

# **TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

## **IH 30 MANAGED HOV LANES**

### **FROM BALLPARK WAY TO SYLVAN AVENUE TARRANT AND DALLAS COUNTIES, TEXAS**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in cooperation with the North Texas Toll Authority (NTTA) and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART); the cities of Dallas, Grand Prairie, and Arlington; and the counties of Tarrant and Dallas, will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at John Adams Middle School, 933 West Tarrant Road, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050. The purpose of the hearing is to present the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed roadway improvements to Interstate Highway (IH) 30 from Ballpark Way in the City of Arlington to Sylvan Avenue in the City of Dallas for a length of 15.89 miles in Tarrant and Dallas Counties. The proposed project corridor is located within the Cities of Arlington, Grand Prairie, and Dallas, Texas. Prior to the Public Hearing an Open House will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT personnel will be present to answer questions regarding the proposed project. The formal Public Hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. and consists of a project presentation and a public comment period.

The proposed project improvements would entail interim and ultimate designs for managed High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes. The proposed ultimate design of the project begins at State Highway (SH) 161 and continues until terminating at Sylvan Avenue. The proposed ultimate design would include three reversible, barrier-separated, managed HOV lanes from SH 161 to Loop 12; two reversible, barrier-separated, managed HOV lanes from Loop 12 to Cockrell Hill; and two to one reversible, barrier-separated, managed HOV lanes from Cockrell Hill to Sylvan Avenue. In addition, the proposed project would include two elevated wishbone access/egress ramps, interim slip ramps, and auxiliary lane widening. The proposed project would be staged constructed with the interim design beginning at Ballpark Way and terminating at Sylvan Avenue. The interim design would include one eastbound buffer-separated, managed HOV lane from Ballpark Way to SH 161; two reversible, barrier-separated, managed HOV lanes from SH 161 to Loop 12; two to one reversible, barrier-separated, managed HOV lanes from Loop 12 to Cockrell Hill; and one barrier-separated, managed HOV lane from Cockrell Hill to Sylvan Avenue. The stated managed HOV lanes would contain a tolling element and vehicles would be required to pay tolls in accordance with the Dallas/Fort Worth Area Managed HOV Lane Policy; however, the main lanes would not be tolled. The managed HOV lanes would be tolled by utilizing an electronic toll collection system.

The existing right-of-way (ROW) width ranges from 200 feet to approximately 1,800 feet at the interchanges. No additional ROW would be required for this project and there would be no residential or business displacements. No substantial changes in the existing roadway alignment would occur. A portion of the proposed project's improvements would occur within the floodplain; however, the proposed project would not increase the base flood elevation to a level which would violate applicable floodplain regulations or ordinances.

The environmental document, maps, and other drawings showing the proposed project's location and geometric design will be displayed at the Public Hearing. This and other information about the proposed project have been placed on file and are available for public inspection and duplication at the Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and at the Fort Worth District Office, 2501 Southwest Loop, Fort Worth, Texas 76115. These drawings are also on file at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street, Dallas, Texas 75201; Grand Prairie City Hall, 317 College Street, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050; and Arlington City Hall, 101 W. Abram Street, Arlington, Texas 76010. In addition, information about the tentative construction schedule may be obtained from either of the TxDOT offices.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Persons who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Ms. Robin J. Williams at (214) 638-2888, at least two (2) working days prior to the Hearing. Because the Public Hearing will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters should also be made at least two (2) days prior to the Public Hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Written and verbal comments from the public may be presented at the Public Hearing. Written comments and other exhibits may also be submitted to the following address: Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, 2777 Stemmons Freeway, Suite 1333, Dallas, Texas 75207, Attn.: Ms. Robin J. Williams. All written comments must be submitted within ten (10) days after the Public Hearing (postmarked by November 27, 2006). For additional information concerning this project, please contact Ms. Williams at 214-638-2888.