

## NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

On April 28, 2011, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct an open house to present the current design for improvements to SH 71 in Bastrop County, Texas and to solicit public comment. An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared in 2003 and received a Finding of No Significant Impact endorsement from the Federal Highway Administration on April 16, 2003. The improvements addressed in the approved 2003 EA included the construction of east bound and west bound frontage roads, a storm drain system, and seven grade separations with SH 71 passing over FM 20, FM 969, SH 304, Hasler Boulevard, Loop 150 West, SH 95, and Loop 150 East. In conjunction with the EA, TxDOT held a public meeting on May 2, 2000, and a public hearing on January 28, 2003. The comments that were received during early public involvement were taken into consideration while developing the EA and the current design.

The purpose of this open house is to present a number of refinements to the project design resulting from continuing public input and engineering studies, and to solicit additional public comment. Information about this proposed TxDOT project is available for inspection at the Bastrop Area Office of the Texas Department of Transportation, located at 174 SH 71 E, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

The open house will be held in the cafeteria of Bastrop Intermediate School located at 509 Old Austin Highway in Bastrop, Texas. No formal presentation will be given; however, project team members will be available to answer questions between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. During the open house, displays showing the project area and other project information will be available for review.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this open house and to provide input. Verbal and written comments may be presented at the open house, or written comments may be submitted via regular postal mail. To be included in the official record of the open house, written comments must be received by Monday, May 9, 2011. Written comments should be mailed to: Environmental Coordinator, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 15426, Austin, TX 78761-5426.

Open house materials will be presented in English. However, persons who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as language interpreters, who plan to attend the open house may contact Dennis Nielsen by telephone at 832-7056 or by mail at the above referenced address at least two business days prior to the open house so that arrangements can be made.

