

For Immediate Release

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SH 249 Public Meeting

BRYAN DISTRICT – The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a **public meeting regarding** the proposed roadway improvements to **SH 249** from FM 1774 to SH 105 in Grimes County. The meeting will be held on **October 29, 2013, at the Grimes County Expo Center**, which is located at 5220 FM 3455 in Navasota, Texas. The meeting will be held in an open house format **from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

The purpose of the meeting is to gather public input on the proposed roadway improvements to SH 249 from FM 1774 (where the currently proposed SH 249 Extension terminates) to SH 105. The project includes constructing a two-lane roadway with a passing lane in alternating directions and shoulders within a right-of-way that would accommodate future widening to a four-lane divided roadway. The project would be on new location and additional right-of-way would be necessary.

Exhibits showing aerial photography, location of the proposed project corridor and potential roadway alignments will be presented at the meeting. Representatives from TxDOT and their study team will be available to answer individual questions. Public comments are encouraged.

At this time, the acres of additional right-of-way required for the proposed project is not known. Displacements will be avoided to the greatest extent practicable.

Persons interested in attending the public meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Mr. Jeff Casbeer with Klotz Associates at 281-589-7257 at least two working days prior to the meeting. Since the public meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two working days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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All interested persons are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments relative to the proposed project may be presented at the meeting or submitted to the Klotz Associates, Attn: Jeff Casbeer, 1160 Dairy Ashford, Suite 500, Houston, Texas 77079, at any time on or before November 12, 2013. Comments may also be emailed on or before November 12, 2013, to SH249Study@Klotz.com. The Public Meeting Summary Report is anticipated to be available in December 2013 on TxDOT's website.

For more information, contact Bob Appleton at bob.appleton@txdot.gov or (979) 778-9707.

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