



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Williamson County, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), will conduct a Public Meeting to discuss proposed improvements to Interstate Highway (IH) 35 from State Highway (SH) 29 to Westinghouse Road in Williamson County, Texas. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012 in the Human Resources Training Room of the Williamson County Inner Loop Annex, which is located at 301 Southeast Inner Loop Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78626. The Public Meeting will be conducted in an open house format and no formal presentation will be made; thus, those wishing to attend can do so at their convenience anytime between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. During the Public Meeting, exhibits will be available for viewing and members of the project team will be available to answer questions.

The proposed project would serve to upgrade IH 35 by completing the continuous one-way frontage road system within the project limits. Proposed improvements include the addition of a northbound frontage road between SH 29 and Southeast Inner Loop Drive (including an overpass at Georgetown Railroad and bridges at South Fork of San Gabriel River and West Fork of Smith Branch), an auxiliary lane to the existing northbound frontage road and northbound mainlane (in sections), and an elevated u-turn lane north of RM 2243. Additionally, northbound ramps would be relocated/reconfigured, and sidewalks would be added between Southeast Inner Loop Drive and Westinghouse Road. Upon completion, the proposed improvements would upgrade the facility to meet current TxDOT and interstate design standards.

The purpose of the proposed improvements is to enhance mobility and safety within the project area. Proposed work would occur only within the existing right-of-way and would be limited to the east side of IH 35, with the exception of minor improvements to the southbound frontage road to tie in the proposed u-turn bridge at RM 2243. No additional right-of-way would be required for the proposed improvements.

A Categorical Exclusion (CE) is being prepared for the proposed project. The CE will be available for public review once approved by the Federal Highway Administration. A schematic of the proposed project is available for viewing at the Williamson County Road and Bridge Office located at 3151 S.E. Inner Loop, Georgetown, Texas, and at TxDOT's North Travis/Williamson County Area Office, located at 2727 South Austin Avenue in Georgetown, Texas 78626.

The Public Meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the Public Meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as language interpreters, may contact Dennis Nielsen by telephone at (512) 832-7056 or by mail at P.O. Box 15426, Austin, Texas, 78761-5426, at least two working days prior to the meeting so that arrangements can be made.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this Public Meeting and to provide input. Verbal and written comments may be presented at the Public Meeting. Written comments not submitted at the open house may also be submitted to: TxDOT Austin District Environmental Coordinator, Texas



Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 15426, Austin, Texas, 78761-5426. All comments received by Monday, April 23, 2012, will be included in the Public Meeting record.