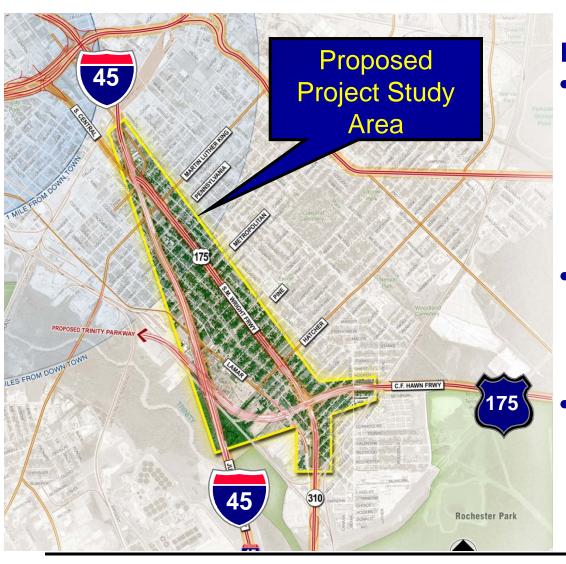


#### **Public Hearing Purpose**

- 1. Inform the public of proposed project status and present recommendations
- 2. Describe the proposed project so the public can determine how they may be affected
- 3. Provide the public another opportunity to provide input
- 4. Develop a record of public participation



#### **Proposed Project Purpose and Need**



#### Focus on

- Increased Safety through Removing the CF Hawn to SM Wright Bend
- Improved Mobility and Efficiency
- Enhancing
  Community
  Connectivity and
  Aesthetics



# Proposed Project Segments & Phasing



#### Phase I

Adds direct
 connecting ramps
 between US 175
 CF Hawn Freeway
 & I-45

Phase I: US 175 to I-45 Connection



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#### Phase I

Provides lane balance on I-45 to facilitate new direct connecting CF Hawn ramps



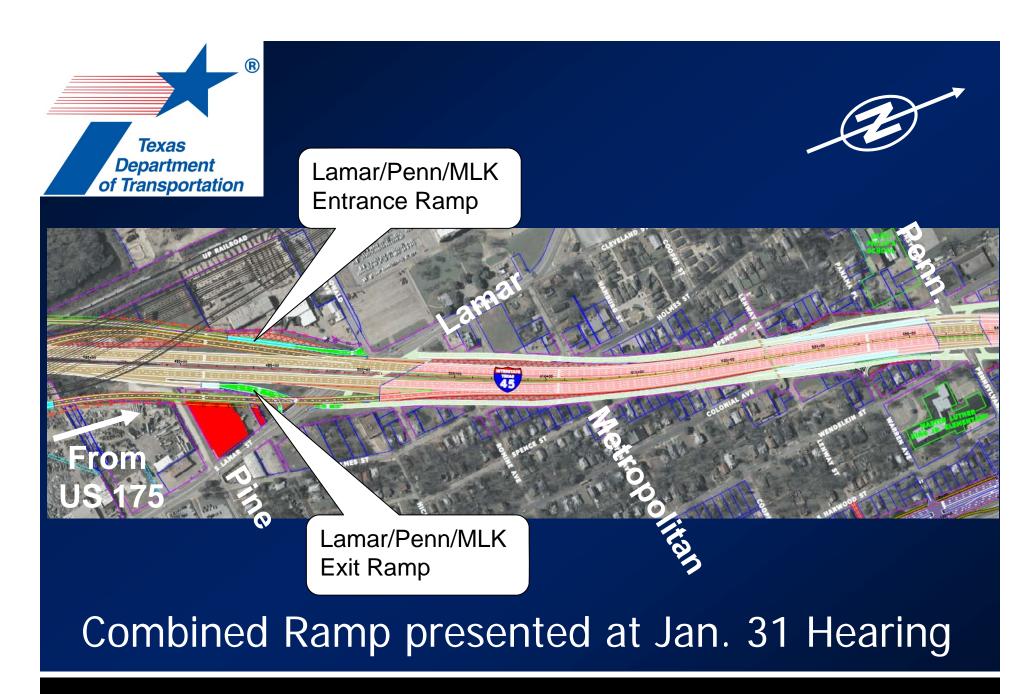
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#### Phase II

Converts SM Wright to a low speed, signalized, pedestrian-friendly, landscaped arterial

Phase II: SM Wright Redevelopment



I-45 Access



## Split Ramp - Current Proposed Design

I-45 Access

## Computer Animation of I-45

Split Ramp – Current Proposed Design





#### **Additional Ramp Consideration**



TxDOT is separately evaluating the addition of a new northbound exit ramp on I-45.

Additional northbound exit ramp on I-45 north of MLK Boulevard in the area of Good Latimer and Grand Avenue



#### **New Impacts**

## Additional ROW need

1 Commercial Displacement

Additional easement on UPRR ROW





#### **Estimated Cost**

**Construction:** \$131.1 Million

ROW/ENV/Utilities/ENG: \$34 Million

#### **Total Proposed Project Cost: \$165.1 Million**

- Phase I Proposed Project Cost: \$124.7 Million
- Phase II Proposed Project Cost: \$40.4 Million



#### **NEPA Process**

#### **Environmental Document**

- Need and Purpose
- Alternatives
- Project Design
- Right-of-Way
- Project Cost and Funding
- Displacements and Relocations
- Waters of the US, including Wetlands
- Lakes, Rivers, and Streams
- Water Quality
- Floodplains
- Regional and Community Growth
- Socio-Economic Impacts
- Community Cohesion and Environmental Justice
- Public Facilities and Services

- Parkland/Section 4(f) Properties
- Threatened/Endangered Species and Wildlife Habitat
- Historic and Archeological Sites
- Aesthetic Considerations
- Topography and Soils
- Prime, Unique, and Special Farmland Impacts
- Land Use
- Air Quality Assessment
- Mobile Source Air Toxics
- Congestion Management
- Traffic Noise Assessment
- Hazardous Materials
- Construction Impacts
- Indirect and Cumulative Impacts



## **EA Specifics**

#### **Impacts**

Floodplains	Vegetation and Habitat	Noise
Would impact 3 acres of 100-year floodplain  Would not increase base flood elevation beyond regulated levels  Facility would permit the conveyance of the 100-year flood	Would impact riparian/ bottomland forest and upland forest  Mitigation proposed for 1.25 acres of riparian/ bottomland habitat	16 Noise Barriers determined to be feasible and reasonable at various locations  Final decision to construct would be after proposed project design completed, utility evaluation & approval of adjacent property owners



#### **EA Specifics**

#### **Impacts**

Right-of-Way (ROW)	Displacements	
Approximately 32 acres of proposed ROW  Approximately 1 acre of aerial rights	10 commercial properties including 12 structures (Approx. 28 to 52 employees potentially impacted)	Employment Opportunities Impact Assessment study included in EA
	6 single-family residential properties	Comparable housing appears to be available for the potential residential displacements

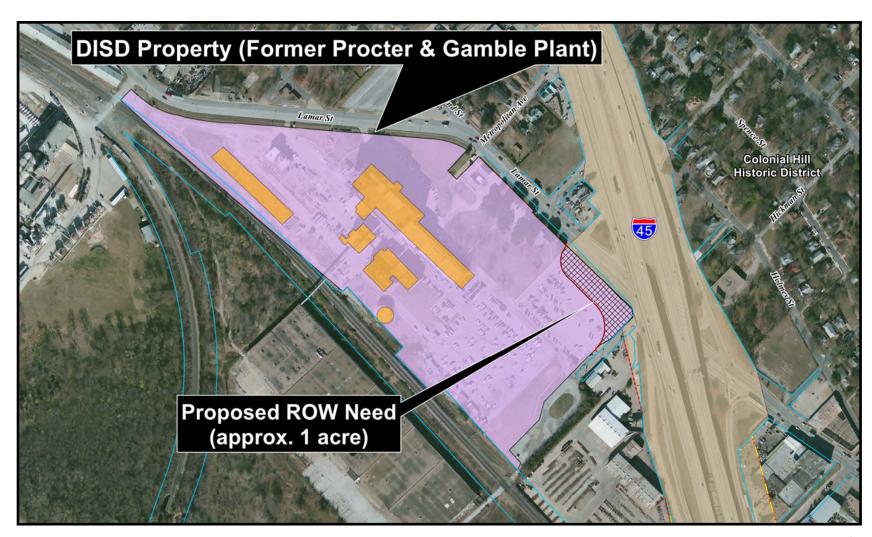
<sup>•</sup>Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas will offer various services to assist displaced employees.

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<sup>•</sup>Relocation efforts would be consistent with the requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisition Act of 1970 as amended, and the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974.



## Historic Resources and Anticipated de minimis (by FHWA) Section 4(f) Impacts





#### **NEPA Process**

Studies, analyses, and evaluation of the proposed project indicate no significant environmental effects



#### **Public Involvement Meetings**

- 5 Stakeholder Work Group Meetings
- 20 Briefing Meetings
- 3 Public Meetings
- 2 Public Hearings (including tonight's hearing)



#### **Workforce Solutions**

## **Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas**

(214)290-1000

www.wfsdallas.com



#### **Proposed Project Schedule**

#### What Happens After the Public Hearing?

- Public Comment Period
- Anticipated Environmental Clearance
- Plan Preparation
- Right-of-Way Acquisition
- Utility Clearance
- Construction

#### **TxDOT Policy**



Individuals impacted by transportation systems expansion shall not be denied benefits, excluded from participation or otherwise be subjected to discrimination based on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, handicaps or national origin.



## Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970

- 1. Law passed in 1970 designed to ensure that anyone who owned property needed for a public purpose would be treated fairly.
- 2. The law establishes guidelines for the acquisition of property and the relocation of displaced individuals and businesses.



• 15 minute recess

Comment period following recess



#### **Comment Period**

 Please note that we will not attempt to respond to your comments at this time. All substantive comments will be fully considered and responded to in the project record.



### **Mailing Address**

Attn: Robert Hall, P.W.S., C.F.M. TxDOT Dallas District Office 4777 East U.S. Highway 80 Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643

- Written Comments must be post-marked by Monday, <u>July 29, 2013</u>
- •http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com under "Upcoming Public Hearing" and
- www.smwrightproject.org



#### **Public Inquiries**

#### Schematic and EA may be viewed at:

TxDOT Dallas District Office 4777 East U.S. Highway 80 Mesquite, TX 75150

Dallas City Hall 1500 Marilla Street, Room 6BS Dallas, TX 75201

Martin Luther King Branch Library 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Dallas, Texas 75215

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## Speaker's Time Remaining:





# Thank you for your interest in the proposed SM Wright Project

**Texas Department of Transportation**