

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SH 121/SH 183

From IH 820 to SH 161

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing on August 25, 2009, at the First Baptist Church – Euless Campus West Facility, 1000 Airport Freeway, Euless, Texas 76039. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements to SH 121/SH 183 (Airport Freeway) in the cities of North Richland Hills, Hurst, Bedford, Euless, and Fort Worth. The improvements extend from IH 820 to SH 161 for an approximate length of 10.8 miles. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:30 p.m. with the formal hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The existing facility consists of three 12-foot wide main lanes in each direction with 10-foot wide outside shoulders, 10-foot wide inside shoulders. There is full control of access. There are limited discontinuous frontage roads. The existing usual right of way (ROW) width is 350 feet.

The proposed facility would be three 12-foot wide general purpose lanes in each direction plus auxiliary lanes, and 10-foot wide inside and outside shoulders; and three 12-foot wide HOV/managed (toll) lanes in each direction, with 10-foot wide inside and outside shoulders. There would be continuous frontage roads with 2-12 foot lanes in each direction. The typical ROW width would be 420 feet.

The proposed improvements would require additional ROW of approximately 83 acres, which includes the relocation of 27 businesses, one church and school, 132 residences and 2 professional buildings. The State's Relocation Assistance Program, its benefits and services for displacements, will be presented at the hearing.

The proposed project would require ROW from the following Section 4(f) properties:

- L.D. Bell High School, 0.68 acre

TxDOT initiated coordination with FHWA and received a preliminary 4(f) *de minimis* determination.

The public hearing would also include a discussion regarding proposed noise walls for the proposed project.

Maps and other drawings depicting the proposed improvements will be displayed at the public hearing. In addition, the plan layout, the Environmental Assessment with Section 4(f) and other pertinent information about the proposed project are on file and available for inspection at the following locations:

- TxDOT Fort Worth District Office – 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133; telephone – (817) 370-6549, Donna Fowler
- City of North Richland Hills – 7301 NE Loop 820, North Richland Hills, Texas 76180; telephone – (817) 427-6000, Mike Curtis – Director of Public Works
- City of Hurst – 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas 76054; telephone – (817) 788-7000, Ron Haynes – Director of Public Works
- City of Bedford – 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, Texas 76021; telephone – (817) 952-2101, John Kubala – Director of Public Works
- City of Euless – 201 North Ector Drive, Euless, Texas 76039; telephone – (817) 685-1400, Ron Young – Director of Public Works
- City of Fort Worth – 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102; telephone – (817) 392-8900, William Verkest – Director of Transportation/Public Works

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested. Written comments may be submitted either in person or by mail to the TxDOT District Office, 2501 SW Loop 820, P.O. Box 6868, Fort Worth, Texas 76115. Comments must be received on or before September 4, 2009 in order to become part of the official hearing record.

Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office at (817) 370-6610. Requests should be made at least 72 hours prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate those needs.