



Texas Department of Transportation

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

FOR

BU 90U

FROM IH 610 TO EAST OF MESA ROAD

IN

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

CSJ 0028-01-067

DECEMBER 2006

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

FOR: BU 90U
FROM: IH 610
TO: East of Mesa Road
COUNTY: Harris

The Texas Department of Transportation, Houston District, and Carter & Burgess, Inc. conducted a Public Meeting concerning the proposed BU 90U Roadway Expansion from IH 610 to East of Mesa Road in Harris County, Texas. The meeting was held on December 5, 2006 in the cafeteria at B.C. Elmore Middle School located at 8200 Tate Street, Houston, Texas 77028. The proposed project consists of widening the existing roadway from a four-lane undivided facility to a six-lane undivided facility with continuous left-turn lane. The total length of the project is approximately 1.1 miles. Additional right-of-way (ROW) would be needed for the proposed project. The additional ROW would be acquired from either the east or west side of the roadway or a combination of both, depending on which alternative for the project is selected.

The Notice of Public Meeting was published on November 2 and November 23 in the Houston Chronicle and November 9 and November 23 in the North Channel Sentinel. The notices and affidavits of publication are attached.

The public meeting was held from approximately 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in an open house format to give citizens an opportunity to view all of the various exhibits that were on display at the meeting and to discuss and ask questions concerning the proposed project with project staff members. The exhibits included two copies of 1) the project purpose and need, 2) the three different alternatives being evaluated for the roadway expansion (design schematic and typical sections), 3) an evaluation matrix comparing the three alternatives, and 4) an environmental constraints map. Input gathered from meeting attendees will be evaluated and used in the final determination of the preferred alternative.

A registration table was located at the entrance of the cafeteria where the meeting was conducted. The registration table contained sign in sheets for attendees to register, Public Meeting Comment Forms (in English and Spanish) for attendees to share their thoughts regarding the proposed project, and Public Meeting Programs (in English and Spanish), which contained a brief description and purpose of the proposed project.

Public Comments

Several people asked questions or made comments. A few of the commenters expressed multiple concerns. All verbal questions and comments were immediately responded to at the meeting. Five Public Meeting Comment Forms were submitted at the public meeting and one comment was submitted via e-mail by the deadline of December 15, 2006. One of the comments received at the public meeting was based on another project, the Gellhorn Road (Mesa Road) expansion, which is near the BU 90U project area. Based on discussions with citizens in attendance, it was determined that the majority of the citizens at the BU 90U public meeting were there because they were informed that the Gellhorn Road project would be the

topic of the public meeting. The misinformation was the result of a flier that was delivered door to door to the citizens of a potentially affected neighborhood (see Appendix F). The source of the misinformation remains unclear. The citizens who were in attendance for the Gellhorn Road project were told that the public meeting only addressed the BU 90U project and that none of the information being presented concerned the Gellhorn Road project. A brief summary of questions/comments received and responses are summarized as follows:

Comment 1: The project to widen BU 90U would be best if you only take 10 ft. off each side of the street. The 10 ft. would affect the businesses less up and down McCarty (BU 90U). Our concern is the 18-wheeler parking, they are our main customers.

Response: The decision of which alternative would be chosen is based on several factors, one of which is disruption to businesses. TxDOT will make every effort to make sure that the chosen alternative minimizes business disruptions and displacements. Other accommodations will have to be made for 18-wheeler drivers who currently park within the existing TxDOT right-of-way. Under all three proposed alternatives, the existing open ditch would be replaced by curb and gutter. This will prohibit 18-wheelers from parking within TxDOT right-of-way.

Comment 2: Taking 10 ft. from both sides of the road would be better.

Response: Comment noted.

Comment 3: How would flooding be prevented? What about safety for the children walking home from bus stops? What safety is provided for the children? How would congestion in the neighborhood be taken care of?

Response: As mentioned above, the majority of the people at the BU 90U Public Meeting were misinformed about the extent of the project that was presented at the meeting. Comment 3 was made based on the Gellhorn Road project and has nothing to do with the BU 90U project. No neighborhoods, schools bus stops, or flooding issues exist in the BU 90U project area; however, TxDOT will make every effort to insure safety is increased and that the occurrence of flooding does not increase as a result of this project.

Comment 4: It is my honest opinion that less owners would suffer by only taking 10 ft. from both sides of the street.

Response: As mentioned in the response to Comment 1 above, TxDOT will make every effort to make sure that the chosen alternative minimizes business disruptions and displacements.

Comment 5: I feel the ideal situation where the least amount of people along this stretch of McCarty (BU 90U) would be hurt is to use Alternative 1 (10 ft. off each side of the road). I feel Alternative 1 is the fair way of dealing for all the people involved.

Response: As mentioned in the response to Comment 1 above, TxDOT will make every effort to make sure that the chosen alternative minimizes business disruptions and displacements.

Comment 6: I represent IFCO Systems N.A, located at 4808 N. McCarty (BU 90U). I strongly disagree on the plans to widen N. McCarty to 7 lanes from IH 610 NE to East of Mesa Rd. A more efficient and cost savings solution would be to add at least 1 stop light and only 1 lane, a center turning lane. The benefits would be cost efficient in time and tax payer's money.

- Adding 1 lane instead of the projected 3 lanes now being discussed saves an incredible amount of time and money
- The property needed to build 3 lanes compared to 1 would cause some companies to have to move their businesses
- The proposed expansion to 7 lanes would leave the remaining businesses sitting atop the road/traffic--adding many safety issues for both the businesses and McCarty road travelers
- A 7 lane road would definitely encourage more traffic, making the already dangerous street into an almost impossible 7 lane highway to cross
- The estimated 3 year construction plans would negatively affect all McCarty road businesses and possibly devastate some completely
- The completion of the new Hwy 90 to 610 will cut down the traffic flow that McCarty is handling at this time

Response: One of the purposes of the proposed project is to provide added capacity to fulfill one of the project needs, which is to handle future traffic volumes. The need for the project would not be met by only providing only a center turning lane. The proposed additional lane in both directions would accommodate the future projected traffic volumes for the roadway. The evaluation of alternatives for this project will be conducted with the interest of adjacent property owners in mind, as well as other factors, such as cost, environmental impacts, and engineering considerations. TxDOT will take into consideration the potential impacts to adjacent businesses in their selection of the preferred alternative. The proposed roadway would have a curb and gutter system instead of open ditch; therefore, businesses would not be sitting atop the roadway. The improved roadway will be designed to improve safety conditions for property owners accessing their property. TxDOT cannot cut off access to adjacent businesses during construction. Business access will be handled by implementing a traffic control plan for the project and two lanes will be open at all times during construction. Furthermore, contractor incentives will be provided to speed up the construction process to reduce the impact to adjacent businesses. The Hwy 90 to IH 610 project may cut down the traffic flow for BU 90U; however, as previously mentioned, the additional lanes proposed for BU 90U are necessary to accommodate the future traffic demands.

Appendix A
Affidavits of Publication

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF HARRIS:

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, on the day personally appeared: VICKI EUBANKS, who after being duly sworn, says that she is the ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE LEAD at the HOUSTON CHRONICLE, a daily newspaper published in Harris County, Texas, and that the publication, of which the annexed herein, or attached to, is a true and correct copy, was published to-wit:

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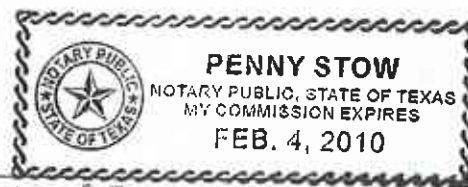
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Sworn and subscribed to before me, this the 23rd Day of November A.D. 2006

Penny Stow

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



BU 900 PUBLIC MEETING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is conducting a public meeting for the widening of BU 900, also known as N. McCarty Road, from IH 610 NE to east of Mesa Road in Harris County, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to present the proposed roadway design plan and gather public input. Exhibits showing the proposed roadway will be displayed at the meeting. TxDOT and consultant team members will be available for questions and comments. The meeting will be in an open-house format at S.C. Elmore Middle School, 8200 Tate Street, Houston, Texas on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Additional right-of-way will be required for the proposed action. Personnel from the TxDOT Right-of-Way Division will be available to discuss the procedures, benefits, programs and provide other needed information regarding land acquisition.

Persons who have special communication, access, or accommodation needs should contact TxDOT's public information office at (713) 802-5072 at least two working days prior to the meeting. TxDOT offices are open Monday-Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding national holidays. The public meeting will be conducted in English. Requests for language interpreters should also be made at least two working days in advance of the meeting. TxDOT will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate these needs. Written comments may be mailed to: Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. The deadline for comment submittal is December 15, 2006.



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Personally appeared before the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for said County and State. Angela Holman, Representative for Gordon Gallatin, Publisher of the North Channel Sentinel, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Harris, State of Texas. Who being duly sworn, states under oath that the report of Legal Notices, a true copy of which is hereto annexed was published in said newspapers in its issue(s) of the

9 day of November, 2006

and the 23 day of November, 2006

Angela Holman
Publisher's Representative

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of Nov, 2006.

Karen Ann Elton
Notary Public

My commission expires on Dec 6, 2008



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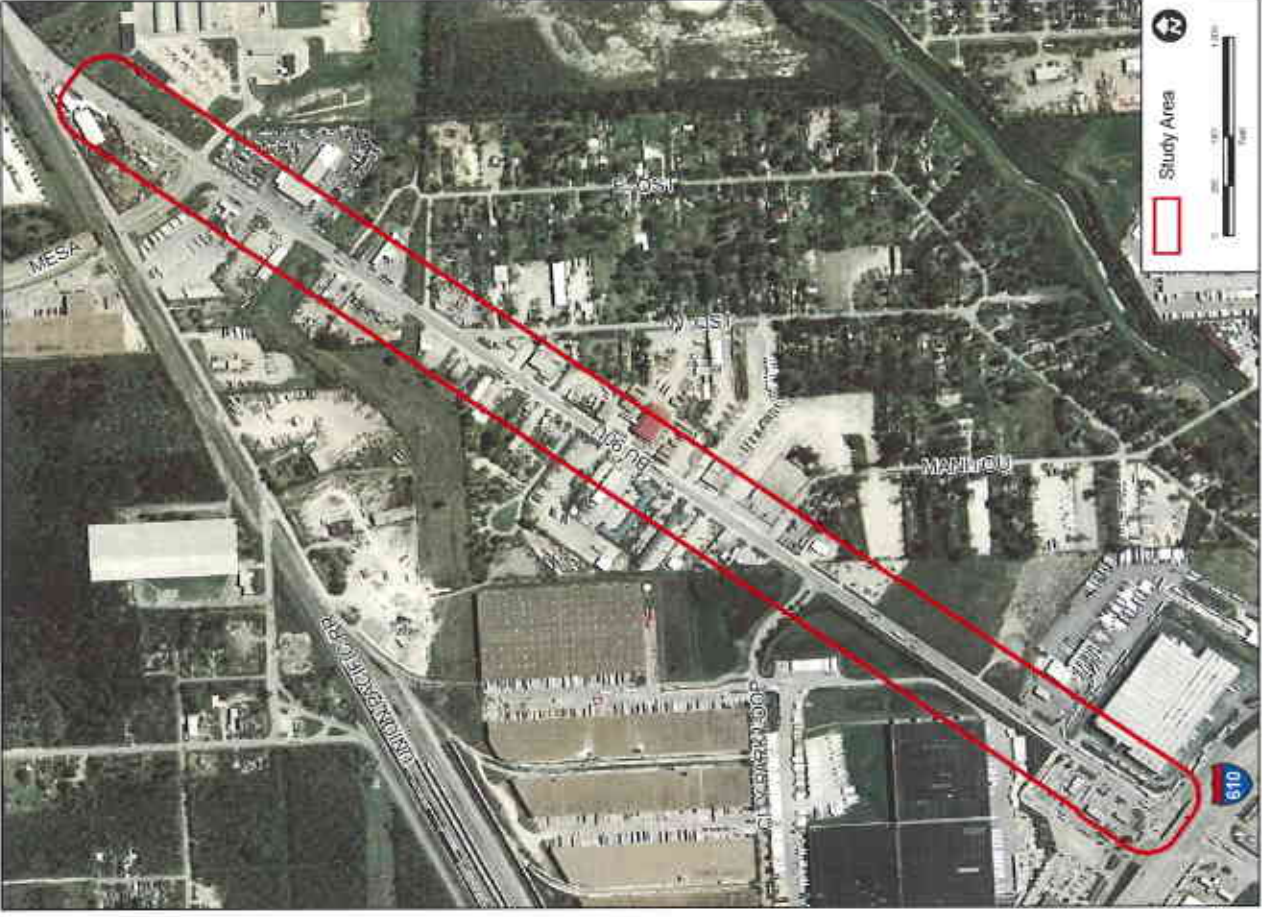
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November 9, 23, 2006

Appendix B
Meeting Programs

BU 90U Study Area



PURPOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The purpose of this public meeting is to present the proposed roadway design plan and gather public input. Please note that this meeting is being held in an *Open House* format and no formal presentation will be made tonight.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The existing BU 90U, also known as N. McCarty Road, is a four-lane undivided roadway with unpaved shoulders and open roadside ditches. The proposed project would widen BU 90U to a six-lane divided roadway with curb and gutters, and a continuous left-turn lane. Approximately 20 feet of additional right-of-way would be required to implement the proposed roadway changes.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

The purpose of the proposed project is to increase safety, improve operational efficiency, provide added capacity for future traffic volumes, and reduce congestion.

The public is invited to ask questions and submit written comments regarding the proposed project. If you wish to submit a comment in writing, comment forms are available at the Sign-In table. Written comments may be submitted this evening or sent by mail to: Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to:
HOU-PIOWebmail@dot.state.tx.us.

All written comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by **December 15, 2006**, to be included in the official public meeting summary report.

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

Please note that you will not receive a direct response to verbal or written comments. All verbal and written statements will be addressed in, and made a part of, the public meeting summary report. The report will be available in March 2007 on the TxDOT Houston District Office's webpage, <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/hou/>.

NOTAS

REUNIÓN PÚBLICA

BU 90U

**Desde el IH 610 NE hasta el este de la calle
Mesa
Houston, Texas**

**Martes, 15 de Diciembre del 2006
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Recepción Abierta**

**B.C. Elmore Middle School
8200 Tate Street
Houston, Texas**



PROPOSITO DE LA REUNION PUBLICA

El proposito de esta reunion publica es para presentar el proposito diseño de calle y para obtener la opinion del publico. Por favor note que esta reunion se va a llevar acabo en forma de recepcion abierta, y ninguna presentacion formal se presentará hoy.

DESCRIPCION DEL PROYECTO

El BU 90U que existe hoy dia, tambien conocido como la calle N. McCarty, es una calle de cuarto sendas, no divididas con esquinas sin pavimentar, y zanjas situadas al borde de la carretera abiertas. El proyecto propuesto haria mas ancho el BU 90U a una calle de seis sendas divididas con curvas y canales, y una volteadera a la mano izquierda continua. Aproximadamente 20 pies de via de derecho adicional seria requerido para implmentar los cambios de la carretera propuesta..

EL PROPOSITO DEL PROYECTO PROPUESTO

El proposito del proyecto propuesto es para aumentar seguridad, mejorar la operacion de la carretera, proveer espacio adicional para el aumento de trafico futuro, y reducir congestión de trafico.

El Publico está invitado a hacer preguntas y someter comentarios escritos en cuanto al proyecto propuesto. Si desea someter un comentario escrito, formas de comentario seran disponibles en la mesa de la entrada. Comentarios escritos pueden someterse esta misma noche, o por correo a: Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386.

Tambien puede enviar comentarios por medio de correo electronico a:

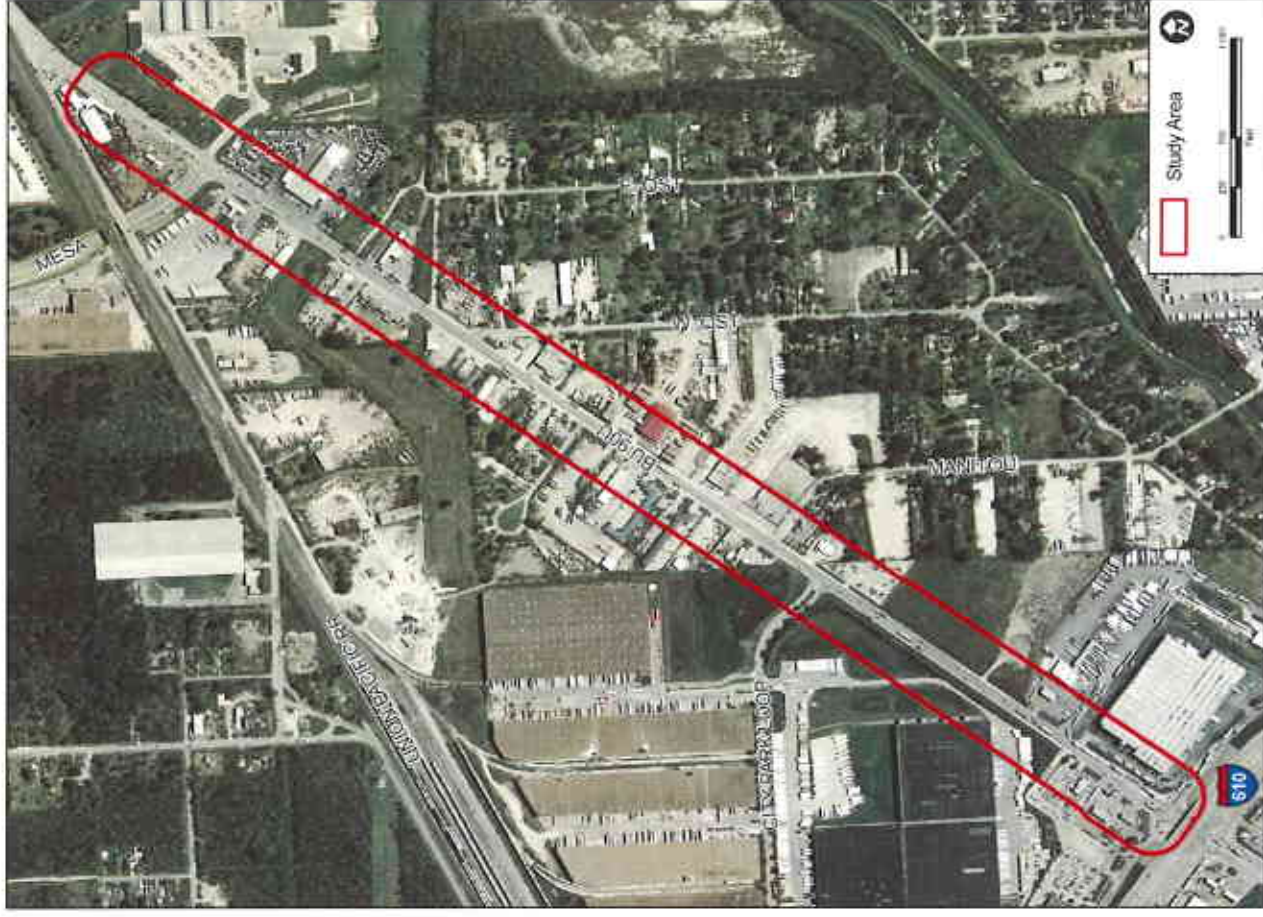
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Todo comentario deberia recibirse antes del **15 de diciembre del 2006**, por correo o por correo electronico, para ser incluidos en el reporte oficial de la reunion publica.

RESUMEN DE LA REUNION PUBLICA

Por favor note que usted no va a recibir una respuesta directa a comentarios verbales o escritos. Todos los comentarios escritos y verbales se considerarán en, y hecho parte de, el resumen de la Reunion Publica. El reporte estará disponible en marzo del 2007 en el sitio de internet de TXDOT Distrito de Oficina de Houston, <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/hou/>.

BU 90U Study Area



Appendix C
Sign-in Sheets



SIGN-IN SHEET

BU 90U

FROM IH 610 NE TO EAST OF MESA ROAD
 PUBLIC MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2006
 B.C. ELMORE MIDDLE SCHOOL
 HOUSTON, TEXAS

NO.	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	INTEREST/AFFILIATION	MAILING ADDRESS
1	Manuel M. Aguilar		9726 Santa Cruz St
2	Hector Garcia		9727 Sen Carlos
3	James Bucher		5216 N. Mc CARTY
4	Raymond Villalobos		9614 Coahuila
5	Supria Villalobos		9614 Coahuila
6	Agustin B. Luna		9727 Sactilla
7	Agustin Luna		9727 Sactilla
8	Thomas Arcidiacono	LAND OWNER	4811 N. McCarty
9	RICHARD P. DEBANO	HOME OWNER	9602 RAFAEL HEG TX 77013
10	Sail Doble	LAND OWNER	4909 N. McCarty DC
11	Adrian Aguirre		4931 N. McCarty
12	Robert C. Roeder		9702 SANTA CRUZ 77013
13	William Aguirre		
14	Rachel Boyd		9711 Sactilla 77013
15	BETHAN RODRIGUEZ		9607 AGULLA HOUSTON TX 77013



SIGN-IN SHEET

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 HOUSTON, TEXAS

NO.	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	INTEREST/AFFILIATION	MAILING ADDRESS
1	Aileen Ando	Community	8018 Fields St 77008
2	Lore Richard		9606 Santa Cruz 77013
3	Rensuho Thores		9619 Villita 77013
4	Ruby Gonzalez		9607 Santa Cruz 77013
5	Paula Ard I.	Community	5309 Kelford 77029
6	Robbly Mays	Community	9707 Rafael 77013
7	Carolyn Mercer	Community	6206 Antha St Houston 77016
8	Ruben T. Ramirez		9723 Santa Cruz St. Houston, TX 77013
9	LIEN - VAN	"	4939 N McCarty Houston R 77013
10	Catherine Williams	Community	4520 N McCarty Houston, Tx 77013
11	ERIC Montelongo	Community	9718 RAFAEL ST.
12	Adolfo Montelongo	Community-	9718 RAFAEL
13	Rosabonillo	Community	9714 Rafael
14	Fergus Wood	Community	4113 ERGWOOD
15	Sybra Mendez	Community	9602 Saltib AT 77013