



April 28, 2011

Dear Citizen:

On behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), we want to welcome you to tonight's Open House concerning proposed improvements to SH 71 from West of FM 20 to West of SH 304. Information regarding the proposed improvements are attached.

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.

If you wish to present verbal comments, please see the transcriber. Comments may also be presented in writing. For your convenience, a comment form is included in this information packet. Written comments not submitted during the open house should be mailed to the TxDOT - Austin District, Environmental Coordinator, P.O. Box 15426, Austin, Texas 78761-5426 or faxed to (512) 832-7157. Written comments must be received by Monday, May 9, 2011, to be included in the official open house record.

All verbal comments received at the Open House, as well as written comments received by May 9, 2011, will be taken into consideration during future project development.

Thank you for attending tonight's Open House. Public involvement is a vital part of the TxDOT project development process, and we sincerely appreciate your participation. If you have any questions after tonight's Open House, please call (512) 832-7000.

## **SH 71 - From West of FM 20 to West of SH 304 Bastrop County, Texas**

### **OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT**

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 these meetings were taken into consideration while developing the EA and the current design. These improvements are included in the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) fiscal year 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program and the CAMPO 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

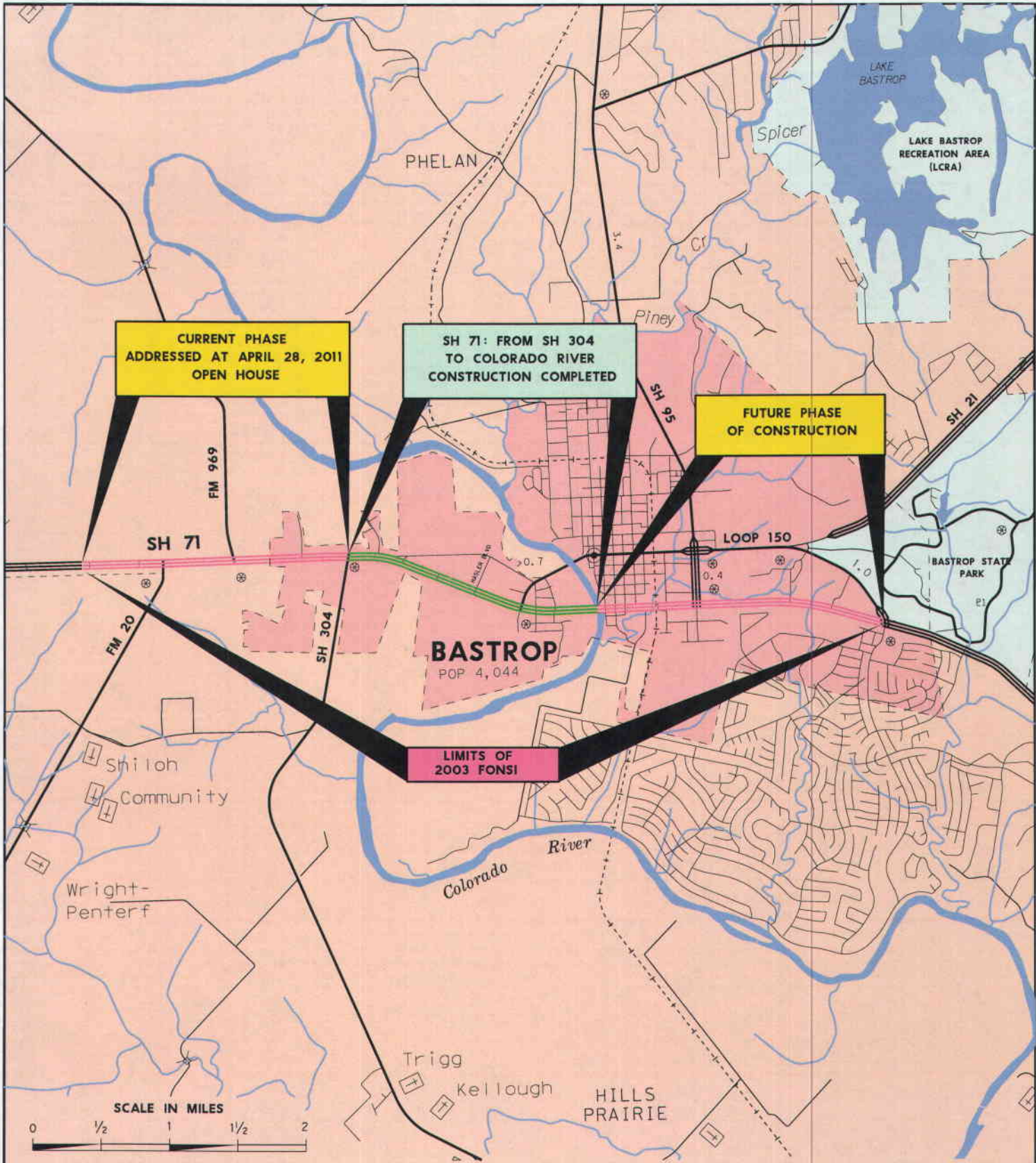
The purpose of this open house is to present the following refinements to the project design resulting from continuing public input and engineering studies, and to solicit additional public comment:

- The grade separated interchange for FM 969 has been moved from the proposed new alignment at Station 895+00.00 to the existing alignment at Station 887+96.81.
- The proposed west bound frontage road exit ramp has been moved 1,050 feet to the west.
- The proposed east bound frontage road entrance ramp has been moved 1,675 feet to the west.
- The west bound entrance ramp Number 16 has been moved 1,550 feet to the east.
- The east bound exit ramp Number 1 has been moved 2,450 feet to the east.
- The west bound frontage road has been extended 2,294 feet west to Station 829+50.00.
- The east bound frontage road has been extended 2,200 feet west to Station 828+50.00.



- The main lane construction has been shortened by 486 feet from Station 839+14 to Station 844+00.
- The western project transition has been extended 1,214 feet from Station 839+14 to Station 827+00.

After tonight's open house, all comments will be considered as we continue to develop the project. Additionally, during continued project development, the improvements would be evaluated based on a combination of the design criteria and constraints, environmental constraints, construction feasibility, and other factors.



**CURRENT PHASE  
ADDRESSED AT APRIL 28, 2011  
OPEN HOUSE**

**SH 71: FROM SH 304  
TO COLORADO RIVER  
CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED**

**FUTURE PHASE  
OF CONSTRUCTION**

**LIMITS OF  
2003 FONSI**



**LEGEND**

- Road or Street
- River or Creek
- City Limits
- State Park & Recreation Area
- + + + Railroad

**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

**SH 71: FROM FM 20 TO LOOP 150 EAST**

**CSJ: 0265-04-057 & 0265-04-058**

**BASTROP COUNTY**

