

**Public Meeting Summary  
for  
Open House Meeting  
March 24, 2011**

**FM 1960 @ Eldridge Parkway**

**Prepared for:  
Texas Department of Transportation  
Houston District**

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## **MEETING SUMMARY**

<b>CSJs:</b>	1685-01-092
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 24, 2011 Open House – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Holiday Inn Express, 12915 FM 1960 West, Houston, TX 77065
<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	The objectives of the meeting were to 1) present and discuss the proposed design of the FM 1960 and Eldridge Parkway Intersection.
<b>Meeting Format:</b>	The meeting consisted of an open house session with information stations for the proposed design, environmental issues, right-of-way acquisition, and a table provided for public comments.
<b>Attendance:</b>	19 citizens, 3 elected officials
<b>Media:</b>	Houston Chronicle La Subasta Cy-Fair Sun

## **BACKGROUND**

Public involvement is a vital component of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) adopted a Public Involvement Program that offers opportunities for the public to participate in the process. A public meeting was held on March 24, 2011 in Houston, Texas to discuss the reconstruction of the FM 1960 and Eldridge Parkway intersection. TxDOT received comments from the public regarding the design and discussions from the public meeting. Public involvement is a continuous process and the participation of agencies, businesses, public representatives, and concerned citizens is always encouraged. Future public involvement techniques could include regular meetings of a municipal advisory committee, presentations to community groups, and solicitation of written comments.

## **DESCRIPTION OF MEETING**

On March 24, 2011, an open house meeting was held to discuss the proposed expansion of FM 1960 at Eldridge Parkway as the next phase of the NEPA public involvement process. The meeting took place at the Holiday Inn Express in Houston, Texas.

The public meeting was announced and advertised through a variety of methods. Thirty days prior to the meeting, TxDOT engaged in an extensive effort to announce the meeting through mailings and published advertisements. Postcard notices (Appendix A) announcing the public meeting time, location, and purpose were mailed to a list of landowners with property adjacent to the existing right-of-way (Appendix B). An informational letter also announcing the public meeting time, location, and purpose was sent to local elected officials (Appendix C). Advertisements (Appendix D) were published 30 days and 10 days in advance in newspapers

with local and city-wide circulation, including the Houston Chronicle, La Subasta, a Spanish language paper, and the Cy-Fair Sun.

As meeting attendees arrived, they were asked to sign-in (Appendix E) and each person was provided with a copy of the public meeting information sheet and a blank pre-addressed comment form (both in Appendix F). Sign-in sheets indicate that 19 citizens and 3 elected officials attended the meeting.

The meeting format was an open house session between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm to allow the public to view and discuss reference materials related to the project. Information Stations including schematics, right-of-way acquisition information, and existing and projected traffic models were located within the meeting room. Members of the public were encouraged to visit the stations and discuss the proposed project with the project team. Engineers, environmental professionals, and right-of-way personnel were available to provide information and answer any questions. Photographs from the public meeting are in Appendix G.

Throughout the meeting, attendees had the chance to submit written comments. Comment tables and comment drop boxes were set up in the open house area. Written comments could also be mailed-in or e-mailed by April 7, 2011.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS**

By the conclusion of the comment period, TxDOT received 5 written comments (Appendix H). The comments received were generally in regards to design inquiries and direct impacts to local businesses. Each comment, whether written or emailed, was considered equal. Each response to comment can be viewed in the "Response to Comments" (Appendix I) section of this report.

Based on preliminary environmental studies and comments received during the public meeting, TxDOT will determine if any design changes are feasible. Once determined, the recommended design will be carried forward in the Environmental Assessment for further studies. The engineering, social, economic, and environmental studies will be conducted for the Recommended Alternative to indicate the significance of the proposed impacts on the human or natural environment.

**Appendix A**  
**Postcard Notices**

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The meeting will be structured in an open house format, and exhibits will be displayed for viewing from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Representatives from TxDOT and their study team will be available to answer individual questions. Public comments are encouraged. Forms will be available to submit written comments at the meeting, or can be mailed to the Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. All mailed comments must be postmarked by April 7, 2011. Comments may also be emailed on or before April 7, 2011 to [HOUPIOWebMail@TXDOT.gov](mailto:HOUPIOWebMail@TXDOT.gov).

Persons interested in attending the public meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT's District Public Information Office at (713) 802-5072. Since the public meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least two days prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

## **AVISO DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA**

El Departamento de Transporte de Tejas (TxDOT) realizará una reunión del público con respecto a las mejoras propuestas a FM 1960 y la intersección de la avenida Eldridge en el Condado de Harris, Texas. La reunión pública se conducirá:

Jueves, 24 de marzo de 2011  
Holiday Inn Express (Northwest)  
12915 FM 1960  
Houston, Texas 77065

El propósito de esta reunión es de presentar el diseño y obtener los intereses del público con respecto a las mejoras propuestas a la carretera. El proyecto propuesto consiste en reconstruir el intersección de FM 1960 y la avenida Eldridge para aumentar la capacidad de vehículos y reducir congestión. Este proyecto requeriría aproximadamente 4.4 acres adicionales de nuevo derecho de vía.

La reunión será estructurada en un formato abierto, y las exhibiciones serán demostradas para observación de 6:00 a 8:00 de la tarde. Todos los ciudadanos interesados son invitados a asistir esta reunión del público. Los representantes de TxDOT y su equipo de estudio estarán disponibles para contestar preguntas individuales. Los comentarios públicos son favorecidos. Las formas estarán disponibles para someter comentarios escritos en la reunión, o pueden ser enviados al Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Todos los comentarios enviados se deben matasellar antes del 7 de abril de 2011. Los comentarios pueden también mandar por correo electrónico en o antes del 7 de abril de 2011 a [HOUPIOWebMail@TXDOT.gov](mailto:HOUPIOWebMail@TXDOT.gov).

Las personas interesados en asistir la reunión pública que tiene necesidades especiales de comunicación o alojamiento son favorecidos a contactar la Oficina de Información Pública de TxDOT al (713) 802-5072. La reunión pública será conducida en inglés, cualquier petición para intérpretes de idioma y otras necesidades especiales de comunicación deben ser pedidas por lo menos dos días hábiles antes de la reunión. TxDOT hará cada esfuerzo razonable para acomodar estas necesidades.

**Appendix B**  
**Adjacent Property Owners Mailing List**

LABEL	HCAD_NUM	owner_name	Mailto	Mail_Addr_	Mail_City	Mail_State	Mail_Zip	Site_addr_	Site_add_1
1	1256870000001	FM 1960 DEVELOPMENT LP	FM 1960 DEVELOPMENT LP	1050 EAGLES LANDING PKWY STE 300	STOCKBRIDGE	GA	30281-9250	12700 FM 1960 RD STE 324	77065
2	0451730000001	SEVEN BRICKS INC	SEVEN BRICKS INC	35 E SHADY LN	HOUSTON	TX	77063-1301	0 FM 1960 RD	77065
4	1166290000002	MANCUSO ANTHONY G JR TR	MANCUSO ANTHONY G JR TR AGM SEPARATE PROPERTY TRUS	5279 LE BARRON RD	SAN DIEGO	CA	92115-1009	0 N ELDRIDGE PKY	77065-
5	1166290000005	HSPNT 1960 & ELDRIDGE LP	HSPNT 1960 & ELDRIDGE LP	5901 HILLCROFT ST STE D7	HOUSTON	TX	77036-3332	10311 N ELDRIDGE PKY	77065-
7	1166290000004	MANCUSO ANTHONY G JR TR	MANCUSO ANTHONY G JR TR OCCUPANCY EXPENSE DEPT	1 CVS DR	WOONSOCKET	RI	02895-6146	12620 FM 1960 W RD	77065-
8	1165910000011	VENTURE PARTNERS LTD	VENTURE PARTNERS LTD	6363 WOODWAY DR STE 840	HOUSTON	TX	77057-1759	0 N ELDRIDGE PKY	77065
9	1165910000005	MB HOUSTON ELDRIDGE	MB HOUSTON ELDRIDGE	PO BOX 9271	HINSDALE	IL	60522-9271	12410 FM 1960 RD	77065
10	1165910000006	KROGER TEXAS LP	KROGER TEXAS LP	19245 DAVID MEMORIAL DR STE A	SHENANDOAH	TX	77385-8776	12400 FM 1960 RD	77065
11	1165910000010	KOHL'S ILLINOIS INC	KOHL'S ILLINOIS INC	N56W17000 RIDGEWOOD DR	MENOMONEE FALLS	WI	53051-5660	12450 FM 1960 RD	77065
15	1165910000007	ELDRIDGE FM 1960 LTD	ELDRIDGE FM 1960 LTD	PO BOX 4900	SCOTTSDALE	AZ	85261-4900	12350 FM 1960 RD	77065
17	1165910000014	MB HOUSTON ELDRIDGE LP	MB HOUSTON ELDRIDGE LP C/O NTB ELDRIDGE #731 / REA	823 DONALD ROSS RD	JUNO BEACH	FL	33408-1605	12150 FM 1960 RD	77065
18	1165910000016	WINDERMERE LAKES LLC	WINDERMERE LAKES LLC	7126 BRISTOL RIDGE DR	HOUSTON	TX	77095-2781	12120 FM 1960 W RD	77065-
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21	0451730000061	SOUTHWEST BANK	SOUTHWEST BANK	PO BOX 36246	CHARLOTTE	NC	28236-6246	12907 FM 1960 W RD	77065-
22	1277020010007	ELDRIDGE CROSSING LTD	ELDRIDGE CROSSING LTD	11000 BRITTMORE PARK DR STE 100	HOUSTON	TX	77041-6939	0 W FM 1960 RD	77065
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27	1277020010002	TARGET CORP	TARGET CORP	1000 NICOLLET MALL	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55403-2542	12701 W FM 1960 RD	77065
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31	1217360010001	WAL-MART EAST INC	WAL-MART EAST INC MS 0555	PO BOX 8050	BENTONVILLE	AR	72712-8055	12353 FM 1960 RD	77065
32	1217360010002	CHICK FIL A INC	CHICK FIL A INC	5200 BUFFINGTON RD	ATLANTA	GA	30349-2945	12325 FM 1960 RD	77065
33	1211270010001	COMPASS BANK	COMPASS BANK % DIANA SEALE	15 20TH ST S STE 501	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35233-2000	12335 FM 1960 RD	77065
34	1211270010003	THE PANTILES LTD	THE PANTILES LTD % ASSET PLUS CORP	5151 SAN FELIPE ST STE 2050	HOUSTON	TX	77056-3727	0 FM 1960	77065
35	1195370010014	WINDERMERE LAKES	WINDERMERE LAKES	7170 CHERRY PARK DR	HOUSTON	TX	77095-2713	0 FM 1960 RD	77065
36	1205970050001	WINDERMERE LAKES PLAZA LP	WINDERMERE LAKES PLAZA LP	5599 SAN FELIPE ST STE 110	HOUSTON	TX	77056-2761	12149 FM 1960	77065
37	1205970040035	LEGEND CLASSIC HOMES LTD	LEGEND CLASSIC HOMES LTD	10410 WINDAMERE LAKES BLVD	HOUSTON	TX	77065-4996	10410 WINDAMERE LAKES BLVD	77065
	HOA	Windermere Lakes HOA	Kevin Swicegood	11923 Miramar Shores Dr.	Houston	TX	77065-3942		
	HOA	Wortham Villages HOA	Rick Anderson	13014 Orchard Hollow Way	Houston	TX	77065-3334		
	HOA	Wortham Villages HOA Representative	Linda Carter	12911 Birch Falls Road	Houston	TX	77065-3217	281-894-5821	

**Appendix C**  
**Local Elected Officials Information Letter**

**Reconstruction of FM 1960 and Eldridge Parkway Intersection  
PUBLIC MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON  
March 24, 2011  
CSJ 1685-01-092**

Title	FirstName	LastName	Salutation	Position	Organization	Addr1	City	ST	Zip	Certified
The Honorable	Annise	Parker	Mayor	Mayor	City of Houston	P.O. Box 1562	Houston	Texas	77251	7005 1160 0005 0439 4010
The Honorable	Ed	Emmett	Judge	Judge	Harris County	1001 Preston, Suite 911	Houston	Texas	77002	7005 1160 0005 0439 4027
The Honorable	Jerry	Eversole	Commissioner	Harris County Commissioner, Precinct 4	Harris County	1001 Preston, Suite 924	Houston	Texas	77002	7005 1160 0005 0439 4034
The Honorable	Steve	Radack	Commissioner	Harris County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Harris County	1001 Preston, Suite 924	Houston	Texas	77002	7005 1160 0005 0439 4041
The Honorable	Allen	Fletcher	Representative	State Representative, District 130	Harris County	P.O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	7005 1160 0005 0439 4058
The Honorable	Allen	Fletcher	Representative	State Representative, District 130	Harris County	21901 SH 249, Suite 350	Houston	Texas	77070	7005 1160 0005 0439 4065
The Honorable	Gary	Elkins	Representative	State Representative, District 135	Harris County	P.O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	7005 1160 0005 0439 4072
The Honorable	Gary	Elkins	Representative	State Representative, District 135	Harris County	9601 Jones Road, Suite 215	Houston	Texas	77065	7005 1160 0005 0439 4089
The Honorable	Dan	Patrick	Senator	State Senator, District 7	Harris County	P.O. Box 12068	Austin	Texas	78711	7005 1160 0005 0439 4096
The Honorable	Dan	Patrick	Senator	State Senator, District 7	Harris County	11451 Katy Freeway, Suite 209	Houston	Texas	77079	7005 1160 0005 0439 4102
The Honorable	John	Culberson	Representative	United States Representative, District 7	Harris County	10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 620	Houston	Texas	77024	7005 1160 0005 0439 4119
The Honorable	Kay Bailey	Hutchison	Senator	United States Senator		1919 Smith Street, Suite 800	Houston	Texas	77002	7005 1160 0005 0439 4126
The Honorable	John	Cornyn	Senator	United States Senator		5300 Memorial Drive, Suite 980	Houston	Texas	77007	7005 1160 0005 0439 4133



# Texas Department of Transportation

P.O. BOX 1386 • HOUSTON, TEXAS 77251-1386 • (713) 802-5000

February 23, 2011

CONTACT: DPD

CERTIFIED MAIL «Certified»

Harris County  
Reconstruction of FM 1960 and  
Eldridge Parkway Intersection  
Control 1685-01-092

«Title» «FirstName» «LastName»  
«Position»  
«Organization»  
«Addr1»  
«City», «ST» «Zip»

Dear «Title» «Salutation»:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed reconstruction of the FM 1960 and Eldridge Parkway intersection. The proposed project would involve the expansion of the intersection to accommodate an additional travel and turn lane in each direction through the intersection. This meeting was previously scheduled for February 3, 2011, but due to weather conditions has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2011. The purpose of this meeting is to present the recommended design and gather public input regarding the proposed project.

You, or your representative, are cordially invited to attend the meeting that will be held as follows:

Thursday, March 24, 2011  
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12915 FM 1960  
Houston, Texas 77065  
Open House Forum 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

We are available to meet with you prior to the public hearing to answer any questions that you may have or to review the proposed project. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact Mr. Pat Henry, P.E., at (713) 802-5241.

Sincerely,

Delvin Dennis, P.E.  
District Engineer  
Houston District

SCANNED

FEB 24 2011

cc: Mr. Pat Henry, P.E.

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**Appendix D**  
**Newspaper Advertisements**



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Phone:	(713)802-5116	Class:	920	Charges:	\$ 2.00
Account:	2707076	Start Date:	02/23/2011	List Price:	\$ 416.16
Name:	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE,	Stop Date:	03/24/2011	Payments:	\$ 0.00
Sales	2020				
Firm:	TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF	Insertions:	6	Balance:	\$ 418.16

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FEEES: Millions spent for lobbying

Continued from page B1... deadline, the Federal Reserve must issue a final rule by April 21, to take effect three months later.

Lewis, a partner in 13 Oasis Stop 'N' Go convenience stores in southern Idaho, was visiting Idaho lawmakers on Thursday urging them to back the Fed proposal. He said the \$275,000 he pays yearly in debit card fees trails only payroll and his properties' mortgages and rents.

"I don't think her boss is necessarily on our side," he said after spending a half-hour with an aide to Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho. "But maybe if we provide enough information, it will change."

Carlock, president of the Rock Valley Federal Credit Union in Loves Park, Ill., said he would lose \$150,000 to \$175,000 annually if the Fed's proposed cut in fees is adopted, about one-third of his credit union's net annual income.

"The little guys will be hit the worst I can't sustain it," he said during his lobbying visit last week.

An emotional battle... Though bankers are opposing their rivals on lobbying and campaign contributions and seem to have gained momentum, merchants so far have the upper hand. The bankers are trying to get Congress to undo legislation it passed just last year, a tall order for any subject.

Bankers and merchants are often allied on such issues as taxes and regulation, but the debit card battle has driven them apart, each accusing the other of trying to pocket unjustified profits in what has become an emotional fight.

"Take a white kitten and put it out, and they will find ways to say how evil it is," Luke Beckwith, a lobbyist for the National Association of



JOSE LUIS MARANA / ASSOCIATED PRESS

HEATED FIGHT: Jason Kratovil, of the Independent Community Bankers of America, says of the clash with merchants. "This is as close to a pitchfork and torch issue as I've seen from our guys."

Convenience Stores, said of the bankers.

"This is as close to a pitchfork and torch issue as I've seen from our guys," said Jason Kratovil, a lobbyist for the Independent Community Bankers Association.

Debit cards are now the most common way besides cash that consumers make purchases, according to the Federal Reserve. Though the transaction takes just a few moments, it is enabled by a vast behind-the-scenes system for preventing fraud and storing data.

When a customer swipes a debit card, it is tapping directly into a bank account to make a purchase. The debit card network, the customer's bank and the merchant's bank quickly exchange information and approve — or disapprove — the transaction, though the actual payment of money can take a day or two.

Holding the bag?

The battle is being waged with berations, in newspaper and Internet ads and on the airwaves.

A coalition of banks and credit card companies has run a TV spot in Washington, D.C., in which a mom unloading groceries says Congress gave retailers a huge gift by allowing the fee to be curtailed. She asks, "I wonder who's left holding the bag?"

Firing back in one response, Montana retailers have aired a radio ad aimed at Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont.,

a critic of the rules, accusing him of "standing with Wall Street" against the state's small businesses.

The financial system overhaul law that Congress and President Barack Obama enacted last summer ordered the Federal Reserve to curb the so-called interchange fees but left specifics to the central bank.

That subjected the Fed to lobbying that included over 8,000 letters and nearly three dozen meetings with industry officials — mostly from banks and credit card companies.

Since the Fed's public comment deadline passed last month, the focus has shifted to Congress, where foes of the plan are expected to soon introduce legislation to delay it.

'Only downside'

Unlike most issues in Congress, the dispute divided Democrats and Republicans internally since the industry groups each say its own side would help consumers and the other's would hurt them.

"This is why members have voting on something like this. There's only downside," said Jared Seiberg, a policy analyst at the financial firm MF Global.

Measured by sheer financial might, bankers have a clear edge.

Commercial banks, credit unions, and Visa and MasterCard — who run the biggest debit card networks — spent a combined \$75 million lobbying on all issues in Washington last year, nearly double the retail industry's \$40 million, according to the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics, which tracks such spending. The American Bankers Association, JPMorgan Chase, CYS Caremark Corp. and Wal-Mart Stores are among the biggest spenders.

Overall, financial firms outspent the merchants by about the same margin on contributions to candidates during the 2009-2010 congressional campaign, \$12 million to \$6 million.

Yet the bankers face the steeper climb. Not only are they trying to get Congress to reverse itself, they still bear ill will from their part in the nation's financial crisis and the bailouts that followed.

"To pass something, you have to clear quite a few hurdles," said Doug Kestor, an attorney for the Merchant Payments Coalition, representing retailers. "It only takes missing one of those hurdles to derail an effort."

A senator awaits

Even should the bankers prevail in the GOP-run House, they'd still have to contend with Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill. He got the changes included in the financial overhaul bill on a 64-33 vote and remains a tenacious advocate of the lower fees.

Should a new vote occur, Durbin is sure to use Senate procedures that would let him win with just 41 of the Senate's 100 votes. His job as the Senate's No. 2 Democratic leader means Democratic senators considering reversing their vote from last year would have to think twice.

"We face a challenge in this area, but we continue to push," said Ken Clayton, the American Bankers Association's chief counsel.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke has given the banks more ammunition. He has told lawmakers that the exemption for smaller banks might not work and said uncertainty over that and other issues — such as whether to include banks' costs for covering debit card fraud in setting the fee — means the Fed might not complete the rule by April 21.

Legal Notices

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE A BILL Pursuant to the Constitution and the State of Texas, notice is hereby given that the following bills, which have been introduced at its regular session in the 81st Legislature, will be introduced in the next session of the Legislature...

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LIPMAN: Suit settlement must be shared

Continued from page B1... I am the executor of my father's estate, which was settled several years ago. About three years ago I read of a medical lawsuit and determined that my father died of the same complications. I joined the lawsuit by filling out all of the paperwork and was in contact with the attorney handling this case. It appears that the case will be settled soon with a small monetary payment. Since I did all of the work, do I legally have to share any of the money obtained with others listed in the will?

Q: Yes, a settlement made payable to your father's estate must be shared with the other beneficiaries. Depending on the wording in your father's will, however, you may be entitled to compensation for your work as executrix.

Q: I am 75 and have a will witnessed by two adults but not by a notary public. Will this go through probate without any problem? A: Unlike a self-proved will that is notarized, however, two witnesses will need to appear in court after your death to testify that your signature is authentic.

Ronald Lipman is an attorney with the Houston law firm of Lipman & Associates. He is board certified in estate planning and probate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Questions for this column, 100 words or less. Mail: State Your Case, Houston Chronicle, P.O. Box 4260, Houston; 77210 E-mail: stateyourcase@lupmanpc.com

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El Departamento de Transporte de Tejas (TxDOT) realizará una reunión del público con respecto a las mejores propuestas a FM 1960 y la intersección con la avenida Eldridge en el Condado de Harris, Texas. La reunión pública se conducirá:

Jueves, 24 de marzo de 2011  
 Holiday Inn Express (2 floors)  
 12915 FM 191  
 Houston, Texas 77055

El propósito de esta reunión es de preservar el derecho del público con respecto a las mejores propuestas a la carretera. El proyecto de reconstruir la intersección de FM 1960 y la avenida Eldridge para reducir congestión. Este proyecto requerirá aproximadamente 4.4 acres adicionales de nuevo derecho de vía.

La reunión será estructurada en un formato abierto de observación de 6:00 a 8:00 de la tarde. Todos los interesados son invitados a asistir a esta reunión del público. Los representantes de TxDOT y su equipo de estudio estarán disponibles para contestar preguntas individuales. Los foros están disponibles para solicitar comentarios al Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Todos los comentarios deben ser recibidos antes del 7 de abril de 2011 a [PROJPROP@txdot.gov](mailto:PROJPROP@txdot.gov).

Las personas interesadas en asistir a la reunión y obtener los intereses del público con respecto a las mejores propuestas a la carretera. El proyecto de reconstruir la intersección de FM 1960 y la avenida Eldridge para reducir congestión. Este proyecto requerirá aproximadamente 4.4 acres adicionales de nuevo derecho de vía.



**Appendix E**  
**Sign-In Sheets from Public Meeting**

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT REGISTER  
(FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS)**

Public Meeting for FM 1960 @ Eldridge Parkway

Holiday Inn Express (NW) - March 24, 2011

Printed Name	ADDRESS (Physical or Email) and Phone Number	Elected Office
SARAH SINGLETON SEN DAN PATRICK	11451 Katy Frewy #209 Houston TX 77079	SEN DAN PATRICK
LLOYD SMITH Harris County	1310 Rainier #300 77002	
RICHARD A. ZIENTEK / HARRIS COUNTY	1001 PROESTER SUITE 911 - HOUSTON, TX 77002	JUDGE ED EMMETT'S OFFICE

# PUBLIC MEETING - FM 1960 @ ELDRIDGE PARKWAY

## SIGN IN SHEET

Holiday Inn Express (NW) - March 24, 2011

Name / ORGANIZATION	Mailing Address	City	Zip Code	Your Interest in this project	How did you hear about this meeting?
Doug Drew	C/O Asset Plus 5151 S. F. Lipiz #2050	Houston,	77056	Are you a: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input type="radio"/> Other
Patricia County PA PAMELA Rocchi	1731 HUGH RD HOUSTON, TX 77067	HOUSTON	77067	Are you a: <input type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input checked="" type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other
CHARLES DEAN	1001 PRESTON, S. 5 <sup>TH</sup> FZ	HOUSTON	77002	Are you a: <input type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input checked="" type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other
CYDIE PEEL	12700 FM 1960W 77065	→	→	Are you a: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input type="radio"/> Other
Shannon Greenfield	Same as above	→	→	Are you a: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input type="radio"/> Other
Saturn Williams REPORTER THE SUN	21901 TOMMROW PKWY		77070	Are you a: <input type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input checked="" type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input type="radio"/> Other
ADAM SMITH	18110 Blues Pointe Cypress, TX 77429	Cypress	77429	Are you a: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other
Tommy Cromer	14103 Autumn Mist Cypress, TX 77429			Are you a: <input type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input checked="" type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other
Joel Schramm	15018 Soydehorn Cypress TX 77429	Cypress	77429	Are you a: <input type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input checked="" type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input type="radio"/> Other
Carolyn Bedner-Wood	19823 Woodberry Memor Dg Springs TX 77379			Are you a: <input type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input checked="" type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input type="radio"/> Other
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**PUBLIC MEETING - FM 1960 @ ELDRIDGE PARKWAY**

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SPARL COOPER	14206 CORNELIUS	CYPRESS	77429	Are you a: <input type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input checked="" type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other
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OPPENHEIM COALITION				Are you a: <input type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input type="radio"/> Other
Thomas Nguyen	Houston Chronicle			Are you a: <input type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input type="radio"/> Other
R. GRAHAM SMITH	12330 FM 1960 KOHLS			Are you a: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other
Kati Davis Houston Chronicle				Are you a: <input type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input type="radio"/> Other
Russ Hawkins Harris Co. Rd 3	16635 Clay Rd Houston, TX 77084		77084	Are you a: <input type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input checked="" type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other <i>Email</i>
Anthony Cecala	7515 MIGHTY Fall Ct.		77095	Are you a: <input type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input type="radio"/> Other
Harold Scheffler	8527 Hot Springs Houston, TX 77095		77095	Are you a: <input type="radio"/> Business and/or Property Owner <input type="radio"/> Works/Live Nearby <input type="radio"/> Interested Party	<input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Direct Mailing <input type="radio"/> Other
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**Appendix F**  
**Handouts from Public Meeting**



**PUBLIC MEETING  
FM 1960 at Eldridge Parkway**

**March 24, 2011  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

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Dear Citizen:

On behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), we want to thank you for attending tonight's Public Meeting concerning the proposed improvements to Farm-to-Market (FM) 1960 at Eldridge Parkway in Harris County, Texas.

Please feel free to examine the exhibits on display. TxDOT staff members and members of the consultant firm, Michael Baker Jr., Inc., will be available to answer your questions during this time. These individuals are identified by their nametags.

For your convenience, a comment form is included in this information packet. Comments will be collected in the Comment Box located at the Comment Table or can be returned by mail. Written comments not submitted during the meeting should be mailed to the **Texas Department of Transportation-Houston District, Attn: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386**. Comments may also be e-mailed to [HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov](mailto:HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov). All written comments received by the deadline will be included in the official public meeting record and will be considered during future project development and the preparation of environmental documentation. To be included in the official public meeting record, written comments must be postmarked by April 7, 2011. Comments sent by e-mail must be e-mailed by April 7, 2011.

Thank you for attending tonight's public meeting. Public involvement is a vital part of the TxDOT project development process, and we sincerely appreciate your participation.

**INFORMATION SHEET**

**FM 1960 @ Eldridge Parkway**

Harris County, Texas

March 24, 2011

**Why do we have a public meeting?**

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is the cornerstone of our Nation's environmental laws and was enacted to ensure that information on the environmental impacts of any Federal, or federally funded action is available to public officials and citizens before decisions are made and before actions are taken. In order to fully understand the transportation issues regarding FM 1960 and its surrounding communities, it is essential that the public be involved in every step of the decision-making process. The purpose of this public meeting is to present the proposed improvements to FM 1960 at Eldridge Parkway and to obtain public feedback on the proposed project.

**Project Study Area**



**Proposed Project Description**

The proposed facility would consist of four main lanes in each direction on FM 1960, with two left-turn lanes in both directions on FM 1960 and one right-turn lane in each direction of FM 1960. Northbound on Eldridge Parkway it is proposed to have three main lanes, two left-turn lanes, and a single right-turn lane. Southbound on Eldridge Parkway, it is proposed to have three main lanes and two left-turn lanes (one left-turn lane will have the capability to turn left or proceed south on Eldridge Parkway). In order to widen the intersection at FM 1960 and Eldridge Parkway, to accommodate proposed improvements, approximately 4.4 acres of right-of-way may be needed.

### **FM 1960 Timeline**

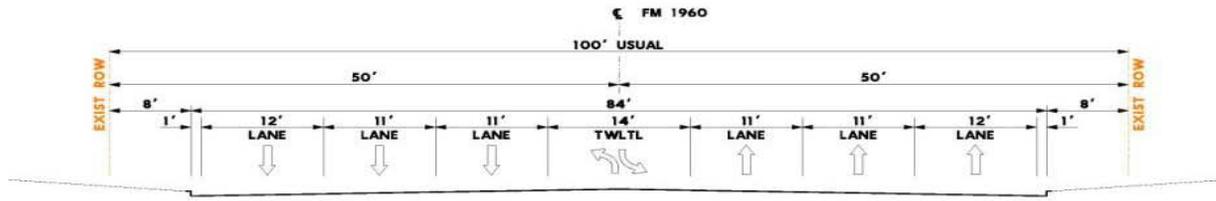
- Project Kickoff.....4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2010\*
- **Public Involvement and Comment Response Period..... 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2011\***
- Environmental Studies Conducted..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2011\*
- Request Project Decision from FHWA.....4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2011\*
- Construction Begins.....dependent upon funding\*

\*Dates are subject to change and could vary dependent on availability of funding.

### **How you can get involved**

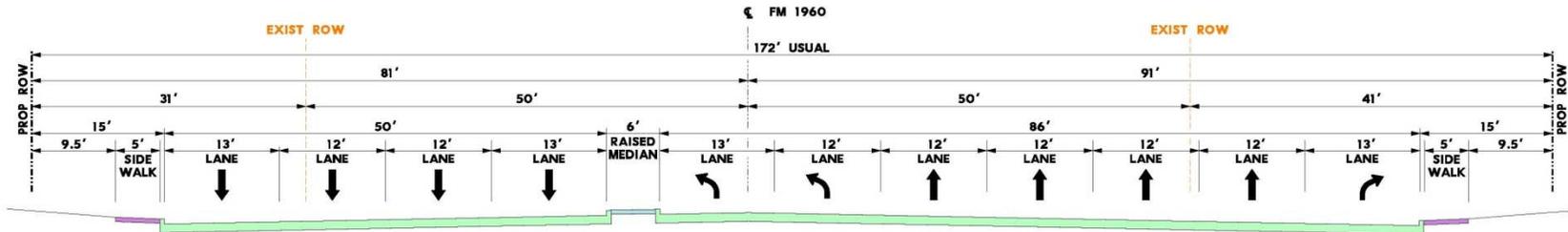
The public is strongly encouraged to participate in the corridor study of FM 1960. There are multiple ways in which you can get involved. You are invited to participate by one of the following means:

- 1) Fill out a comment form at the Public Meeting;
- 2) Share your ideas with TxDOT or the Consultant Team at the Public Meeting;
- 3) Call TxDOT and ask to be put on the mailing list;
- 4) Send a letter with your comments or concerns. Letters should be addressed to: Director of Project Development, TxDOT, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386 and postmarked by April 7, 2011; or
- 5) Send an e-mail with your comments or concerns by April 7, 2011. Comments may be emailed to:  
[HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov](mailto:HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov).



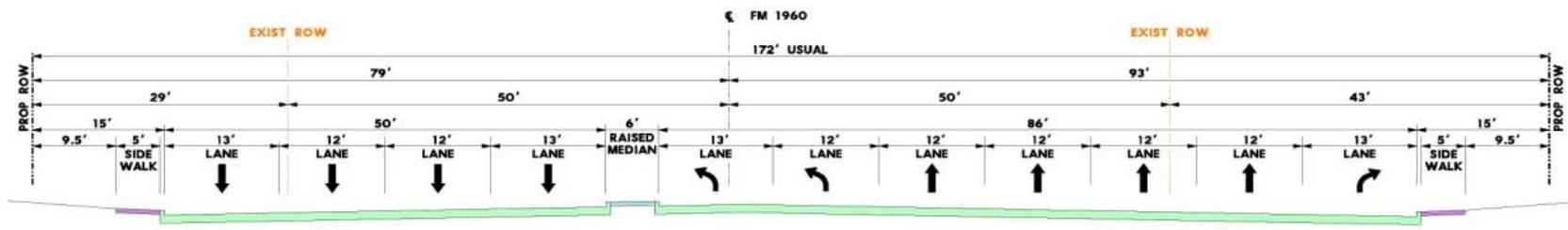
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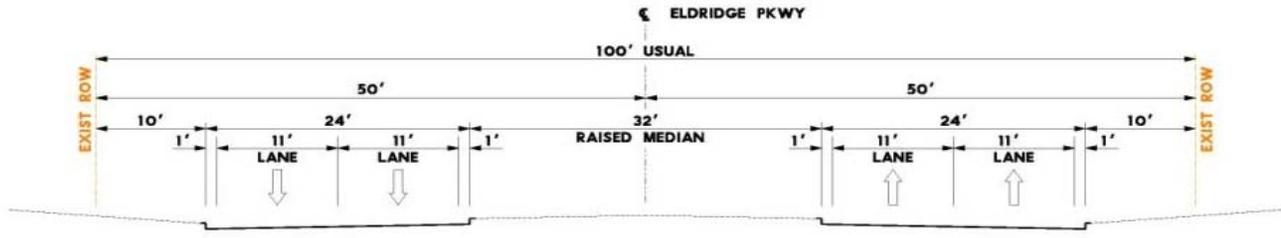
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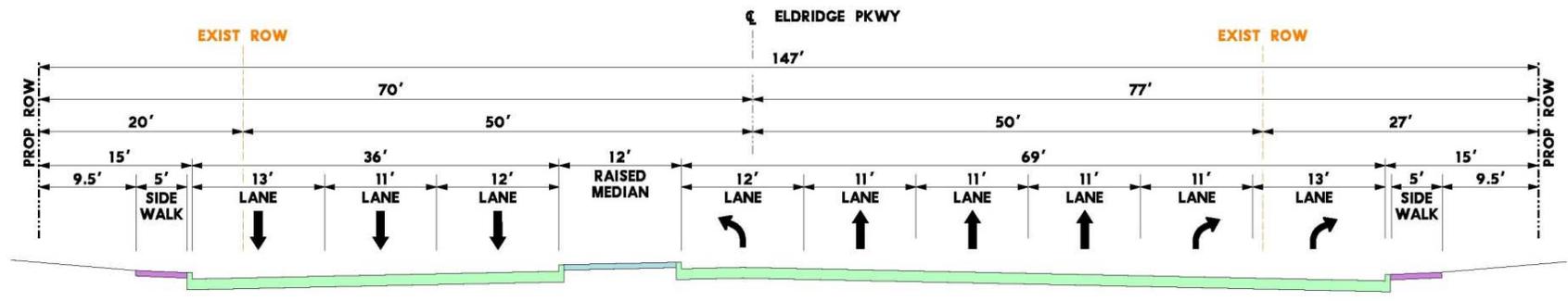


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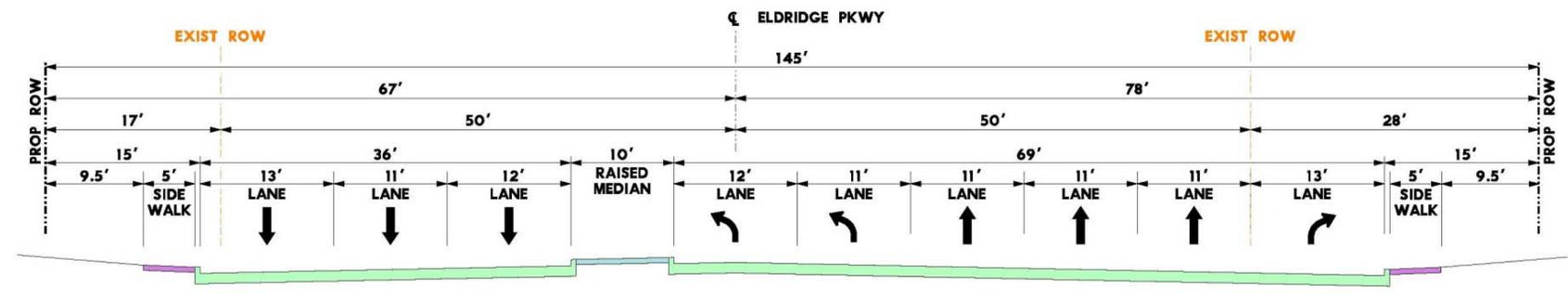
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**PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION**  
ELDRIDGE PKWY SB APPROACH TO FM 1960



**PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION**  
ELDRIDGE PKWY NB APPROACH TO FM 1960

**Appendix G**  
**Photographs from Public Meeting**



Reception area can be used for sign in table.

Breakfast area can be used for comment



Meeting area facing left.

Meeting area facing front.



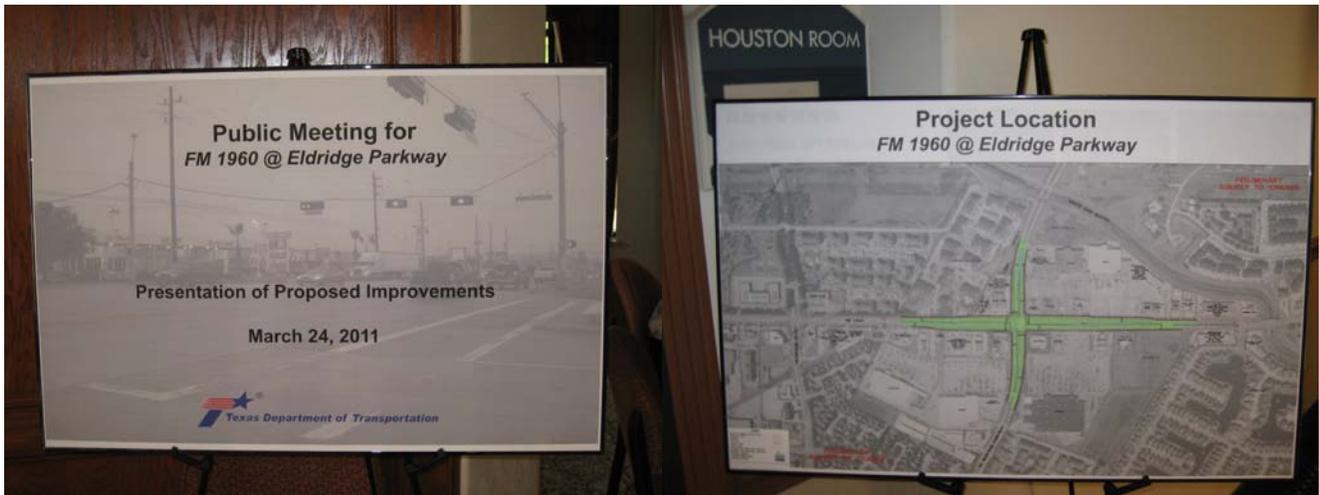
Welcome boards and project description boards were available for public viewing.

A large meeting room with project description boards, typical sections, and fly-through models were shown.



Typical sections were presented on large boards for public viewing.

Attendees were asked to sign in and receive an informative handout packet with project information.



A welcome board was present to encourage attendees to enter the public meeting.

A large board showing the project location on aerial and roadway was presented for public viewing.



Locals, elected officials, media, and interested citizens were present at the public meeting.



Fly-through models were presented showing real-time traffic and animated models to represent the project location.



Typical sections of the proposed project were presented for public viewing and review.



TxDOT ROW Personnel were present to answer questions.



TxDOT and Project Team specialists were available to answer questions regarding the proposed project and design.



TxDOT and Project Team specialists were available to answer questions regarding the proposed project and design.

**Appendix H**  
**Written Comments**

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HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov

>>> Jill Costanzo <[jillcostanzo@msn.com](mailto:jillcostanzo@msn.com)> 4/1/2011 12:52 PM >>>

The meeting on March 24,2011 was a good Public Meeting offering great visual ideas of the transportation improvements on 1960 at Eldridge, the multiple lanes, wider lanes, side walks, a beautiful median with great potential for a living median that would greatly effect the aesthetics of the business/neighborhood area, the improvement would not be another space filled with cement but rather an improvement for traffic and the improvement of an attractive divider and the elimination of "the suicide lane".

HOORAY, this is a wonderful plan...one which I am truly hoping comes to the Copperfield area, specifically Hwy 6 @ 529. This new plan would be a perfect fit for this intersection. Years ago an Overpass was considered and fortunately denied being built and fortunately for all of us (who live in this area) a much better "New Plan" has come to fruition. This new plan would help our commuters get to their destinations/work more quickly, and help to get home more safely and quickly, the plan would reduce accidents which take place in the "suicide lane" by simply eliminating the suicide lanes, the new plan would improve the aesthetics of all that cement by providing a new living median; thereby, providing a more desirable area to live within and shop within, by protecting our home values and stimulating our area businesses! We are very aware of embracing growth that will support our thriving neighborhood and business community.

Please bring your idea to Copperfield and we will gladly embrace the "New Plan" as the best plan for Hwy6 @ 529...in fact; I promise to help you with your next Public Meeting for this project!

Also, I would like to comment that Patrick Gant was a very effective communicator and able to deliver the project details with ease.

Thank you, everyone!

JILL Costanzo

Member of the Copperfield Coalition

Jill H. Costanzo

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# PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

## FM 1960 @ Eldridge Parkway PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS

March 24, 2011  
Open House at 6:00 pm  
Houston, Texas

Welcome to the Public Meeting for the proposed improvements to FM 1960 at Eldridge Parkway. Your comments are important to the development of this project and will be taken into consideration. To submit written comments, please use the space provided below. You may submit this form tonight, e-mail comments to HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov, or mail comments to the address on the back. If mailed, written comments should be postmarked by April 7, 2011. Thank you. (To mail, please fold in half with this page on the inside and affix a postage stamp. Please tape closed, do not staple.)

Bienvenido a la Reunión del Público para las mejoras propuestas a FM 1960 en Avenida de Eldridge. Sus comentarios son importantes al desarrollo de este proyecto y serán tomado en consideración. Para someter comentarios escritos, utilizan por favor el espacio proporcionado abajo. Usted puede someterse esta forma esta noche, o enviar lo por correo electrónico al sitio Web HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov, o de correo a la dirección en la espalda. Comentarios enviados y escritos deben ser matasellados por el 7 de abril de 2011. Muchas Gracias por tu participación. (Para enviar por correo, doble la mitad con esta página por dentro y ponle una estampía de correo. Por favor no usan grapa para cerrar, mejor con cinta adhesiva)

1. How did you hear about this meeting? / ¿Cómo se informó de esta reunión?

- Newspaper / Periódico
- Told by Friend or Neighbor / Amigo o vecino
- Received Notice in Mail / Aviso por Correo
- Other (please explain) / Otro modo (explique): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you have any comments about the project presented tonight? / ¿Tiene usted cualquiera comentario acerca del proyecto presentado esta noche?

*The aeriels used for the presentation does not include a Taco Bull recently developed on property owned by The Partiles, Ltd. (See attached aerial with proposed development). There is also a curb cut constructed and approved by TX Det for the Partiles property that is not included in any of your presentations. Please update your information to include these changes that were made in 2010. Also, please consider the ~~Curb~~ access to the Partiles property in the ~~to~~ median cut adjacent to Chase Bank and NTB.*

(continue comments on the back of this form / siga comentarios al dorso de esta forma)

3. Do you want to be included on the mailing list for future meetings regarding this proposed project? / ¿Quiere usted ser incluido en la lista de envío y recibir noticias de reuniones futuras para este proyecto propuesto?

Name / Nombre: Doug Drew <sup>C/O Asset Plus</sup> Address / Dirección: 5151 San Felipe, Ste. 2050

Houston City / Ciudad: TX. Zip Code / Código Postal: 77056

4. Additional Comments / Comentarios adicionales:

If you have any questions about the comments on # 2 the following contact information is provided:

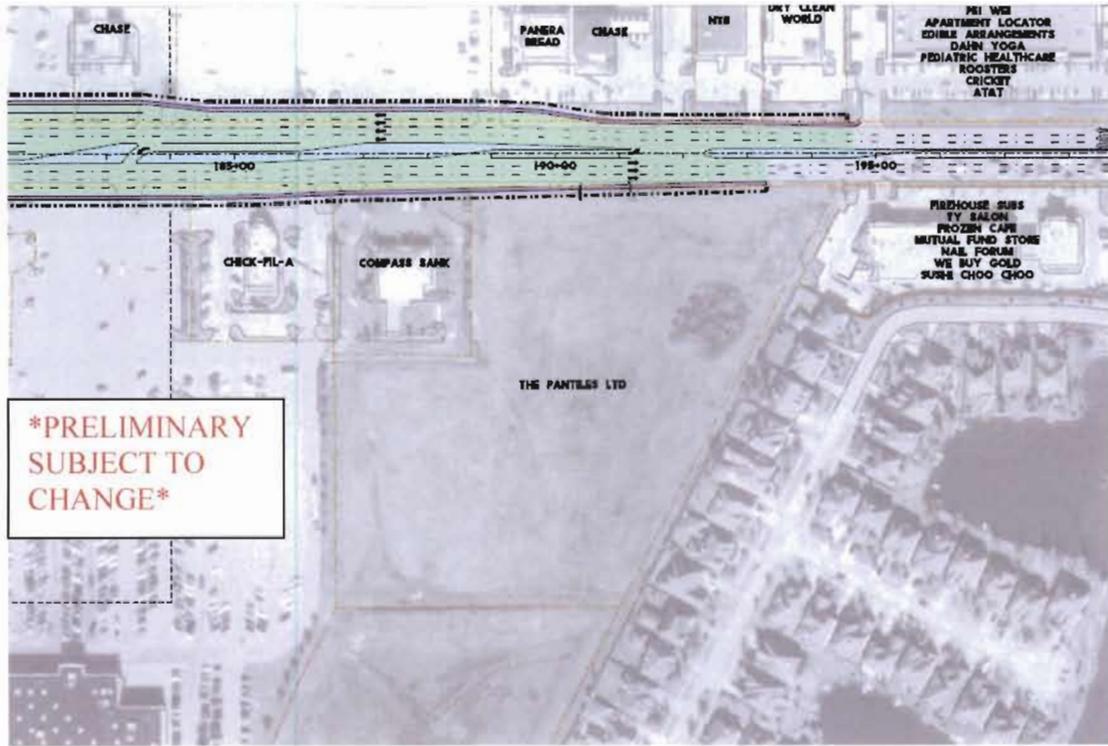
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Site plan emailed by Grant Chim  
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Notes: Plan including Taco Bell, curb cut, and proposed Pantiles, Ltd. Development.





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Name / Nombre: Loyd Smith Address / Dirección: Harris Co. Traffic 1310 Prairie #300

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- 1) Coordinate with Harris County Public Infrastructure Dept, Precinct 3 (north of 1960), Precinct 4 (south of 1960)
- 2) Apparent error in 2035 SB left turn volumes (less than current)
- 3) Intersection operations are modeled on turning movement counts, which can underestimate movement demands. Consider upstream counts to validate total demand on intersection approach (esp Eldridge)
- 4) Avoid a 12 foot southbound lane shift through the intersection. Options - single SB right turn lane, reduce width of south leg median
- 5) Model is showing right turn on red from second lane of dual right turn lane. Usually allowed only from outside lane where pedestrian facilities are provided
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8) Consider driveway eliminations/consolidations to reduce the number of conflict points, especially rights out of commercial property to the through lane

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11) Have weekend volumes been checked to ensure AM + PM peaks are the appropriate design volumes? (commercial area)

12) cross-sections show sidewalks next to roadway. Preferred location is next to Raw line.

a) The westbound direction does not have a left turn into Home Depot/Target. Have these turning movements been redistributed?

Loyal Smith  
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IT IS NEEDED GREATLY, THE SOONER, THE BETTER. THE LEGISLATURE NEEDS TO DO ITS WORK AND SUPPLY \$ FOR TRANSPORTATION.

THE THIRD LANE N. BOUND ON ELDRIDGE SHOULD MERGE OUT AFTER THE 2ND ENTRANCE TO MAHL - LESS OF A BOTTLE NECK. SEE PROPOSED ANIMATION LAYOUT -

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**Appendix I**  
**Response to Public Comments**

## Responses to Comments on Farm to Market (FM) 1960 at Eldridge Parkway Public Meeting

The Public Comment period for FM 1960 at Eldridge Parkway was open from February 23, 2011 to April 7, 2011. During this time, the public was invited to submit comments in written format or by e-mail.

The tables below present 1) a list of commenters along with letter-number references for each comment made by that commenter, and 2) comments received along with responses from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (see Figure 1 for further explanation). Each of the comments below will be considered during the environmental process and each comment will be incorporated into the environmental document as appropriate.

For organizing responses (Table 2 below), comments were categorized into one of four categories, as follows:

- A. Need for and Purpose of the Project
- B. Alternatives
- C. Socioeconomic Issues
- D. General Comment

# Figure 1. How to Find Comments and Responses

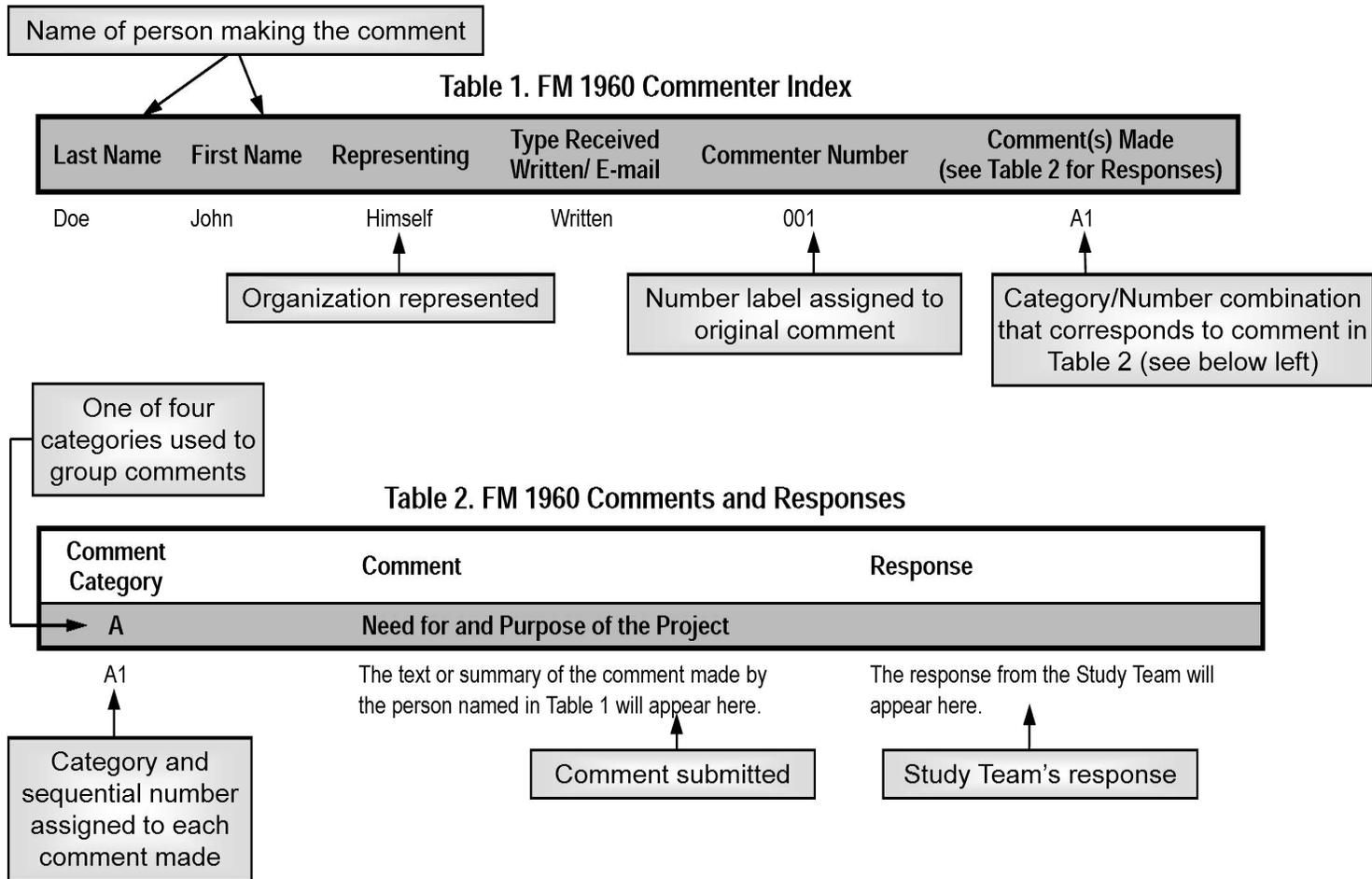


Table 1. FM 1960 Commenter Index

Last Name	First Name	Representing	Type Received	Commenter Number <sup>1</sup>	Comment(s) Made <sup>2</sup> (See Table 2 for Responses)
Costanzo	Jill	Self/ Copperfield Coalition	Written	001	A1
Drew	Doug	Asset Plus Corp./ Pantiles, Ltd.	Written	002	B1
Smith	Adam	Steak n' Shake	Written	003	B2, C1
Smith	Loyd	Harris County Infrastructure	Written	004	B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, B8, B9, B10, B11, B12, D1,
Unknown	Unknown	Self	Written	005	A2, B13

Notes: 1 The "Commenter Number" (e.g., "001") is a label given to the original comment and is composed a number assigned to the comment.

<sup>2</sup> Each of the "Comment(s) Made" corresponds to a comment category and number shown in the far left column of Table 2. The letter (A through D) equals the category (e.g., "Need for and Purpose of the Project"), and the number equals the comment within that category.

Table 2. FM 1960 Comments and Responses

Comment Category <sup>1</sup>	Comment	Response
<b>A</b>	<b>Need for and Purpose of the Project</b>	
A1	Commenter states this is a wonderful plan and hopes to see it implemented in other areas such as the Copperfield area. Commenter states the March 24, 2011 Public Meeting was good and offered great visual ideas of the project.	Comment acknowledged.
A2	Commenter states the project is needed greatly.	Comment acknowledged.
<b>B</b>	<b>Alternatives</b>	
B1	Commenter states the aerials used for the public meeting on March 24, 2011 do not accurately show the newly developed Taco Bell. Commenter also requests that the design consider access to the property adjacent to Chase Bank and NTB.	The aerials presented at the Public Meeting were the latest 2010 aerials approved by Harris County and TxDOT. TxDOT will update the aerials and field verify any new land use updates, including the Taco Bell, during the environmental analysis.
B2	Commenter requests design consideration to incorporate a curb cut to lead into the Steak n' Shake.	The current design schematic does not provide the level of detail to show curb cuts. This will be assessed during the final design.
B3	Commenter is concerned that there is an error in the 2035 southbound left turn volumes and states they are less than current as presented at the public meeting.	The traffic data presented on the schematic layout exhibits at the public meeting were pulled directly from the 2009 Existing Traffic Report and 2009 Traffic Projections Report prepared for TxDOT by Kimley Horn and Associates. In particular, the 2009 data presented on the layout reflect actual 2009 Existing Peak Hour Volumes on the schematic are from their Existing Traffic Report. Additionally, 2009 "projections" were performed in the Traffic Projections Report which closely represent the 2035 projections. These projections will be added to the design schematics and in the exhibits as presented in the environmental documents.
B4	Commenter is concerned that intersection operations are modeled on turning movement counts, which can underestimate movement demands. Commenter suggests considering upstream counts to validate total demand on intersection approach.	The input volumes for the operational model are based on projected approach volumes developed by TxDOT which are broken down by movement (e.g., left turn, right turn, thru) at the intersection. The model presented at the public meeting reflected projected 2015 design hour volumes which we considered to be reasonably representative (but not an exact replication) of current conditions and useful for illustrative purposes at the public meeting.
B5	Commenter recommends avoiding a 12-foot southbound lane shift through the intersection and suggests using either a single southbound right turn lane or to reduce the width of south leg of median.	TxDOT appreciates these suggestions and agrees this lane shift on Eldridge across FM 1960 merits additional review and consideration of alternative treatments. This will be evaluated as the schematic design development moves forward.
B6	Commenter states the model presented at the public meeting shows the right turn on red from second lane of dual right turn lane. Commenter states this is usually allowed only from the outside lane where pedestrian facilities are provided.	TxDOT appreciates this suggestion and will review modifications to the model to reflect right turns from only the outside lane.

Table 2. FM 1960 Comments and Responses (Cont.)

Comment Category <sup>1</sup>	Comment	Response
B7	Commenter states the westbound auxiliary through lane terminates only 300 feet (+/-) from the intersection. Merging taper then appears relatively short. Commenter states concern that release of a tight westbound platoon will have merge issues.	TxDOT appreciates these suggestions and agree that the length of the auxiliary (4th) lane and taper length, while providing operational benefits, are less than optimum. This area is designed to balance the objective of improving traffic operations with minimizing environmental/community impacts. We will continue to explore alternative options that may provide more satisfactory overall results.
B8	Commenter states the model uses lead-lag timing. Geometry of the intersection (nose & stop bar locations) does not appear to allow simultaneous opposing left phases from either Eldridge or FM 1960. Commenter suggests using geometry that allows East to West and North to South signal progression to use lead-lag or simultaneous left turns	TxDOT agrees there is merit to a layout that will allow lead-lag or simultaneous left turns. TxDOT will review alternative geometric treatments to allow this flexibility and incorporate into final design.
B9	Commenter suggests considering driveway eliminations/consolidations to reduce the number of conflict points, especially rights out of commercial property to the through lane.	TxDOT will explore access management options to reduce access points (driveways) and conflict points and improve overall operations on the approaches to the intersection and incorporate into the final design as appropriate.
B10	Commenter states the westbound direction does not have a left turn into Home Depot and Target and inquires if these turning movements been redistributed.	The traffic projections provided in the 2009 Traffic Projections Report included projected design hour turning movement volumes at the following three (3) intersections with FM 1960: Wortham Road, Eldridge Parkway, and Windermere Lakes Parkway. Existing data for this left turn to Home Depot/Target was collected in the 2009 Existing Traffic Report. Existing peak hour left turns from the flush median are in the 50 to 60 vph range. These turns will re-distribute to either a U-turn movement further west, or more likely at the eastbound left turn at Eldridge.
B11	Commenter inquires if weekend volumes have been checked to ensure AM & PM peaks are the appropriate design volumes? (commercial area).	The projected volumes prepared by TxDOT (Kimley Horn) in a Traffic Projections Report completed in June 2009 provided directional design hour volumes. The report did not provide projections for weekend design hour volumes.
B12	Commenter states that cross-sections show sidewalks next to the roadway and suggests the preferred location is next to ROW line.	The current location of the sidewalk shown in the typical section is preliminary/conceptual. TxDOT will consider alternative locations for the sidewalk as noted. Final design of the sidewalk location and width will occur during PS&E development.
B13	Commenter suggests the third lane, northbound on Eldridge should merge out after the 2 <sup>nd</sup> entrance to the mall to create less of a bottle neck.	TxDOT will review the feasibility of this suggestion and incorporate revisions as appropriate. This would involve weighing potential advantages in terms of reductions in congestion and delay vs. additional ROW impacts and additional utility relocations.

Table 2. FM 1960 Comments and Responses (Cont.)

Comment Category <sup>1</sup>	Comment	Response
<b>C</b>	<b>Socioeconomic Issues</b>	
C1	Commenter is concerned the proposed project will affect access to and from local business, specifically the Steak n' Shake restaurant, in the project area.	Access to and from any existing development (e.g., commercial, business, residential, farm, etc.) would be provided and maintained before, during, and after construction. Dependent on the recommended alternative selected for the proposed project, some access might be temporarily altered or restricted. TxDOT strives to reduce impacts for all projects. TxDOT will maintain a continuous public involvement program to work with property and business owners to ensure that all access will be restored via alternate access routes as appropriate.
<b>D</b>	<b>General Comments</b>	
D1	Commenter recommends that TxDOT coordinate with Harris County Public Infrastructure Department, Precinct 3 (north of FM 1960), Precinct 4 (south of FM 1960)	TxDOT continues to coordinate with state, local, and county agencies throughout the process. TxDOT will coordinate with Harris County Precinct 3 and 4 as required and per commenters suggestion.

Notes: <sup>1</sup> The "Comment Category" (e.g., "A") is described in bold in the gray rows and represents a topic used to divide the comments into logical groupings. Each Comment Category has a number of comments within it (e.g., comments A1 through A4) labeled in the far left column.