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SH 249 Extension
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Section 1

Summary of Public Hearing

District / County:
Houston District / Montgomery and Grimes Counties

Highway / Limits:
SH 249 from FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission

Project Background:
The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Houston District and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) propose to extend State Highway (SH) 249 from Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission. The SH 249 Extension is proposed to be a controlled-access toll way. The proposed project is approximately 14 to 15 miles in length and is located in Montgomery and Grimes Counties, Texas. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared for the proposed project.

Proposed Improvements:
The proposed project would extend, on new location, existing SH 249 from FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission. The extension of SH 249 is a northwest-southeast facility that would serve as a major arterial for the distribution of traffic. The proposed SH 249 Extension would be developed on new location from the FM 1774 in Pinehurst, TX to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, TX and is approximately 14 to 15 miles in length. The proposed SH 249 Extension would be constructed as a four-mainline controlled-access toll way with auxiliary lanes, on-ramps and off-ramps (where appropriate) and intermittent frontage roads, within a typical 400-foot wide right-of-way (ROW).

Project Need and Purpose:
Three substantial transportation improvement needs affect the SH 249 Extension study area. First, inefficient connections exist between suburban communities and major and minor radial and circumferential arterials. Second, projected population and employment growth in the area would likely increase demand on the current transportation infrastructure. Third, there are growing safety concerns regarding the impacts of increased congestion and emergency evacuation (notably for hurricane evacuation).

The purpose of the SH 249 Extension is to efficiently link the suburban communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and safety, and respond to population growth and residential development in the area. The goal of the tollway is to improve system linkage, address current and future transportation demand through expanded capacity, improve safety, and accommodate population growth and economic development.
**Purpose of Public Hearing:**
The purpose of the Public Hearing was to present the recommendation of the Preferred Alternative for the proposed SH 249 Extension project; and to discuss the project’s purpose and need, the alternatives analysis process, the environmental information from the proposed project, and to collect comments from the public regarding these topics.

**Date of Public Hearing:**
Wednesday, February 18, 2015.
Certification for the Public Hearing is included in Appendix A.

**Public Hearing Location:**
Magnolia West High School; 42202 FM 1774 Magnolia, Texas 77354

**Notice of Public Hearing and Notice of Availability:**
Notices were published in the following:
- Houston Chronicle: January 16, 2015 and February 6, 2015
- La Voz (Spanish): January 18, 2015 and February 8, 2015
- Federal Register: January 23, 2015
- Texas Register: January 23, 2015

Copies of the notice as seen in the newspaper advertisements and the affidavits and copies of the notice as seen in the Texas and Federal Registers are included in Appendix B. Additionally, the notices were posted on TxDOT’s website at: [http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/021815.html](http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/021815.html).

**Letters to Elected Officials and Notices to Adjacent Land Owners, Civic Associations, and Stakeholders:**

**Elected Officials:**
TxDOT’s Houston District and Environmental Affairs Division mailed out Public Hearing invitation letters to federal, state, and local elected and non-elected officials, which are included in Appendix C.

**Adjacent Land Owners, Resource Agencies and Interested Parties:**
Notices were mailed out to adjacent property owners, resource agencies and interested parties. Copies of the notices mailed to the adjacent property owners and interested parties are included in Appendix C.
Attendance:
A total of 246 people registered their attendance at the Public Hearing. Of these, seven were elected officials, five were local representatives three were from the media and 37 project team representatives were in attendance. Copies of the sign-in sheets are included in Appendix D.

Format:
The Public Hearing began with an open house session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. During this time, exhibits were displayed that showed the proposed typical sections and other project information. Project team members were available to answer questions. The open house format allowed attendees to move freely between the displayed exhibits and discuss project details with the project team. Spanish interpreters were available to accommodate the communication needs of Spanish-speaking individuals. A certified court reporter was available in the commons area during the open house session as well as during the technical presentation for those individuals that did not care to speak in front of the audience.

At 6:30 p.m., the project team gave a technical presentation that included details of the Public Hearing format, an overview of the project, a description of the project’s purpose and need, a review of the alternative analysis, a review of the environmental considerations, and an explanation of the project funding and the next steps. The Public Hearing concluded with a public comment period. A certified court reporter recorded all public comments verbatim in the technical presentation and public comment period in the auditorium.

Photographs of the Public Hearing are included in Appendix E. The certified transcript of the Public Hearing is included in Appendix F.

Hand-outs:
Bilingual information packets were distributed at the Public Hearing. Packets included an agenda, typical sections of the project, and direction on how to comment. Copies of the hand-outs provided at the Public Hearing are included in Appendix G. Media packets were also available to members of the media present at the Public Hearing.

Exhibits:
Exhibits were displayed on easels and tables throughout the room, included in Appendix H. In addition to the sign-in table, the following exhibits were on display during the Public Hearing.
• Welcome to the Public Hearing
• Project Need and Purpose
• Project Description
• SH 249 Study Area Map
• Reasonable Alternative Alignments
• Preferred Alternative
• Proposed Typical Section
• Design Criteria
• Environmental Considerations
• Additional Environmental
• Project Funding and Schedule
• Locations for Draft EIS Review
• Next Steps (outline of procedures following the hearing)
• Public Hearing Comments

Opportunities for Public Comment:
The public was invited to submit written and/or oral comments during the Public Hearing. Oral comments could be provided during the formal public comment session as well as in the commons area and were transcribed by a court reporter.

All attendees were informed that written comments could also be submitted after the Public Hearing by the end of the comment period (March 9, 2015) via mail or email. Contact information was provided at the Public Hearing and in the newspaper notices published prior to the Public Hearing.

Comments Received:
The deadline for public comment was Monday, March 9, 2015. A total of 42 public comments were received. Of those comments, eight were given orally during the public hearing, 30 were written and four were transcribed from comments given to the court reporter in the commons area. Copies of all oral, written and transcribed comments are included in Appendix I.

Positive and negative feedback was received on the project. Of the 30 written comments, ten were in favor of the proposed project, nine were opposed to the project and eleven did not indicate whether they were in favor or opposed to the project (either on the comment form or in an email/letter). Some of the comments included effect on property values, increase in noise, opposes toll road, expand existing facilities such as FM 1774 and FM 149, access, and Right-of-Way acquisition process/timing.
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Who to contact

Your request has been received and is being considered by TxDOT representatives as the planning process continues. You may also contact your state representative to voice your concern.

Alternatives

Alignments were evaluated that were further west; however they were not determined to be the best alternative for the Selected Alternative. Alignment due to additional impacts or design constraints due to social and natural resources (such as neighborhoods and floodplains). Refer to Section 2 Alternatives Analysis of the Draft EIS.

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<td>Paul Malatesta</td>
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<td>Written</td>
<td>Not able to make your meeting due to traffic congestion in our area at 5:30 - 7 pm. I have these concerns: 1) Noise - as an engineer I am concerned about the increase in the level of noise day and night. I request you reconsider some type of barrier to maintain the current ambient noise level. It is low and because we are in the country and we want to keep it that way. That is why we bought this property. 2) Increase traffic on FM 148. We currently have experienced significant increase in traffic and there is not coordination</td>
<td>Noise</td>
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<td>for a road that requires tolls to justify its existence? Apparently, the money is not available to provide sound barriers either. At the very least sound suppression should be an integral part of the plan. Please reconsider the current proposed routes and just expand FM 1774 which is already the most direct route.</td>
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<td>Kathy Mazzafredo</td>
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<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>As I am sure you are aware, the Grimes County Commissioner’s Court, the Town of Anderson and the City of Iola have all passed resolutions opposing the 249 extension project in Grimes County. An overwhelming majority of the citizens and property owners in Grimes County are against, and have consistently voiced their opposition to, this project going through Grimes County. I believe that Grimes County has spoken... &quot;NO BUILD&quot;. We don't want any part of this toll road going through Grimes County. It is time that TxDOT starts working with the Grimes County 391 Commission to discuss alternative, mutually acceptable options before making any final determinations regarding this phase of the project or proceeding the any future phase of the project that affects Grimes County. In light of the strong opposition to this project in Grimes County and Gov. Abbott’s recent</td>
<td>Traffic</td>
<td>2) The Selected Build Alternative includes all roadway improvements included in the 2040 RTP, including the roadway improvements on FM 149, and it is anticipated that the Selected Alternative is needed in addition to the planned improvements to improve traffic movements within the project area including FM 149. TxDOT has worked close with Montgomery County to accommodate future county road improvements.</td>
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<td>Property Values</td>
<td>3) Changes in property values are driven by value associated with accessibility, safety, noise, visual amenity, community cohesion, and business productivity. National Cooperative Highway Research Program Report 456, Guidebook for Assessing the Social and Economic Effects of Transportation Projects (D. Forkenbrock and G. Weisbrod) 2001. TxDOT cannot reasonably foresee which of these aspects will impact property value in a negative or positive way. Moreover TxDOT does not have the legal authority to compensate property owners for any loss of property value.</td>
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<td>Selected Alternative</td>
<td>4) The alignment of the Selected Alternative has been given full consideration during planning and schematic design activities associated with preparation of the Final EIS and detailed design of the SH 249 Extension project. See Section 3 Alternatives in the Final EIS and Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.</td>
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<td>The Texas Transportation Commission has determined that constructing new location roadways as toll facilities is the most efficient and expedient means of ensuring their construction and operation, and encourages the development of partnerships and the employment of innovative methods for its financing and construction. H-GAC 2040 RTP Update identifies the addition of tolled facilities as necessary to address current congestion and future growth in the Houston region. See Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.</td>
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<td>Other alternatives were evaluated throughout the planning process, but it was determined that the Selected Alternative Alignment would best fit all needs and purposes (See Section 1 of the Draft EIS and Section 2 of the Final EIS) of the project as well as minimizing impacts. Refer to Section 3 Alternatives in the Final EIS and Section 2 Alternatives.</td>
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<td>Julie Moore</td>
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<td>Written</td>
<td>We bought our house 2.5 yrs ago and about 1 year after we moved in, we were told our house was under eminent domain. We haven’t had hardly any correspondence from anybody regarding a time frame. We learned there was a townhall meeting on Oct 3rd, 2013 and we were not informed. We have been in the dark. Our lives are on hold and we are not young anymore. It will be difficult to start over and make a new home the way we like it. We weren’t even given a letter about the meeting tonight. Our neighbor, Diana, gave us a copy of hers. Putting lives on hold + keeping people uninformed is unacceptable. If you are going to take our home/lives from us please DO NOT violate us a second time by not giving us information.</td>
<td>Mailing List</td>
<td>By the submission of this comment, your name has been added to the mailing list for all upcoming public involvement. A notice was sent to all properties adjacent to the right-of-way, to the property owners listed in the appraisal district records on 1/16/2015. In addition, monthly email communication from TxDOT had been established prior to the public hearing and an email notification was sent on 1/8/2015 regarding the date and time of the public hearing.</td>
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<td>James McCabe</td>
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<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>Are they considering making an additional egress routes from subdivisions that only have one way in + out like Cripple Creek Farms?</td>
<td>Access</td>
<td>SH 249 Toll Road will be a limited access freeway with limited frontage roads. Existing access to and from any existing development (e.g., commercial, business, residential, farm, etc.) would be provided and/or maintained before, during, and after construction. Additional access beyond TxDOT design standards would be a matter for the local planning authorities.</td>
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<td>Catherine Walsh</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>FM1774 Alternatives It is assumed by TxDOT that the commenter would like for FM 1774 to be used rather than the Selected Alternative. Refer to Section 2 Alternatives Analysis of the Draft EIS. An alignment along the FM 1774 corridor was considered in the SH 249 Major Investment Study (MIS), dated February 28, 2002; however, due to the impacts to adjacent landowners along FM 1774 it was dropped from further consideration. In addition, the Selected Build Alternative includes all roadway improvements included in the 2040 RTP, including the expansion of FM 1774. Traffic studies found that the Selected Alternative is needed in addition to the planned improvements to improve traffic movements within the project area including FM 1774. TxDOT has worked close with Montgomery County to accommodate future county road improvements.</td>
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<td>Written</td>
<td>Bryan - College Station and Houston will continue to grow, and traffic between the two communities will intensify. This toll road offer an alternative to those needing quicker travel, and will result in less traffic on SH105, providing faster and less congested travel for those desiring to travel on SH105. There are no free roads, only those that are tax supported and those supported by user fees. Improved access between Bryan - C/S will need to be addressed. Waiting will multiply construction costs. It makes sense to provide an alternative supported by user fees, especially when existing options continue to be available to local residents at no additional cost to them.</td>
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<td>Carlos Solis</td>
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<td>Please start this project soon. Our city needs the traffic relief. Thank you.</td>
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<td>Michael Parks</td>
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<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>We are very much in support of the project. Our region has expressed support in the past and continues to do so. WC support the proposed B/C route for purposes of public safety/evacuation, economic development and alleviation of traffic congestion. Please keep us informed.</td>
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<td>Randy Mentz</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>The current boundary line cut my property in half. I would like for TXDOT to please buy all of my property.</td>
<td>Property Purchase</td>
<td>Determinations about how much property is needed for a project are made during the final design process. Every effort is made to avoid and/or minimize impacts to both the natural and human environments. After final design is complete, right-of-way acquisition begins. In general terms, the residence or business will be appraised and a fair market value price will be offered. If you have questions about the property acquisition process before right-of-way acquisitions begin, please contact TxDOT.</td>
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<td>Written</td>
<td>If my family wanted to live in the city or suburbs we'd move, we live in the country for a reason. Leave us alone.</td>
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<td>Rick + Lisa Carswell (each filled out a form)</td>
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<td>Written</td>
<td>As per our meeting a year ago - the road still has not moved - our 20 acres is across the street from the church on 149. We own the 20 acres on the South Side of 149 where the proposed road will cross. As I indicated in our previous meeting we were surprised at the road course change between 2003 +2004 and the meeting in 2013 and tonight. We were originally retaining part of our property - now you have the road going through the middle of the property. As per our meeting on Washington Avenue - your comment was that you were going to work with us. What happened?</td>
<td>Alternatives</td>
<td>Refer to Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS. The analysis was conducted to determine the alignment that best fit the need and purpose of the project as well as minimizing impacts to adjacent properties including the Fellowship Baptist Church. TxDOT did meet to discuss options to avoid or minimize impacts to your property; however, after further evaluations there are design constraints due to the floodplains within the area of your property, the alternative shown at the October 3, 2013 public meeting was found to be the least impacting alternative.</td>
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<td>Lisa Schlessman</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>My property is up against the 8’ brick wall! There is only (1) way into the subdivision + (1) way out. I at least had escape route if there was a fire or some emergency. Now I'm locked in! There must be a Texas law that has several exits + entrances into a subdivision. Please keep us safe. Give us several ways out!</td>
<td>Access, Noise</td>
<td>SH 249 Toll Road will be a limited access freeway with limited frontage roads. Existing access to and from any existing development (e.g., commercial, business, residential, farm, etc.) would be provided and/or maintained before, during, and after construction. Additional access beyond TxDOT design standards would be a matter for the local planning authorities. The final decision to construct noise barriers (8’ brick wall), will not be made until after project design, utility evaluation, and polling of adjacent property owners. Meetings will be held to discuss noise abatement measures with affected landowners prior to and/or during construction and then affected property owners are given the opportunity to vote if they want the noise wall or not. Design of the SH 249 Extension project would be developed using...</td>
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<td>Michael Moore</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>I get the roadway - that being said I think it’s criminal that you take away people’s lives - knowing the road is coming we should be contacted immediately check in hand so that people can live their lives.</td>
<td>Relocation</td>
<td>Every effort is made to avoid and/or minimize impacts to both the natural and human environments. Generally, once the environmental analysis is approved, a property owner is contacted and offered fair market value for the property sought to be acquired. Improvements made to the property are considered. If the property is acquired, relocation information and assistance is available. See Section 4.3.4 of the Draft EIS.</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>Travis Halm</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>This route better connects Houston with Bryan/College Station &amp; Waco, two major universities (TAMU; Baylor) and alleviates Magnolia congestion issues. Will aid in safer hurricane evacuation.</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>George Shackelford</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>It is extremely important to complete this project.</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/23/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>Why is another road even being considered, most especially a toll road when it makes more sense and would be much more economical to widen the existing FM 1774 at 149 all the way to north of Todd Mission? If TxDOT cannot afford to build the road you are shoving down our throats without making it a toll road, then don’t build it. We do not want or need another toll road. We are already taxed on our roads. This project needs to go back to the drawing board.</td>
<td>Toll Facilities</td>
<td>The Texas Transportation Commission has determined that constructing new location roadways as toll facilities is the most efficient and expeditious means of ensuring their construction and operation, and encourages the development of partnerships and the employment of innovative methods for its financing and construction. H-GAC 2040 RTP Update identifies the addition of tolled facilities as necessary to address current congestion and future growth in the Houston region. See Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.</td>
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<td>Bruce Hillegeist</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/24/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>Please continue to proactively extend SH 249 from FM 1774 to North of Todd Mission. With Texas unprecedented growth the completion of SH 249 from Houston to Navasota is warranted, very much needed for safety and economic/job growth and prosperity.</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>Dan</td>
<td>Newrones</td>
<td>2/25/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>Move to country to get away from the noise and congestion. Now you want to put the freeway right in front of our house. Who’s going to buy it - I know TxDOT is not. Thanks for the future noise!</td>
<td>Noise</td>
<td>During the development and preparation of the Final EIS, a noise analysis per TxDOT’s Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise was performed. The analysis predicted future noise levels and identified noise impacts. The noise impacts were evaluated to determine possible mitigation measures. Per TxDOT guidance, noise mitigation must be determined to be both feasible and reasonable before being proposed for incorporation into the project. To be feasible a noise wall must reduce noise by at least 5 db(A) at greater than 50% of first row of impacted receivers and a reduction of 7 db(A) for at least one of the adjacent noise receivers. To be reasonable it must be cost effective to build, no more than $25,000 per benefited receiver. The final decision to construct noise barriers will not be made until after project design, utility evaluation, and polling of adjacent property owners. Meetings will be held to discuss noise abatement with affected landowners prior to and/or during construction. The final decision to implement any proposed noise mitigation would be made at the completion of project design and the public involvement process. See Section 4.7 Noise of the Final EIS.</td>
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<td>21</td>
<td>John</td>
<td>F. Knupp</td>
<td>2/24/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>I am opposed to a toll road (for profit highway) and the taking of private property to do so. If you are going to build a highway to benefit all of the people including those that live in and around Magnolia then you need a highway around Magnolia that will benefit the community in the future, allowing for development of new businesses and communities where people are allowed to live. Montgomery County is a fast growing area of Texas and the population is expected to double in the next 20 years. The planning by TxDOT needs to plan for the future development of the area. New roads such as FM 249 need frontage roads just like those in the Tomball area.</td>
<td>Toll Facilities</td>
<td>The Texas Transportation Commission has determined that constructing new location roadways as toll facilities is the most efficient and expedient means of ensuring their construction and operation, and encourages the development of partnerships and the employment of innovative methods for its financing and construction H-GAC 2040 RTP Update identifies the addition of tolled facilities as necessary to address current congestion and future growth in the Houston region. See Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.</td>
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<td>Kathleen Tatum</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/21/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>I think a frontage road between 1486 and 1488 would help business in Magnolia and also alleviate some traffic on 1774.</td>
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<td>Frontage roads have been found to reduce the traffic capacity of roadways due to the growth (commercial, retail, residential) that typically develops along the frontage roads introducing additional local traffic to a regional roadway. Frontage roads, in general, will not be present along the SH 249 Extension (Segment 1). However, frontage roads have been considered at the beginning and end of the project near FM 1774 for traffic circulation purposes. No other frontage roads will be provided at this time. (In addition, TxDOT is currently evaluating a Magnolia Bypass to relieve traffic on existing FM 1488 in Magnolia, TX.)</td>
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<td>Sandra Gidswick</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>I see a far greater need for solutions to severe congestion on 1774 and 149 than I do for the creation of yet another toll road. It will not solve any of the traffic problems we have now.</td>
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<td>The Selected Build Alternative includes all roadway improvements included in the 2040 RTP, including the expansion of FM 1774 and FM 149. Traffic studies found that the Selected Alternative is needed in addition to the planned improvements to improve traffic movements within the project area including FM 1774.</td>
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<td>24</td>
<td>Christopher Rhodes</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>1/27/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>I own 213 acres North of 1488 and North of Mill Creek. I have been notified that the road will come through my property and that a retention pond will be established on my property. I have a prior commitment out of state and will not be able to attend the public hearing on March 18, 2015. I have attended prior hearings and learned nothing. The road will come about 70 yards from my house. It is logical to me to angle the road farther West. I have presented this proposal to numerous people in the past. Each time I was ignored or told to write a letter to a different person. After about three years of stonewalling from TxDOT and engineers I have given up, but I do have some questions. I just want to know what somebody thinks. I don't want to bind TxDOT and warrant I will not use a response in a legal proceeding if one is later instituted. I don't tell me to contact someone else. I've fallen for that about five times. 1) The proximity of the construction and the highway will make my house nearly unlivable. Does TxDOT pay me for the decrease in value? 2) What sort of fencing will be used at the edge of the right of way? 3) Will I have access across the road to the West half of my property? 4) Realistically, when will construction begin from FM 1488 to FM 1774?</td>
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<td>1) Changes in property values are driven by value associated with accessibility, safety, noise, visual amenity, community cohesion, and business productivity. National Cooperative Highway Research Program Report 456, Guidebook for Assessing the Social and Economic Effects of Transportation Projects (D. Forkenbrock and G. Weisbrod) 2001. TxDOT cannot reasonably foresee which of these aspects will impact property value in a negative or positive way. Moreover TxDOT does not have the legal authority to compensate property owners for any loss of property value. The Draft EIS and Final EIS include a discussion of the indirect economic impacts on the neighborhoods, as shown in Section 4.4 of the Draft EIS.</td>
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<td>2) Design activities, such as the construction of a fence, could be discussed during the right-of-way acquisition negotiations. 3) SH 249 Toll Road will be a limited access freeway with limited frontage roads. Existing access to and from any existing development (e.g., commercial, business, residential, farm, etc.) would be provided and/or maintained before, during, and after construction. During final design and right of way acquisition TxDOT design standards will be used to determine if additional access is required.</td>
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<td>Brenda Wiedrich</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>3/6/2015</td>
<td>Written</td>
<td>To Whom It May Concern: I'm getting real tired of having to defend my worthless being in this country. The reason I say worthless is because all I ever do is try and make it a good place to live. But I have come to the conclusion that I'm only here as a taxpayer and I need to shut up. What do they call that oh yeah PAY AND SHUT UP. First of all I have a problem of the small advertising space it consumed, but like they say if your hiding something don't make it to obvious what you're doing. There was a gentleman that did speak on that because he couldn't believe there weren't more people there, in which I say they probably didn't see the 1 1/2 by 2 inch notice either. Second while I was strolling around the hall looking at the information that was put up for the dumb taxpayers to look at. Well out of the mouth of one of the persons to answer question and she said that TxDOT already has the funds for the project. So I went up and asked the question how much money did they get from the Texas rainy day fund, which she couldn't answer. I listened to the 2 speakers that carried on the show. I always like the question and answer part because of all of the people that are there and most of them are opposing the toll road or the high speed rail, it really doesn't matter because it all falls on deaf ears. After everyone was done with the show, I decided to ask the speaker the same question that I asked the lady. So my question is why DID both of them know that TxDOT had the money for the project but DIDN'T know if they got any money from the rainy day fund. To this day I still don't know the answer, but I will have a chance to ask that question if I see the advertising for the next meeting. I'm tired of the land grab that happens and maybe the environmentalists know more than we do. It is very apparent that it's Ok to split and take property that has been in families for generations. All of this is good as long as it doesn't affect me and my family. Another thing that I have heard is when a toll road is paid for the toll goes away, and I don't think that has or will ever happen. I also have heard that the states get gasoline tax money, but they don't know where it is being spent. My problem is that when I see Putin on TV I already know he's lying to us, and I'm beginning to say that our so called Democratic government we have is also doing what Putin does. There's a saying was their mouth moving so it must be a lie. I'm just tired of the lies and I'm old, but I feel so sorry for the children that we are expecting them to pay the credit card bill that has no limits. Thank You</td>
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<td>Michael Moore</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Oral - During Public Hearing</td>
<td>I would like to start my comments first by asking if any of our representatives from TxDOT or any of our elected officials, are you-all losing any portion of any of your homes? Ok, I had a few moments to read through – let me see this right here, this State Purchase of Right-of-Way. In one of the sections in here I was reading right here, it says that once that the appraisals come out, they'll do the survey of our land and then an offer is made for our property. It says: Our decision regarding the State's offer for the property needs to be made at the earliest possible time so that the completion of the acquisitions process is not delayed. Boy, we would hate to do anything to delay this roadway. You can appreciate the fact that there is a definite time frame required for every aspect of the highway or transportation project that involves your property. My life has a time frame too; and my life's on hold. It's been on hold for a year and a half, probably another year or year and a half before all this is taken up by everything that I've seen tonight. And I think it's downright criminal that you haven't been on our door step first saying: Look, get on with your lives. That's my comment.</td>
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<td>David Tullos</td>
<td>Grimes Citizen Advisory Group</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Oral-During Public Hearing</td>
<td>I am David Tullos. I'm from southern Grimes County, and I'm speaking on behalf of the Grimes Citizen Advisory Group. There are a number of reasons why this project shouldn't be built. Because I only have three minutes, I'm just going to quickly illustrate ten of them. 1) The first one would be that every opportunity in Grimes County, whether it's a TxDOT meeting, a Stop Grimes 249 meeting, the Grimes Citizen Advisory Group meeting, or a meeting of the Grimes County Planning Commission, an overwhelming majority of Grimes County citizens have opposed this project. That's reason number 1. 2) Number 2, Grimes County Commissioners' Court has passed two resolutions against this project. The last one which occurred on February 10th, just eight days ago, opposes all toll roads in Grimes County and specifically names this project. 3) Number 3, the town of Anderson and the City of Iola in Grimes County have passed resolutions opposing this 249 toll road project. 4) Number 4, the Grimes County Planning Commission oppose this project and has had a &quot;No Toll Road&quot; Policy since 2008. 5) Number 5, the new governor of Texas is against toll roads and has declared transportation to be an emergency item. This allows the new funding initiative to be fast-tracked and considered earlier than normal. He has promised to add $4 billion a year more to roads without raising taxes, fees, debts or tolls. 6) Number 6, TxDOT has violated federal law in planning of this project.</td>
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<td>I'm Doug Campbell from Plantersville in southern Grimes County, and I'm opposed to the construction of this roadway into Grimes County, and that's all.</td>
<td>Oral - During Public Hearing</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
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<td>7) Number 7, TxDOT has violated state law in the planning of this project. 8) Number 8, this project would damage and diminish the property values of the land along this proposed right-of-way. 9) Number 9, this project will have a permanent negative impact on the long-term economic development of southern Grimes County. 10) Number 10, this project will damage the Hurricane-Mill Creek watershed, which is major watershed for southern Grimes County. So, let me summarize this for you. This is a bad project. In southern Grimes County, we don't want this. Our government leaders don't want it. You work for us. So please stop what you're doing, stop this project, sit down with our elected officials and develop a transportation plan that makes sense for the long-term economic development of southern Grimes County.</td>
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<td>Doug Campbell</td>
<td>Self</td>
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Moreover TxDOT does not have the legal authority to compensate property owners for any loss of property value.

The Draft EIS and Final EIS include a discussion of the indirect economic impacts on the neighborhoods, as shown in Section 4.4 of the Draft EIS.

9) Impacts on local tax revenues may include temporary impacts during the construction phase of the project. In the longer term, land purchased for right-of-way will be removed from local tax rolls, thus potentially decreasing property tax revenues. As land becomes more urbanized and land use conversions occur, there would likely be additional local revenues from sales taxes and various miscellaneous fees and taxes assessed by municipal government. Tax revenues are anticipated to increase over time with secondary and induced economic activity. Detailed design components, such as fencing, will be determined in the design plan process. Access to and from any existing development (e.g., commercial, business, residential, farm, etc.) would be provided and/or maintained before, during, and after construction. See Section 4.4 Economics of the Draft EIS.

10) Surface waters occurring within the SH 249 Extension right-of-way of the Selected Alternative of SH 249 were identified during the development and preparation of the Final EIS, including stream segments of the Hurricane-Mill Creek watershed, associated with the Preferred Alternative. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) 303(d) list was reviewed for impaired waters that may be located within the Preferred Alternative alignment. Water quality issues were assessed in the Final EIS for these surface waters. Development of the Preferred Alternative alignment, and the impacts and activities associated with the alignment, must be in compliance with Sections 401, 402, and 404 of the Clean Water Act, and Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands). Development activities affecting navigable waters that may be present in the Preferred Alternative Alignment were assessed for compliance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) would be prepared and BMPs would be implemented to minimize impacts to area waters. Additional coordination with Montgomery and Grimes Counties local governments relative to storm water runoff pollution prevention may be required prior to project construction. See Section 4.8 Water Quality.
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<td>Robert Reynolds</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Oral - During Public Hearing</td>
<td>Robert Reynolds, a resident of Grimes County; and I was going to sell off some of my minutes to Mr. Tuttils here, but he said all he’s going to say for right now. Anyway, the Grimes County Commissioners County, the town of Anderson and the city of Iola have all passed resolutions opposing the 249 project in Grimes County. An overwhelming majority of the citizens and properly owners in Grimes County are against it and have consistently voiced their opposition to this project going through Grimes County. We believe Grimes County has spoken and it’s “No Build.” We don’t want any part of the toll road. It’s time TxDOT starts working with the Grimes County 391 Commission to discuss alternative mutually-acceptable option before making any final determinations regarding the phase of the project or proceeding with any further phase of the project that affects Grimes County. In light of the strong opposition to this project in Grimes County and Governor Abbott’s comments regarding the toll roads in his State of the State Address, it would be prudent for TxDOT to pause and pursue non-toll road options. Thank you.</td>
<td>Grimes County</td>
<td>Comment acknowledged: The SH 249 Extension 1 is from FM 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, in Grimes County and is not within the limits of Anderson or Iola. TxDOT has been meeting with Grimes County and on April 30, 2015, Grimes County Commissioners Court passed a resolution in favor of the SH 249 project in Grimes County. The Texas Transportation Commission has determined that constructing new location roadways as toll facilities is the most efficient and expeditious means of ensuring their construction and operation, and encourages the development of partnerships and the employment of innovative methods for its financing and construction. H-GAC 2040 RTP Update identifies the addition of tolled facilities as necessary to address current congestion and future growth in the Houston region. See Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.</td>
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<td>Bill Matt</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Oral - During Public Hearing</td>
<td>My name is Bill Matt. I live in Mill Creek Forest, which is directly adjacent, on the south side of Hazy Hollow. We were not even mentioned in the EIS; and the preferred route of your roadway crosses right through our subdivision, affecting my house and every other house on that end of our subdivision. Secondly, no explanation to me or anybody else that I know of has ever been given why the 1488 – I mean, the 1774 or 149 corridor cannot be used for this project. Thirdly, the talk has been mentioned that we have traffic problems and, therefore, that there’s a necessity for the 249 expansion; but as our Judge Doyal said earlier, if you came here tonight, you saw the traffic jams. It’s not because of 249. It’s because Magnolia can’t even get bridgework and 1774 completed. Now, if we can’t even complete projects that we wanted to get done in the first place to alleviate traffic problems, I don’t see any reason why there needs to be a toll road put in where no other road is. Thank you.</td>
<td>Displacements</td>
<td>All residential displacements within the project right-of-way have been evaluated, including those in Mill Creek Forest, even if the subdivision was not named. Refer to Section 4.3.4 Displacements and Relocations in the Draft EIS.</td>
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<td>Larry Lynch</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Oral - During Public Hearing</td>
<td>I’m a resident of Grimes County and I want to tell everybody here that I’m against that toll road. I don’t understand why the people of Montgomery County, why there are not more people out here tonight to oppose that toll road. Because what we’re doing when we let these toll roads go through, we’re making it easy, it’s just fueling the fire. Anytime TxDOT wants to put a road through, they’re going to hit you when you use it. My daddy used to always say: If you don’t have the money, don’t buy it. If the money’s not there to build that road without making it toll, then we don’t need it. So, let’s all get together. Let’s: The analysis was conducted to determine the alignment that best fit the need and purpose of the project as well as minimizing impacts, including evaluating traffic congestion. Refer to Section 1 Need and Purpose and Section 2 Alternative Analysis of the Draft EIS.</td>
<td>Grimes County</td>
<td>Comment acknowledged. It is noted that you oppose the SH 249 Extension project within Grimes County; the SH 249 Extension 1 is from FM 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, in Grimes County. Toll Facilities The Texas Transportation Commission has determined that constructing new location roadways as toll facilities is the most efficient and expeditious means of ensuring their construction and operation, and encourages the development of partnerships and the employment of innovative methods for its financing and construction. H-GAC 2040 RTP Update identifies the addition of tolled facilities as necessary to address current congestion and future growth in the Houston region.</td>
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<td>Yolanda Campbell</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Oral - During Public Hearing</td>
<td>My name is Yolanda Campbell and I live in Montgomery County and also own property in Plantersville. The 249 toll road is going to split my property in half. I won’t be able to raise my cattle there any longer. And here in Montgomery County, I see that there’s a need for road improvements.</td>
<td>Alternatives</td>
<td>Studies regarding the SH 249 Extension began in 2002 with the MIS and continued through the EIS process. Add language to say that all studies have been conducted in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines. The Selected Build Alternative includes all roadway improvements included in the 2040 RTP, including FM 1774 and FM 149 improvements within the RTP. Traffic studies found that the Selected Alternative is needed in addition to the planned improvements to improve traffic movements within the project area including FM 1774 and FM 149.</td>
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<td>Catherine Walsh</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Oral - To court reporter in Commons Area</td>
<td>I live in Plantersville, and I see where this comes out on 1774. My original understanding, it was going to be at 302, but it looks like it’s north of 302. 1774 cannot handle it. It’s just a two-lane road. It really needs to be expanded to be an interchange, and it didn’t look like they accounted for that. So, you know, 1774 and 302 where the Renaissance Festival traffic goes, that really needs to be expanded. Because that’s where they’ve had at least five accidents, three I know of for sure. And they said there was two more. But that’s where the firefighter got killed, at 302. It’s farther south of that line, but people — if people are — to get to the Renaissance Festival in October and November, they may take the tollroad, but they’re going to have to come south; so really, that whole area will need to be widened, so they might as well do the whole road. Makes sense to me.</td>
<td>Alternatives</td>
<td>The Selected Build Alternative includes all roadway improvements included in the 2040 RTP, including improvements to FM 1774, FM 1488 and FM 149. Traffic studies found that the Selected Alternative is needed in addition to the planned improvements to improve traffic movements within the project area including FM 1774, FM 1488 and FM 149.</td>
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<td>Michael Moore</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Oral - To court reporter in Commons Area</td>
<td>I get the road, but what I don’t get is the fact that our lives have totally been taken away from us. It’s been stripped out from underneath us, and it is damn wrong to treat people like this. They know it’s coming. It doesn’t matter to me if it’s next year, next week or three years from now.</td>
<td>Relocation</td>
<td>All studies and public involvement efforts in accordance with local, state and federal guidelines. A public meeting was held October 3, 2013 where TxDOT representatives were available to respond to questions/concerns. A public hearing was held on February 18, 2015 where TxDOT right-of-way Acquisition Specialists were available to...</td>
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<td>Susan Barker</td>
<td>Oral - To court reporter in Commons Area</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Oral</td>
<td>My name is Susan Barker. I am concerned about the reference Receptor R-14. I was told to ask for a noise barrier and also replant trees in the area, because approximately one and one forth acres will be taken off my property. And there’s trees on there that will be taken down. And the other question – maybe this should have been the first one: Who do I need to talk to at TxDOT about acquiring the entire property? My phone number is… The Receptor R-14 is 66 decibels at the moment and that’s the loudest it will go, and that’s high, so… My realtor has already appraised the property at approximately $300,000, and I’m concerned that once they take that piece of my property, it won’t be worth anything. I want the value out of my property. I’ve been there 27 years.</td>
<td>Noise</td>
<td>During the development and preparation of the Final EIS, a noise analysis per TxDOT’s Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise was performed. The analysis predicted future noise levels and identified noise impacts. The noise impacts were evaluated to determine possible mitigation measures. Per TxDOT guidance, noise mitigation must be determined to be both feasible and reasonable before being proposed for incorporation into the project. To be feasible a noise wall must reduce noise by at least 5 dB(A) at greater than 50% of first row of impacted receivers and a reduction of 7 db(A) for at-least one of the adjacent noise receivers. To be reasonable it must be cost effective to build, no more than $25,000 per benefited receiver. The final decision to construct noise barriers will not be made until after project design, utility evaluation, and polling of adjacent property owners. Meetings will be held to discuss noise abatement with affected landowners prior to and/or during construction. The final decision to implement any proposed noise mitigation would be made at the completion of project design and the public involvement process. See Section 4.7 Noise of the Final EIS. Once project approval is received, a property owner will be contacted and the residence or business will be appraised and a fair market value price will be offered. Relocation information and assistance is available. In general terms, the residence or business will be appraised and a fair market value price will be offered. Improvements made to the property or business will also be taken into consideration during the acquisition process. See Section 4.3.4 of the Draft EIS.</td>
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<td>Peter Mundy</td>
<td>Self/Business – Devon Energy</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Oral - To court reporter in Commons Area</td>
<td>Pete Mundy with Devon Energy. We operate the Pinehurst Field, which sits on the north side of Hazy Hollow subdivision. The access into the field, so we can access all of the wells – the oil and gas wells, comes up from the south from FM 1774. And according to one of the aerials over here on the easel board, there isn’t a bridge there. In other words, the extension crosses our only access into the field, and they don’t have a bridge there. We had talked with TxDOT two years ago about needing a bridge there, and they said, “Yeah, that probably wouldn’t be a problem.” So I just want to make sure that there’s a bridge there at that access road.</td>
<td>Access</td>
<td>Every effort is made to avoid and/or minimize impacts to both the natural and human environments. Generally, once the environmental analysis is approved, a property owner is contacted and offered fair market value for the property sought to be acquired. Improvements made to the property are considered. If the property is acquired, relocation information and assistance is available. See Section 4.3.4 of the Draft EIS.</td>
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<td>Devon</td>
<td>Business – Devon Energy</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
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<td>Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. (“Devon”) owns the surface of 1,100 acres in the part of the proposed SH 249 Extension Project. Devon previously owned oil and gas leases in the area by recently sold those leases to LINN Energy Holding, LLC. Devon remains the owner of a</td>
<td>Detention Ponds</td>
<td>Access to and from any existing development (e.g., commercial, business, residential, farm, etc.) would be provided and/or maintained before, during, and after construction. In addition, TxDOT has coordinated with Devon and there will be an overpass/underpass provided that can accommodate 18 feet vertical clearance which will allow for ingress and egress to the property.</td>
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<td>Rich Frazier - Counsel - Linn Energy</td>
<td>Business - Linn Energy</td>
<td>3/9/2015</td>
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<td>very substantial surface interest. Devon has the following comments: Water Retention Pond Location. The proposed location of the water retention pond is located near the middle of Devon's property, a location that significantly diminishes the value of land that is &quot;high and dry&quot; and very valuable for future commercial development. Devon respectfully requests that the pond be relocated to other property. However, if that is not possible Devon requests that the State consider splitting the 31 acre pond into several smaller, strategically placed ponds. Relocation to a flood plain area, which would be much more suitable for the pond, would also have a much less detrimental impact on the land's value. Property Value - Potential Commercial Development. The proposed route for SH 249 Project (recommended, Preferred B/C Alternative Alignment) is acceptable to Devon. In particular, the proposed grade-change/underpass that will accommodate large equipment and a four-lane boulevard suitable for future commercial development is very important to Devon. While Devon accepts the proposed route for SH 249, Devon's property has significant value for future commercial development. A recent appraisal indicates the land to be valued in excess of $18,000,000. Devon expects to be fairly compensated by the State. Property Value - Compensation. Design 1) Through discussion between TxDOT and Linn Energy Holdings (and Devon), a design was developed to provide a grade-change with an underpass that can accommodate up to 18 feet of vertical clearance. This is consistent with discussions and requests with Devon Energy and Linn Energy Holdings. TxDOT will continue to coordinate with Linn Energy as final design is developed. Pipeline 2) Coordination with the current land owner and lease holder will be required to insure that all safety protocols are adhered to and avoid any pipeline disruptions. Construction 3) During the final design process discussions would be held concerning possible shut in during construction of SH 249 Selected Alternative.</td>
<td>Property Value - Compensation</td>
<td>Right of way acquisition, and therefore payments for property, cannot begin until NEPA approval (Record of Decision). A property owner will be contacted and the residence or business will be appraised and a fair market value price will be offered. Improvements made to the property or business will also be taken into consideration during the acquisition process. See Section 4.3.4 of the Draft EIS.</td>
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<td>County Judge Craig Doyal</td>
<td>Montgomery County</td>
<td>2/18/2015</td>
<td>Oral - During Public Hearing</td>
<td>My name's Craig Doyal. I'm the Montgomery County Judge. I would like to speak in favor of this project, and I would like to thank TxDOT for their partnership in this project so far. We've talked to a lot of people from Tomball, from Magnolia, and a lot of property owners along this route, went to Austin and lobbied for the project. Most of you know, for many years this area was pretty quiet. There wasn’t a lot of traffic, wasn’t a lot of problems, but we’ve grown exponentially over the last few years. And the need for this project today is critically through Montgomery County. So, I am here today to speak in support of that project. I think that it – as we move forward – without SH 249, if you -- if you drove here tonight, you saw the traffic problems that we have. We are going to continue to grow each and every day. Without projects like this, the traffic congestion is just going to continue to get worse. So, I applaud TxDOT for their effort and look forward to partnering with you along with Harris County to get this project completed in Montgomery County, and I thank you for being here with us tonight.</td>
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<td>Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</td>
<td>Agency - TCEQ</td>
<td>2/5/2015</td>
<td>Written letter</td>
<td>The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has reviewed the above-referenced project and offers the following comments: This Project is in an area of Texas classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as severe nonattainment for the 1997 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and marginal nonattainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. Air Quality staff has reviewed the document in accordance with transportation and general conformity regulations codified in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 93 Subparts A and B. We concur with TxDOT's assessment. The management of industrial and hazardous waste at the site including waste treatment, processing, and/or disposal is subject to state and federal regulations. Construction and demolition waste must be sent for recycling or disposal at a facility authorized by the TCEQ. Special waste authorization may be required for the disposal of asbestos containing material. Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Elizabeth McKeever, CAPM, NEPA Coordinator, at (512) 239-2779 or <a href="mailto:NEPA@tceq.texas.gov">NEPA@tceq.texas.gov</a>.</td>
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<td>United States Environmental Protection Agency</td>
<td>Agency - EPA</td>
<td>3/9/2015</td>
<td>Written letter</td>
<td>In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the State Highway 249 Extension (SH 249). The purpose of this DEIS is to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed SH 249 tollway. EPA's review identified a number of potential adverse impacts to aquatic resources, threatened and endangered species, archeological resources, and wetlands. In addition, the DEIS does not contain enough information to fully consider aquatic resources, noise, threatened and endangered species, historical and archeological resources, wetlands, indirect and cumulative effects, and greenhouse gas emissions. For these reasons we have rated the DEIS as &quot;Environmental Concerns – Insufficient Information&quot; (EC-2). The EPA's Rating System Criteria can be found at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/comments/ratings.html">http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/comments/ratings.html</a>. EPA requests that these issues be addressed prior to releasing the Final EIS (FEIS). We have enclosed detailed comments which clarify our concerns.</td>
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<td>EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the DEIS. Please send our office one copy of the FEIS when it is electronically filed. This letter will be published on the EPA website, <a href="http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html">http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html</a>, according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the CAA to inform the public of our views on the proposed Federal action. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at <a href="mailto:stucky.marie@epa.gov">stucky.marie@epa.gov</a> or 214-665-7560, or contact Keith Hyden of my staff at <a href="mailto:hayden.keith@epa.gov">hayden.keith@epa.gov</a> or 214-665-2133.</td>
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<td>Background: The proposed SH 249 controlled access tollway extension project would extend from just south of SH 249/FM 1774/FM149 interchange in the City of Pinehurst to a new SH 249/FM 1774 interchange north of the City of Todd Mission. The proposed SH 249 Extension would be developed on a new location and would be approximately 14 to 15 miles in length. It would cross the southwest portion of Montgomery County and extend into the southeast portion of Grimes County.</td>
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<td>1) Displacements: Table 4-5, on page 4-8, indicates 2 residential houses will potentially be displaced, while table 4-6, on page 4-12 indicates 6 residences that will be displaced. Recommendation: Clarify how many residential displacements will occur as a result of the project. Discuss the reason for the displacement, such as construction of the road, noise, or other factor.</td>
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<td>2) Per the DEIS, all communities near the SH 249 Extension will be impacted. There will be displaced and relocated residents as well as the Believers Fellowship Baptist Church and school that will be impacted. Recommendation: There should be a continuous communication and public participation plan for this project that includes town hall meetings and listening sessions in regards to impacts to the parks, homes, churches, etc. Submit the public participation plan to EPA for review.</td>
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<td>1) The intent of Table 4-5 (Potential Impacts to Residential Communities/Subdivisions) on page 4-7 in the Draft EIS is solely for discussion of impacts within residential communities. While Table 4-6 (Potential Displacement/Relocation by Alternative Alignment) shows all displacements per alternative. Due to the rural nature of the project area, two of the six residential displacements would occur within a neighborhood (Hazy Hollow), while the other 4 residential displacements are scattered residential sites. This is stated on page 4-13 of the Draft EIS under the heading Alternative Alignment B/C and C: “Of the seven displacements/relocations, two would be from Hazy Hollow East neighborhood. The remaining displacements/relocations are single, scattered residential sites.” A footnote has been added Table ROD-1 of the ROD and Table 2 of the Final EIS to clarify that displacements are only when structures are within the ROW.</td>
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<td>2) Section 5 of the Final EIS outlines all public involvement activities throughout the National Environmental Policy Act process. TxDOT has conducted the public involvement process for SH 249 Extension in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations and guidelines. During the MIS phase of the project, public meetings were held with local stakeholders and the public on November 16, 2000, March 29, 2001 and October 16, 2001. As part of the Draft EIS phase of the project, a public meeting was held on December 15, 2003, June 17, 2004, November 18, 2004 and October 3, 2013 where TxDOT representatives presented environmental information including community impacts analysis. TxDOT was available to answer property owner’s questions/concerns. A public hearing was then held on February 18, 2015. At the public hearing more detailed environmental</td>
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| 3) Noise: Page 4-47 of the DEIS states 'before any abatement measure can be proposed for incorporation into the project, it must be both feasible and reasonable. In order to be “feasible,” the abatement measure must be able to reduce the noise level at an impacted receptor by at least 5 dB(A) at greater than 50 percent of the first row impacted receivers, and to be “reasonable,” it must not exceed the cost-effectiveness criterion of $25,000 for each receiver that would benefit by a reduction of at least 5 dB(A) and at least one first row receiver must achieve the noise reduction design goal of at least 7 dB(A). Page ES-9 states noise barriers would only be feasible and reasonable for 66 impacted receivers under Alternative Alignment B/C. What is not stated is that for the residential noise sensitive receptors (NSR) who will be impacted by traffic noise as a result of the tollway, for which noise abatement was deemed feasible or reasonable. There are 19 residential NSR's identified in table 4-16 that will be affected by the tollway. Some of the residences will experience increases of 20 dB(A) or more. Information on displacements and potential buyouts of adversely affected residences is lacking in the DEIS.

Recommendation: Please clarify exactly what will happen to the 19 residences adversely affected by noise, for which no abatement or mitigation is proposed. Are they included in displacement or buyout totals? Explain any methods used to compensate the residences for their loss in property values. |

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| 3) TxDOT will continue to meet the federally-approved noise guidelines for mitigation, including alternative mitigation measures. See Section 4.7 Noise of the Final EIS.

Currently, TxDOT guidelines do not provide alternative mitigation measures, such as buyouts, for those residences that are affected by the tollway, for which noise abatement was not deemed feasible or reasonable. |

| 4) Threatened and Endangered Species: Pages 4-59 through 4-62 detail potential impacts to threatened and endangered species (T&E). There has currently been minimal field surveys conducted to determine impacts to T&E species. For T&E species determinations other than "no impact"; consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is required.

Recommendation: Complete consultation with the USFWS on any T&E species that has not previously received a "no effect" determination. For state listed T&E species complete consultation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife |

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| 4) Since the release of the Draft EIS, field investigations were conducted for approximately 76 percent of the SH 249 Extension right-of-way for the Selected Alternative Alignment. Impact calls have been made for those properties with right-of-entry ROE and at this time consultation with USFWS is not required. TxDOT sent USFWS a letter dated January 15, 2015, which indicated that the Draft EIS was available (and provided the website link) for review and comment.

Consultation with Texas Parks and Wildlife Division (TPWD) has been initiated. TxDOT provided TPWD a Tier I Assessment (including T&E analysis) per TxDOT and TPWD’s Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). TxDOT received a response that TPWD had received the Tier I |

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<td>Department (TPWD).</td>
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<td>Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change: Climate change and Greenhouse gas (GHG) were not mentioned or analyzed in the DEIS.</td>
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<td>Recommendation: EPA recommends that climate change issues be analyzed consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality’s (CEQ) December 2014 revised draft guidance for Federal agencies’ consideration of GHG emissions and climate change impacts when conducting environmental reviews under NEPA. Accordingly, we recommend the FEIS include an estimate of the GHG emissions associated with the project, qualitatively describe relevant climate change impacts, and analyze reasonable alternatives and/or practicable mitigation measures to reduce project-related GHG emissions: More specifics on those elements are provided below. In addition, we recommend that the NEPA analysis address the appropriateness of considering changes to the design of the proposal to incorporate GHG reduction measures and resilience to foreseeable climate change. The FEIS should make clear whether commitments have been made to ensure implementation of design or other measures to</td>
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Final EIS has a commitment to conduct field studies on the remaining 24 percent and consultation with USFWS and TPWD on T&E species will be completed if species or habitat is found. See Section 4.11 Threatened and Endangered Species of the Final EIS.

Assessment on 6/27/2014. TxDOT received another response from TPWD on 07/02/2014 and 07/09/2014 indicating that TPWD would not review the Tier I Assessment because coordination with TPWD had begun prior to the Tier I assessment being submitted and that they would review the Draft EIS with more detailed information. TxDOT sent a letter to TPWD on February 12, 2015 which indicated that the Draft EIS was available for review and comment. The Final EIS will also be made available to TPWD for review prior to its release to the public.
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<td>7) Include in the “Affected Environment” section of the FEIS a summary discussion of climate change and ongoing and reasonably foreseeable climate change impacts relevant to the project, based on U.S. Global Change Research Program1 assessments, to assist with identification of potential project impacts that may be exacerbated by climate change and to inform consideration of measures to adapt to climate change impacts.</td>
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<td>Estimate the GHG emissions associated with the proposal and its alternatives. Example tools for estimating and quantifying GHG emissions can be found on CEQ's NEPA.gov website2. For actions which are likely to have less than 25,000 metric tons of CO2-e emissions/year, provide a qualitative estimate unless quantification is easily accomplished. The estimated GHG emissions can serve as a reasonable proxy for climate change impacts when comparing the proposal and alternatives. In disclosing the potential impacts of the proposal and reasonable alternatives, consideration should be given to whether and to what extent the impacts may be exacerbated by expected climate change in the action area, as discussed in the &quot;affected environment&quot; section.</td>
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<td>Describe measures to reduce GHG emissions associated with the project, including reasonable alternatives or other practicable mitigation opportunities and disclose the estimated GHG reductions associated with such measures. The alternatives analysis should, as appropriate, consider practicable changes to the proposal to make it more resilient to anticipated climate change. EPA further recommends that the FEIS commits to implementation of reasonable mitigation measures that would reduce or eliminate project-related GHG emissions.</td>
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<td>3 Recognizing that climate impacts are not attributable to any single action, but are exacerbated by a series of smaller decisions, we do not recommend comparing GHG emissions from a proposed action to global emissions. As noted by the CEQ revised draft guidance, “[t]his approach does not reveal anything beyond the nature of the climate change challenge itself. [t]he fact that diverse individual sources of emissions each make relatively small additions to global atmospheric GHG concentrations that collectively have huge impact...”</td>
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**Comment Category:** Draft Response

**Recommendation:** Clarify whether or not preliminary jurisdictional determination/wetland delineation has been conducted. If not, complete draft jurisdictional determination/wetland delineation and provide the results in the FEIS.

**Mitigation Plan; Section 3.9 and 4.9.2**

10) A draft mitigation plan for impacts to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. should have been provided as part of the DEIS for review and comment.

**Recommendation:** If an alternative that completely avoids impacts to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. cannot be considered, then we recommend a draft mitigation plan to compensate for impacts to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. be completed and provided in the FEIS.

**Indirect and Cumulative Impacts; Section ES-4, 5.7.3, and 6.3.3.**

11) Indirect effects associated with the proposed SH 249 Extension would include encroachment alteration effects to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. The DEIS appears to reflect an underestimation of the impacts of future jurisdictional wetland and stream impacts due to induced development. The DEIS assumes that all impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and streams will be fully mitigated for. Also, the DEIS appears to downplay the significance of cumulative impacts on wetlands and other waters of the U.S. in the Houston area in general, as well as in the project area.

**Recommendation:** Revise the text to explicitly state that indirect effects of the proposed project include encroachment alteration and induced development effects to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. Acknowledge that the potential cumulative impacts due to continued urbanization of this area include impacts to wetlands and other waters of the U.S.

**ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS**

12) While we realize there are numerous factors and criteria to take into consideration in the development and analysis of alternatives for a project such as this, it appears that the selection of the study area, and all alternatives considered, did not include consideration of areas farther away from the Mill Creek floodplain, where there might be fewer wetlands and streams that would be impacted.

**Recommendation:** Consider expanding the study area to

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**Note:**

be been submitted to the USACE. The USACE will not approve the individual permit until after issuance of the ROD. The See Section 4.9 Wetlands and Other Waters of the US of the Final EIS.

Waters

11) The Draft EIS Indirect Impact Analysis, Section 5, does discuss encroachment alteration effects to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. The Draft EIS states that encroachment growth would likely be limited to intersections with existing roadways were access ramps would be available (Section 5.5.2) and the Draft EIS also discusses the amount of mapped wetlands and streams within the Area of Influence (AOI) (Section 5.6.3).

The Final EIS reassessed the cumulative impacts to water resources and in Section 4.23.2.5 it is acknowledged that impacts to non-jurisdictional waters and wetlands are not regulated and could be realized with future developments, the future total impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and waters of the U.S. would be regulated and limited by the USACE and EPA. In addition, in Section 4.23.2.7, the Final EIS states:

"To a large extent, impacts to wetlands would be avoided, minimized, or mitigated by compliance with existing federal statutes that apply to private and government interests. The USACE (under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act) has legislative mandates to reduce or avoid significant and adverse impacts to protected resources on an individual and cumulative basis. The regulations are intended to minimize adverse effects on protected water resources as a cumulative consequence of development."

Waters

12) TxDOT evaluated several corridors during the MIS based on constraints mapping to determine the best corridor to create the Draft EIS alternatives. The MIS found that either the corridors crossed Mill Creek and its tributaries, or Walnut Creek and its tributaries. The MIS corridor chosen for development of the Draft EIS alternatives was chosen based on all constraints evaluated and public involvement to have the least impacts. The corridor was even widened to allow better placement of the Draft EIS alternatives to further minimize impacts.

In addition, the Alternatives Analysis was conducted in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations/guidelines. No additional
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<td>Under Section 12.0011 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is charged with “providing recommendations that will protect fish and wildlife resources to local, state, and federal agencies that approve, permit, license, or construct developmental projects: and “Providing information on fish and wildlife resources to any local, state, and federal agencies or private organizations that make decisions affecting those resources.” Please be aware that a written response to a TPWD recommendation or information comment received by a state governmental agency may be required by state law. For further guidance, see the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Section 12.0011, which can be found on line at <a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PW/htm?PW.12.htm#12.0011">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PW/htm?PW.12.htm#12.0011</a>. For tracking purposes, please refer to TPWD project number ERCS-10595 in any return correspondence regarding this project. TxDOT proposes the extension of SH 249 on new location for approximately 15 miles, from FM 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County to FM 1774 in Todd Mission, Grimes County. The proposed SH 249 extension is planned as a four main lane controlled access toll road, with intermittent frontage roads, located within a typical 400 foot right-of-way (ROW). TPWD has previously provided comments on this project on December 3, 2013, March 20, 2006 and April 21, 2005.</td>
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 alternatives will be evaluated. TxDOT had submitted a Section 404 individual permit to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for impacts to waters of the U.S., along with a mitigation plan, for coordination and approval.

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

13) Coordination with several local, state, and national agencies concerning environmental laws and executive orders is ongoing. There are also a number of permits referenced in the DEIS that will need to be acquired prior to project construction commencing.

Recommendation: EPA recommends that TxDOT include all correspondence with resource agencies mentioned in the DEIS in a dedicated section or appendix of the FEIS, and not release the FEIS until all consultations required for the project have been completed.
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Appendix A  Public Hearing Certification
CERTIFICATION

County: Montgomery and Grimes Counties
Highway: SH 249
Control: 3635-01-001 and 3635-02-001

This is to certify that:

1. A Public Hearing was held at Magnolia West High School located at 42201 FM 1774, Magnolia, Texas 77354 on February 18, 2015.

2. The economic, social and environmental effects of the project’s location and design and its impact on the environment have been considered.

3. In determining economic, social and environmental effects, the statutory provisions of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 have been considered.

4. The project’s consistency with the goals and objectives of such urban planning as promulgated by the community have been considered.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Date
1/4/16

Quincy D. Allen, P.E.
District Engineer
Houston District
Appendix B  Notices of Public Hearing and Notices of Availability
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Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, on this day personally appeared, the Newspaper Representative at the HOUSTON CHRONICLE, a daily newspaper published in Harris County, Texas, and generally circulated in the Counties of: HARRIS, TRINITY, WALKER, GRIMES, POLK, SAN JACINTO, WASHINGTON, MONTGOMERY, LIBERTY, AUSTIN, WALLER, CHAMBERS, COLORADO, BRAZORIA, FORT BEND, GALVESTON, WHARTON, JACKSON, and MATAGORDA 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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed extension of State Highway (SH) 249 from FM 1775 in Pineland to FM 1774 in north of Todd Mission, Montgomery, and Grimes counties, Texas. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at Magnolia West High School, which is located at 42000 FM 1774, Magnolia, TX 77354.

The proposed SH 249 Extension would be constructed as a controlled access facility consisting of four main lanes within a typical 400-foot wide right-of-way (ROW). The project length is approximately 15 miles. Informations displays and individuals knowledgeable about the proposed SH 249 project will be available from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with the Public Hearing starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to view the displays and ask questions before the Public Hearing. The hearing will include a brief presentation discussing an overview of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) document and its findings.

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Approximately 737 acres of additional right-of-way would be required for the proposed project and displacements would be necessary. Personnel from the TxDOT Right-of-Way Section will be available to discuss TxDOT's Relocation Assistance Program that provides benefits and services for those that may be displaced. Information about the tentative right-of-way acquisition schedule may be obtained from the Houston District Office.

All interested persons are invited to comment on the Draft EIS document. The document is on file and available for review at the following locations: (1) Texas Department of Transportation, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007; (2) Montgomery County Area Office, 601 N. FM 3083, Conroe, TX 77303; (3) TxDOT Bryan District Office, 2901 North Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, TX 77802; (4) Malcolm Purvis Library, 510 Melton Street, Magnolia, TX 77354; (5) Tomball Public Library, 30255 SH 249, Tomball, TX 77375; (6) Navasota Public Library, 111 E. Washington Ave., Navasota, TX 77868; (7) Montgomery County Library Central Branch, 104 I-45 North, Conroe, TX 77301. The approved document can also be downloaded at http://www.txdot.gov/environmental-studies/houston/sh249-extension.html. All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing to express
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed extension of State Highway (SH) 249 from FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 in north of Todd Mission, Montgomery, and Grimes counties, Texas. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at Magnolia West High School, which is located at 45202 FM 1774 Rd., Magnolia, TX 77354.

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Personally appeared before the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for said County and State. Jennifer Underferth, Representative for Jason Joseph, General Manager and Publisher of the Tomball/Magnolia Potpourri, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Harris/Montgomery, 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

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Publisher's Representative

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of February, 2015.

Notary Public

My commission expires on (stamp)
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Charles E. Walichowski
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AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

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La extensión propuesta de la SH 249 se construirá como una instalación de peaje de acceso controlado que consta de cuatro carriles principales, dentro de una sección típica de 400 pies de ancho de derecho de vía (ROW). El largo del proyecto es de aproximadamente 15 millas. Exhibiciones informativas y personal con conocimientos del proyecto propuesto de la SH 249, estarán disponibles desde las 2:30 p.m. a 6:30 p.m. comenzando la Vista Pública, puntualmente a las 6:30 p.m. Los asistentes estarán invitados a ver las exhibiciones y hacer preguntas antes de la Vista Pública.

En la Vista se incluirá una breve presentación y se discutirá el borrador de la Declaración de Impacto Ambiental sus conclusiones.

El propósito de la Vista Pública es recibir el sentir y los comentarios en asuntos relevantes en relación lo que debe seguir en la próxima fase del proceso ambiental. La audiencia se servirá una oportunidad para hacer comentarios orales y escritos.

Se requerirán aproximadamente 727 acres adicionales de derecho de vía para el proyecto propuesto, y algunos desplazamientos serán necesarios. Personal del Sección de derecho de vía de TXDOT (ROW) estarán disponibles para discutir el Programa de Asistencia de Reubicación de TXDOT, que ofrece beneficios y servicios para los que pudieron verse afectados por los desplazamientos. Información acerca de los posibles itinerarios de ajustes de derecho de vía (ROW) pueden ser obtenidos en la Oficina Distrito de Houston.

Se invita a todas las personas interesadas a realizar comentarios sobre el borrador de la Declaración de Impacto Ambiental. El documento se encontrará disponible en Quebec Avenue, Houston, TX 77007; (2) Montgomery County Area Office, 901 N. FM 2593 East, Conroe, TX 77307; (3) TXDOT Bryan District Office, 2251 North Earl Read Dr, Bryan, TX 77803; (4) Malcolm Purvis Library, 510 Melton Street, Magnolia, TX 77354; (5) Tomball Public Library, 3001 S Highway 249, Tomball, TX 77375; (6) Navasota Public Library, 1411 E. Washington Ave, Navasota, TX 77863; (7) Montgomery County Library Central Branch, 104-A5 North Conroe, TX 77301. El documento tam-
El documento también se puede descargar en http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh240-extension.html. Se invita a todas las personas interesadas a asistir a esta vista para expresar sus puntos de vista y expresar sus comentarios. A las personas interesadas en asistir a la audiencia que tengan necesidades especiales de comunicación o requieran acomodación razonable se les debe ponerse en contacto con el District Public Information Officer (713) 802-5077. Debe tener la Vista Pública se llevará a cabo en inglés, también se deben hacer las solicitudes de intérpretes de otros idiomas o otros lenguajes que no sean inglés y se deben realizar en adelantado.

La Vista Pública de TxDOT ha solicitado a los escritos razonables para acomodar estas necesidades. Las oficinas de TxDOT están abiertas de lunes a viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m., excepto días festivos del Estado de Texas. Los comentarios escritos podrán ser enviados a TxDOT, Houston District, Atención: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386. Los comentarios también se aceptarán por correo electrónico en HOUPIDWebMail@txdot.gov o en línea http://www.txdot. gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh240-extension.html. El período de comentarios se cierra el 19 de marzo de 2015.

La revisión ambiental, consulta y otras acciones necesarias por leyes federales ambientales para este proyecto se han llevado a cabo por el Departamento de Transportación de Texas (TxDOT) conforme a 23 U.S.C. 307 y un Memorándum de Acuerdo con fecha del 15 de diciembre de 2014 y ejecutado por la Administración Federal de Carreteras (FHWA) y el TxDOT.
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revenue changes. This application addresses Eastex's final and actual FUSF impact for 2012.

Persons wishing to intervene or comment on the action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326 or by phone at (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. A deadline for intervention in this proceeding will be established. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephone (TTY) may contact the commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1. All comments should reference Docket Number 44054.

TRD-201500037
Adriana A. Gonzales
Rules Coordinator
Public Utility Commission of Texas
Filed: January 9, 2015

Texas Department of Transportation

Notice of Availability: Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) State Highway 45 Southwest in Travis and Hays Counties, Texas

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is advising the public of the availability of the Final EIS for the proposed construction of State Highway 45 Southwest (SH 45SW) in Travis and Hays Counties, Texas. The project would construct a four-lane, limited access toll road. The project limits extend from State Loop 1 (MoPac) to Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 1626, a distance of approximately four miles.

The purpose of the project is to improve system connectivity, local mobility, and travel times, while providing an efficient alternative route to congested local roadways in northern Hays and southern Travis Counties. The social, economic, and environmental impacts of the project have been analyzed in the Final EIS.

The Final EIS further studies the build alternative proposed in the Draft EIS and the no-build alternative, and identifies the build alternative as the preferred alternative. The preferred alternative is investigated at a higher level of detail in the Final EIS to facilitate the development of mitigation measures and to comply with other regulatory requirements.

The preferred alternative would consist of a limited access toll facility on new location and would include four 12-foot-wide lanes, 10-foot-wide outside shoulders, and four-foot-wide inside shoulders within a pre-existing state-owned right-of-way that varies between 300 and 600 feet. The preferred alternative includes a 10-foot-wide bicycle and pedestrian shared-use path along the entire length of the project. The preferred alternative would not require the acquisition of any additional right-of-way.

Copies of the Final EIS may be viewed at the http://www.sh45sw.com/ or at any of the following locations:
1. TxDOT Austin District Office, 7901 N IH 35, Austin, TX 78753;
2. TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, TX 78704;
3. Austin Public Library, Hampton Branch at Oak Hill, 5125 Convict Hill Road, Austin, TX 78749;
4. Austin Public Library, Pleasant Hill Branch, 211 E. William Cannon Drive, Austin, TX 78745; and
5. Buda Public Library, 303 Main Street, Buda, TX 78610.

A digital version of the Final EIS may be downloaded from the SH 45SW Project website at http://www.sh45sw.com. Paper copies of the Final EIS and other information about the project may be requested from TxDOT's District Office in Austin, Texas. Submit requests in writing to TxDOT-Austin District, Attn: Jon Geiselbrecht, P.O. Drawer 15426, Austin, TX 78761-5426 or by email to jon.geiselbrecht@txdot.gov. Paper copies may be obtained at the requestor's expense.

TRD-201500093
Joanne Wright
Deputy General Counsel
Texas Department of Transportation
Filed: January 14, 2015

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement - State Highway 249 Extension from Farm-to-Market Road 1774 in Montgomery and Grimes Counties

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is advising the public of the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) concerning the proposed construction of State Highway 249 Extension (SH 249) in Montgomery and Grimes Counties, Texas. The project would construct a four-lane, limited access toll road. The project limits extend from Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, a distance of approximately 15 miles.

The purpose of the proposed SH 249 Extension is to efficiently link the suburban communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and safety, and respond to population growth and residential development in the area. The social, economic, and environmental impacts of the project have been analyzed in the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS studies four build alternatives, the no-build alternative, and identifies the B/C alternative as the Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative would consist of a limited access toll facility on new location and would typically include four 12-foot-wide lanes, 10-foot-wide outside shoulders, and 4-foot-wide inside shoulders within a 400-foot right-of-way. The Preferred Alternative would require the acquisition of 727 acres of additional right-of-way.

Although the Draft EIS identifies a Preferred Alternative, the final selection of the Preferred Alternative would occur only after a public comment period including a public hearing, consideration of comments, and evaluation of environmental effects.

The Draft EIS is on file and available for review at the following locations:
(1) TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007;
(2) TxDOT Montgomery County Area Office, 901 North FM 3083 East, Conroe, TX 77303;
(3) TxDOT Bryan District Office, 2591 North Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, TX 77803;
(4) Malcolm Purvis Library, 510 Melton Street, Magnolia, TX 77354;
(5) Tomball Community Library/Lone Star College, 30555 SH 249, Tomball, TX 77375;
(6) Navasota Public Library, 1411 East Washington Avenue, Navasota, TX 77868;
(7) Montgomery County Library, Central Branch, 104 I-45 North, Conroe, TX 77301.

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Paper copies of the Draft EIS and other information about the project may be requested from TxDOT's District Office in Houston, Texas. Submit requests in writing to TxDOT-Houston District, Attention: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386. Paper copies may be obtained at the requestor's expense.

Written comments regarding the Draft EIS may be submitted to TxDOT-Houston District, Attention: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386. Comments will be accepted at HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov or the project website at http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html. The deadline to submit public comments will be not less than 15 days after the date of the public hearing.

As required by TxDOT's rules, the department will publish a notice in newspapers of a public hearing regarding the Draft EIS.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

TRD-201500092
Joanne Wright
Deputy General Counsel
Texas Department of Transportation
Filed: January 14, 2015

Public Hearing Notice - Texas Transportation Plan 2040

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at 200 East Riverside Drive, Room 1A-2, in Austin, Texas to receive public comments on the Texas Transportation Plan (TTP) 2040. The TTP is the 24-year long-range multimodal plan for the state of Texas.

Transportation Code, §201.601, requires the department to develop a statewide transportation plan that contains all modes of transportation. Title 23, United States Code, §135 requires the state to develop a long-range statewide transportation plan that provides for the development and implementation of the intermodal transportation system of the state. The Texas Transportation Commission has adopted rules located in Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 16, governing the planning and development of transportation projects, which include guidance regarding public involvement related to the development of the TTP.

A copy of the proposed TTP will be available for review at each of the department’s district offices, at the department’s Transportation Planning and Programming Division offices located in Building 118, Second Floor, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, or (512) 486-5132, and on the department’s website at: http://www.txdot.gov.

Persons wishing to speak at the hearing may register in advance by notifying Michelle Conkle, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, at (512) 486-5132 not later than Tuesday, February 10, 2015, or they may register at the hearing location beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. Speakers will be taken in the order registered. Any interested person may appear and offer comments or testimony, either orally or in writing; however, questioning of witnesses will be reserved exclusively to the presiding authority as may be necessary to ensure a complete record. While any persons with pertinent comments or testimony will be granted an opportunity to present them during the course of the hearing, the presiding authority reserves the right to restrict testimony in terms of time or repetitive content. Groups, organizations, or associations should be represented by only one speaker.

Persons are requested to refrain from repeating previously presented testimony. Persons with disabilities who have special communication or accommodation needs or who plan to attend the hearing may contact the Transportation Planning and Programming Division at 118 East Riverside Drive Austin, Texas 78704-1205, (512) 486-5035. Requests should be made no later than Friday, February 6, 2015. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the needs.

Interested parties who are unable to attend the hearing may submit comments regarding the proposed TTP to James W. Koch, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Programming, P.O. Box 149217, Austin, Texas 78714-9217. In order to be considered, all written comments must be received at the Transportation Planning and Programming office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2015.

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Joanne Wright
Deputy General Counsel
Texas Department of Transportation
Filed: January 14, 2015

Public Hearing Notice - Unified Transportation Program

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at 118 East Riverside Drive, First Floor ENV Conference Room, in Austin, Texas to receive public comments on the proposed updates to the 2015 Unified Transportation Program (UTP).

The UTP is a 10-year program that guides the development and authorizes construction of transportation projects and projects involving aviation, public transportation, and the state’s waterways and coastal waters. The Texas Transportation Commission has adopted rules located in Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 16, governing the planning and development of transportation projects, which include guidance regarding public involvement related to adoption of the UTP and approval of any updates to the program.

Information regarding the proposed updates to the 2015 UTP will be available at each of the department's district offices, at the department's Transportation Planning and Programming Division offices located in Building 118, Second Floor, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, or (512) 486-5038, and on the department's website at: http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.html.

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Joanne Wright
Deputy General Counsel
Texas Department of Transportation
Filed: January 14, 2015
The Federal Register

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Notice

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

A Notice by the Environmental Protection Agency on 01/23/2015


Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 01/12/2015 Through 01/16/2015

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at:

http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html

EIS No. 20150016, Final EIS, FHWA, FL, SR 997/SW 177th Avenue/Krome Avenue South, Contact: Cathy Kendall 850-553-2225.

Under MAP-21 section 1319, FTA has issued a single FEIS and ROD. Therefore, the 30-day wait review period under NEPA does not apply to this action.


EIS No. 20150018, Draft EIS, FHWA, TX, SH 249 Extension, Comment Period Ends: 03/09/2015, Contact: Carlos Swonke 512-416-2734.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20150011, Draft EIS, BR, CA, North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program, Comment Period Ends: 03/03/2015, Contact: Benjamin Lawrence (559) 487-5039.

Revision to FR Notice Published 01/16/2015; Extended Comment Period from 03/03/2015 to 03/10/2015.

Dated: January 20, 2015.

Cliff Rader,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Appendix C  Letters to Elected Officials, Adjacent Land Owners, Resource Agencies and Interested Parties
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed extension of State Highway (SH) 249: From FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 in north of Todd Mission, Montgomery and Grimes counties, Texas. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at Magnolia West High School, which is located at 42202 FM 1774 Rd, Magnolia, TX 77354.

The proposed SH 249 Extension would be constructed as a controlled access tolled facility consisting of four main lanes within a typical 400-foot wide right-of-way (ROW). The project length is approximately 15 miles. Informational displays and individuals knowledgeable about the proposed SH 249 project will be available from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with the Public Hearing starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to view the displays and ask questions before the Public Hearing. The hearing will include a brief presentation discussing an overview of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) document and its findings.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input and comments on the relevant issues that should be addressed in the next phase of the environmental review process. The hearing will provide an opportunity to make oral and written comments.

Approximately 727 acres of additional right-of-way would be required for the proposed project and displacements would be necessary. Personnel from the TxDOT Right-of-Way Section will be available to discuss TxDOT’s Relocation Assistance Program that provides benefits and services for those that may be displaced. Information about the tentative right-of-way acquisition schedule may be obtained from the Houston District office.

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Se invita a todas las personas interesadas a realizar comentarios sobre el borrador de la Declaración de Impacto Ambiental. El documento se encuentra archivado y disponible para su revisión en los siguientes lugares: (1) Texas Department of Transportation, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007; (2) Montgomery County Area Office, 901 N. FM 3083 East, Conroe, TX 77303; (3) TxDOT Bryan District Office, 2591 North Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, TX 77803; (4) Malcolm Purvis Library, 510 Melton Street, Magnolia, TX 77354; (5) Tomball Public Library, 30555 SH 249, Tomball, TX 77375; (6) Navasota Public Library, 1411 E. Washington Ave., Navasota, TX 77868; (7) Montgomery County Library Central Branch, 104 I-45 North, Conroe, TX 77301. El documento también se puede descargar en http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html. Se invita a todas las personas interesadas a asistir a esta vista para expresar sus puntos de vista y expresar sus comentarios. A las personas interesadas en asistir a la audiencia que tengan necesidades especiales de comunicación o requieran acomodo razonable ponerse en contacto con el District Public Information Officer (713) 802-5072. Debido que la Vista Pública se llevará a cabo en inglés, también se deben hacer las solicitudes de intérpretes de algún otro lenguaje que no sea inglés u otras necesidades especiales de comunicación, con al menos dos días en anticipación a la Vista Pública. Personal Hispanoparlante estarán presente en la Vista Pública. TxDOT hará todos los esfuerzos razonables para acomodar estas necesidades. Las oficinas de TxDOT están abiertas de lunes a viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 a.m., excluyendo días festivos del Estado de Texas. Los comentarios escritos podrán ser enviados a TxDOT Houston District, Attention: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386. Los comentarios también se aceptarán por correo electrónico en HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov o en línea http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html. El periodo de comentarios se cierra el 4 de marzo de 2015.

"La revisión ambiental, consulta y otras acciones necesarias requeridas por leyes federales ambientales para este proyecto se están, o han sido, llevadas a cabo por el Departamento de Transportación de Texas (TxDOT) conforme a 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorándum de Acuerdo con fecha del 16 de diciembre de 2014 y ejecutado por la Administración Federal de Carreteras (FHWA) y el TxDOT."
January 15, 2015

Via Certified Mail 7005 1160 0005 0439

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Willie R. Taylor
Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
Interior Building (MS 2462)
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Taylor:

A public hearing is scheduled for the SH 249 Extension, from FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, on February 18, 2014 (details are below). Attached is a map showing the location of the proposed project. An Open House for the project will be held from 5:30 to 6:30. The formal public hearing will begin at 6:30 pm to include a presentation of the project and an overview of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) document findings. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive input and comments on the findings of the Draft EIS and relevant issues that should be addressed in the next phase of the environmental review process. Texas Department of Transportation representatives will be available to listen to public comments and answer questions about the project. You, and/or your representative(s), are cordially invited to attend this meeting which will be held as follows:

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Magnolia, TX 77354

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If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Pat Henry, P.E., at (713) 802-5241.

Sincerely,

Doug Boehner
Deputy Director of Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation

Attachment

cc:  Pat Henry, P.E., Director of Project Development, Houston District
     Callie Barnes, Environmental Specialist
     Lisa De La Cruz, Jacobs Environmental Project Manager
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CONTACT: DPD

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Barbara Britton
Regional Environmental Officer
Fort Worth Regional Office
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
801 Cherry Street, Unit 45
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Dear Ms. Britton:

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Doug Booher
Deputy Director of Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation

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Salvador Salinas
State Conservationist
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Conservation Service
101 South Main
Temple, TX 76501

Dear Mr. Salinas:

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Edith Erfling
Supervisor
Houston Ecological Services Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Participating Agency
17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211
Houston, TX 77058

Dear Ms. Erfling:

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Adam Zerrenner
Field Supervisor
Austin Ecological Services Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200
Austin, TX 78758

CONTACT: DPD

Dear Mr. Zerrenner:

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Sincerely,

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Doug Beamer
Deputy Director of Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation

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Darren LaBlanc
U.S Fish and Wildlife Service
10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200
Austin, TX 78758

Dear Mr. LaBlanc:

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Federal Railroad Administration
Region 5 - Ft. Worth, TX
Federal Railroad Administration
4100 International Plaza, Suite 450
Fort Worth, TX 76102

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Sincerely,

Doug Booker
Deputy Director of Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation

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Mark Wolfe
Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission
Attention: Linda Henderson
State Historic Preservation Officer
P.O. Box 12276
Austin, TX 78711-2276

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

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Doug Boehner
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Kate McGrath
Deputy Director
Governor's Office of Budget, Planning and Policy
P.O. Box 12873
Austin, TX 78711-2873

Dear Ms. McGrath:

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Texas Department of Transportation

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Richard Hyde, P.E.
Executive Director
Attention: Mike Hoke
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Dear Mr. Hyde:

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Deputy Director of Environmental Affairs Division
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Hal Croft
Deputy Commissioner, Asset Management
Attention: Amy Nunez
Texas General Land Office
P.O. Box 12873
Austin, TX 78711-2873

Dear Mr. Croft:

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Milton Rister
Executive Director
Railroad Commission of Texas
1701 North Congress
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Rister:

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Callie Barnes
Houston District Office
Texas Department of Transportation
7600 Washington Ave
Houston, TX 77007

Dear Ms. Barnes:

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Bob Appleton
Bryan District Office
Texas Department of Transportation
2591 North Earl Rudder Freeway
Bryan, TX 77803-5190

Dear Mr. Appleton:

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John Cornyn
United States Senate
5300 Memorial Drive, Suite 980
Houston, TX 77077

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The Honorable Ted Cruz
United States Senate
1919 Smith St., Suite 800
Houston, TX 77002

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The Honorable Kevin Brady
District 8
U.S. House of Representatives
1300 11th Street, Suite 400
Huntsville, TX 77340

Dear Representative Brady:

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Ron Curry
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Dear Mr. Curry:

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Jon Blevins
Director
Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

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Rhonda Smith
Chief, Planning and Coordination Section
Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

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Kimberly McLaughlin
Acting Chief, Regulatory Branch
Galveston District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 1229
Galveston, TX 77553-1229

Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

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Casey Cutler
Chief, Policy Analysis Section
Galveston District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 1229
Galveston, TX 77553-1229

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Dwayne Johnson
Regulatory Project Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 1229
Galveston, TX 77553-1229

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Colonel Richard P. Pannell
District Engineer and Commanding Officer
USACE Galveston District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 1229
Galveston, TX 77553-1229

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Willie R. Taylor
Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
Interior Building (MS 2462)
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

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January 15, 2015

Via Certified Mail 7005 1160 0005 0439

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Stephen Spencer
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U.S. Department of the Interior
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Albuquerque, NM 87103

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Dr. Amy Turner, Ph.D.
Habitat Assessment Biologist
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
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Austin, Texas 78744

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Appendix E  Photographs
Welcome To The SH 249 Extension Public Hearing
From FM 1774 in Pinehurst
To FM 1774 North of Todd Mission
FEBRUARY 18, 2015
Door Hours
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Presentation in Auditorium
Magnolia West High School
Magnolia, Texas

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by Federal environmental laws for this project are being conducted by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 45A and apply only to the segment of roadway depicted on December 14, 2015, and executed by TxDOT.

Project Needs
• System Linkage
• Expanded Capacity
• Safety
• Respond to Economic Development

Project Purpose
The purpose of the proposed SH 249 Extension is to efficiently link the suburban communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and safety, and respond to population growth and residential development in the area.
The proposed SH 249 Extension would be developed on a new location from the FM 1774 in Pinehurst, TX to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, TX and is approximately 15 miles in length.

The proposed SH 249 Extension would be constructed as a four-mainlane controlled-access toll road, with intermittent frontage roads, within a typical 400-foot wide right-of-way (ROW).
Design Criteria

- Design Speed is 70 mph
- 23' Clearance Over Railroads
- 16' 6" Clearance Over Roadways
- 400' Typical Right-of-Way Width
- This Will Be an Electronically Totted Facility

Project Funding and Schedule

- Estimated Construction Cost $250 Million.
- Anticipated Construction Activities to Begin Between Late 2016 and early 2017.
- Anticipated Construction Duration – 2 years
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- Consider public hearing comments
- Develop Selected Alternative per comments
- Finalize environmental analysis
- Project decision from TxDOT for the Final EIS/Record of Decision
- Develop final schematic design
- Anticipated construction activities to begin between late 2016 and early 2017
- Anticipated construction duration: 2 years

Next Steps

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- Oral Comments
  - Complete a speaker card to speak during the Public Hearing
  - Give comments privately to court reporter in the open house area

- Written Comments
  - Submit/Postmark by March 9, 2015
  - Email by March 9, 2015 to: HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov

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Additional Environmental Considerations

- Land Use
- Geology, Farmlands and Soils
- Social and Economic
- Pedestrian and Bicycle
- Air Quality
- Water Quality and Permits
- Wildlife
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Archeological Resources
- Historical Non-Archeological Properties
- Hazardous Materials
- Indirect and Cumulative Effects
### Environmental Considerations

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**Diagram Description:**

- **Texas Department of Transportation:**
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  - Wetland Impacts (National Wetland Inventory)
  - Floodplain Crossings
  - Stream Crossing
  - Vegetation
  - Proposed Noise Barrier
  - Previous Public Involvement Support

- **Units:**
  - Miles
  - Acres
  - Linear feet
  - Number of crossings
  - Number of displacements

- **Alignment Options:**
  - Alignment B
  - Alignment B/C
  - Alignment C
  - Alignment E

- **Impacts:**
  - High/Medium/Low

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**Note:**

- The diagram provides a visual representation of environmental considerations for the proposed SH 249 extension project, highlighting various impact criteria and their quantitative assessments across different alignment options.
Appendix F Certified Transcript
STATE HIGHWAY (SH) 249 EXTENSION
FROM FM 1774 IN PINEHURST
TO FM 1774 NORTH OF TODD MISSION

PUBLIC HEARING
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2015   TIME: 6:35 TO 7:05 P.M.

LOCATION: Magnolia West High School
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        Magnolia, Texas  77353-0426

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BILL BRUDNICK: All right. If we could go ahead and get started tonight and you-all could go ahead and take your seats.

Well, good evening. My name's Bill Brudnick. I am Director of Transportation Planning and Development for the Texas Department of Transportation out of the Houston District.

And before we go ahead and get started with tonight's presentation, if I could get you-all to silence your cell phones and electronic devices.

Today is Wednesday, February 18th, 2015, and the time is approximately 6:35.

On behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation, I would like to thank you for your interest and participation in this public hearing. I would also like to thank Magnolia West High School for the use of their facilities.

We welcome you to this public hearing for the proposed State Highway 249 Extension from Farm to Market 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County, to 1774 north of Todd Mission in Grimes County.

This public hearing is being transcribed by a certified court reporter for the formal record --
public record purposes.

As you entered tonight, you were asked to register at one of our sign-in tables. If you have not already done so, please register before you leave tonight so your — so we have a record of your participation in tonight's public hearing.

Please feel free to view the exhibits in the commons area. They will be available during the presentation until we adjourn tonight.

The open house began at 5:30, and the public hearing is now going on.

Prior to December 16, the Federal Highway Administration, the FHWA, reviewed and approved documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act, known as NEPA. However, on December 16, 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation assumed responsibility from FHWA from reviewing and approving certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. The Texas Department of Transportation approved the 249 draft Environmental Impact Statement on January 5th, 2015.

I would like to go ahead and welcome and recognize the elected officials who are in attendance tonight.

Magnolia City Councilmember Ann Sunquist.
Representing Harris County Commissioner

Jack Cagle, Pam Rocchi.

Grimes County Judge Ben Leman.

Montgomery County Judge Craig Doyal.

And Montgomery County Commissioner Charlie Riley.

If there are any other elected officials in the audience tonight, if we could please get to you raise your hand and introduce yourself so that you can be recognized tonight?

DAVID TULLOS: David Tullos from Grimes County, 362.

BILL BRUDNICK: Is there anyone else?

(No response.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. I want to thank you all for coming tonight. And I wanted to also mention that the Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement or the Draft EIS for the 249 Extension was published in the Federal and State Register on January 28, 2015. Notices of the public hearing were advertised in the newspapers noted on the slide: THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE, the LA VOZ and the MAGNOLIA POTPOURRI.

The purpose of this public meeting is to present the findings of the Draft EIS for the purpose --
for the proposed 249 Extension and to receive your
comments on both the Draft EIS and the proposed project.

The public comment session will begin
following the presentation. We will not answer
questions during the presentation or comment session --
public comment session, but we will be available to
answer questions following the comment session. The
official -- This official public hearing will adjourn
after all oral comments have been heard.

I would now like to go ahead and
introduce Mr. Robb Fishman who will discuss the proposed
SH 249 Extension project.

ROBB FISHERMAN: Thanks, Bill.

Good evening. My name is Robb Fishman
from Jacobs Engineering, and I am the Environmental
Project Manager for the proposed project's draft EIS
which we have been working on since 2003.

Prior to 2003, a Major Investment Study
or MIS was conducted -- was conducted. During that
time, there were three public meetings throughout the
process, from November 2000 to October 2001. The MIS
was released in 2002.

Now we can see -- The Texas Department
of Transportation then filed a Notice of Intent for the
Environmental Impact Statement in September and October
2003.

Throughout the SH 249 Extension study process, meetings with resource agencies, elected officials, and the public were held to solicit input on the project development process. This public hearing is a continuation of a series of formal public involvement opportunities offered at key milestones throughout the project development process.

There are substantial transportation improvement needs that affect the proposed SH 149 Extension study area.

Inefficient connections exist between suburb communities and major and minor radial and circumferential arterials. Projected population and employment growth in the area would likely increase the demand on the current transportation infrastructure.

Lastly, there are growing safety concerns around the impacts of increased congestion and emergency evacuation for events such as hurricanes.

The purpose of the proposed SH 249 Extension is to efficiently link the suburban communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and safety, and respond to population growth and residential development in the area. The goal of the proposed tollway is to improve system linkage, address current
and future transportation demand through expanded
capacity, improve safety, and respond to population
growth and economic development.

The SH 249 Extension Study Area, which is
shown in red on the presentation figure, is generally
bound by FM 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County, to
FM 1774 north of Todd Mission in Grimes County.

No-build and build alternatives were
considered for the SH 249 Extension.

The No-Build Alternative includes all
committed projects included in the 2035 Regional
Transportation Plan Update, with the exception of the
proposed project.

Although the No-Build Alternative was
not -- would not satisfy the need and purpose of the
proposed action, it was retained for comparison with the
alternative alignments carried forward for detailed
study.

Five alternative alignments were
originally developed for the Draft EIS. Through the
public involvement process and a screening evaluation,
two alignments, Alternative Alignments A and D, were
eliminated for further study. Three of the original
alternative alignments, along with a hybrid alignment
described in the next slide were analyzed in the Draft
EIS. This slide shows Alternative Alignments B, B/C, C and E that were analyzed.

These four reasonable alternative alignments can be seen in more detail in the commons area.

A public meeting was held for the proposed project on October 3rd, 2013, to introduce the new hybrid alignment: Alternative Alignment B/C. The alignment was developed to reduce the number of property displacements and impacts to property owners' plans for their tracts.

Public comments were received and considered during the preparation of the Draft EIS. As a result of public comments, and as shown on the slide, the northern terminus was shifted to minimize impacts. This revised B/C Alternative Alignment is the preferred alternative we are presenting tonight.

A Draft EIS was prepared for the proposed SH 249 Extension to discuss the proposed improvement and the need for and purpose of the proposed project.

The Draft EIS sets out to accomplish four objects. The Draft EIS compares alternatives, presents existing conditions, evaluates potential impacts, and incorporates coordination with the public and resource agencies.
The Draft EIS considered the potential impacts to the human and potential environments on both the No-Build Alternative and the four Build alternative alignments to determine the preferred alternative. Environmental considerations analyzed in the Draft EIS are shown on this slide, and these considerations were used to determine the preferred alternative.

The preferred alternative would require approximately 727 acres of new right-of-way and would potentially displace one business and six residences. There are noise impacts associated with the preferred alternative and one noise barrier is proposed for the Hazy Hollow Subdivision. Please visit the exhibits in the common area to review in further detail.

Additional environmental considerations evaluated in the Draft EIS are included on this slide.

The Draft EIS is available for review tonight in the common area, and all the information on this slide is available for review.

Throughout the environmental process, the Texas Department of Transportation has coordinated with many resource agencies, elected officials, and local stakeholders, including all the entities listed on this slide, as well as the public and special interest groups.
Shown on this slide is the B/C alternative alignment, which has been chosen as the Preferred Alternative Alignment based on analysis and input from the public.

The Preferred Alternative would be a four-mainlane controlled access tollway that would include intermittent frontage roads within a typical 400-foot wide right-of-way.

Access points to and from the proposed tollway would be provided at major intersections south of FM 1774 in Pinehurst, FM 149, FM 1488, FM 1486, and FM 1774 north of Todd Mission. Please refer to the preliminary schematic layout located in the common area for further details on tollway access.

Detension sites are proposed for the project. These are shown on this slide and on the preliminary schematic layout.

This slide depicts the proposed typical sections, which would require approximately a 400-foot right-of-way.

Electronic toll collection is proposed for the SH 249 Extension. The design and placement of electronic toll collection facilities would be determined during final design.

The Draft EIS is available for public
review after the public hearing at the listed local public libraries and at the following Texas Department of Transportation District Offices -- Houston, Montgomery and Bryan districts.

In addition, should you wish to obtain a copy for your personal use, paper copies may be purchased from the Texas Department of Transportation for the cost of reproduction or downloaded free online from the SH 249 Extension website listed in your program.

Although approval of the Draft EIS by the Texas Department of Transportation cleared the way for tonight's public involvement activities, it does not represent a final approval for the proposed project. In the next steps of the environmental process, all comments received tonight, as well as written comments received during the comment period will be included in the official public hearing record and will be addressed in the next phase of the environmental process.

The comments received will be used to help develop the Selected Alternative Alignment, which will be studied in detail in the next phase of the environmental process. Once the analysis is complete and documents approved, documentation of the additional environmental analysis will be available for public and
agency review.

A decision would be requested from the Texas Department of Transportation only after review and consideration of public and agency comments have been reviewed. The decision would be -- would be in the form of a Record of Decision.

I would like to now hand the hearing back over to Mr. Bill Brudnick.

BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Now, if we could, let's go ahead and begin the public comment session.

There are several ways to comment on the proposed SH 249 Extension project. You can give your oral comments when I open the floor for public comment or you can give your oral comments to a second court reporter located in the common area. If you would like to comment, but do not wish to comment orally tonight, or if you wish to comment in more detail, you may submit your comments in writing. Written comments must be submitted or postmarked by March 9, 2015.

We have provided comment boxes if you choose to leave your completed comment forms tonight or your comments may also be sent electronically to the e-mail address and/or website shown on the slide and provided to you in your handouts.
Raise your hand if you have not already completed a speaker register card and would like to speak tonight.

(No response.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. I would like to begin the public comment session by introducing our elected officials who wish to comment.

If any elected officials would like to comment, I ask that you come down to the microphone, introduce yourself and state who you represent.

COUNTY JUDGE CRAIG DOYAL: My name's Craig Doyal. I'm the Montgomery County Judge. I would like to speak in favor of this project, and I would like to thank TxDOT for their partnership in this project so far. We've talked to a lot of people from Tomball, from Magnolia, and a lot of property owners along this route, went to Austin and lobbied for the project.

Most of you know, for many years this area was pretty quiet. There wasn't a lot of traffic, wasn't a lot of problems; but we've grown exponentially over the last few years. And the need for this project today is critical through Montgomery County.

So I'm here today to speak in support of that project. I think that it -- as we move forward -- without 249, if you -- if you drove here tonight, you
saw the traffic problems that we have. We are going to continue to grow each and every day. Without projects like this, the traffic congestion is just going to continue to get worse.

So I applaud TxDOT for their effort and look forward to partnering with you along with Harris County to get this project completed in Montgomery County, and I thank you for being here with us tonight.

BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you for coming.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Are there any other elected officials that would like to speak tonight?

(No response.)

BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Well, thank you.

I would like to now provide an opportunity for those who have registered to speak on the proposed project.

You will have three minutes to make your comments. When I announce your name please come to the microphone, state -- face the court reporter and clearly state your name and who you may represent.

A timer located on the screen will indicate the beginning of your three minutes. After
three minutes you will be asked to be seated so that the
next speaker can make his or her comments.

If you have additional comments, please
complete a written comment form provided to you or see
the second court reporter located in the common area who
will transcribe comments longer than the three minutes.

Now, I'd like to go ahead and call the
speakers listed on the public speaker registration cards
in the order that I received them.

Michael Moore.

MICHAEL MOORE: I would like to start my
comments first by asking if any of our representatives
from TxDOT or any of our elected officials, are you-all
loosing any portion of any of all your homes?

MALE VOICE: Yeah.

MICHAEL MOORE: Okay. I had a few
moments to read through -- let me see this right here,
this State Purchase of Right-of-Way. In one of the
sections in here I was reading right here, it says that
once that the appraisals come out, they'll do the survey
of our land and then an offer is made for our property.
It says: Our decision regarding the State's offer for
the property needs to be made at the earliest possible
time so that the completion of the acquisitions process
is not delayed.
Boy, we would hate to do anything to
delay this roadway.

You can appreciate the fact that there is
a definite time frame required for every aspect of the
highway or transportation project that involves your
property.

My life has a time frame, too; and my
life's on hold. It's been on hold for a year and a
half, probably another year or year and a half before
all this is taken up by everything that I've seen
tonight.

And I think it's downright criminal that
you haven't been on our doorstep first saying: Look,
get on with your lives.

That's my comment.

BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you, Mr. Moore.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: The next speaker would be
David Tullos.

DAVID TULLOS: Tullos.

BILL BRUDNICK: Tullos. Sorry about
that.

DAVID TULLOS: I am David Tullos. I'm
from southern Grimes County, and I'm speaking on behalf
There are a number of reasons why this project shouldn't be built. Because I only have three minutes, I'm just going to quickly illustrate ten of them.

The first one would be that at every opportunity in Grimes County, whether it's a TxDOT meeting, a Stop Grimes 249 meeting, the Grimes Citizen Advisory Group meeting, or a meeting of the Grimes County Planning Commission, an overwhelming majority of Grimes County citizens have opposed this project.

That's reason number 1.

Number 2, Grimes County Commissioners' Court has passed two resolutions against this project. The last one which occurred on February 10th, just eight days ago, opposes all toll roads in Grimes County and specifically names this project.

Number 3, the town of Anderson and the city of Iola in Grimes County have passed resolutions opposing this 249 toll road project.

Number 4, the Grimes County Planning Commission opposes this project and has had a "No Toll Road" Policy since 2008.

Number 5, the new governor of Texas is against toll roads and has declared transportation to be an emergency item. This allows the new funding.
initiative to be fast-tracked and considered earlier than normal. He has promised to add $4 billion a year more to roads without raising taxes, fees, debts or tolls.

Number 6, TxDOT has violated federal law in the planning of this project.

Number 7, TxDOT has violated state law in the planning of this project.

Number 8, this project would damage and diminish the property values of the land along this proposed right-of-way.

Number 9, this project will have a permanent negative impact on the long-term economic development of southern Grimes County.

Number 10, this project will damage the Hurricane-Mill Creek watershed, which is the major watershed for southern Grimes County.

So let me summarize this for you. This is a bad project. In southern Grimes County, we don't want this. Our government leaders don't want it.

You work for us. So please stop what you're doing, stop this project, sit down with our elected officials and develop a transportation plan that makes sense for the long-term economic development of southern Grimes County.
Thank you for allowing me to speak here today.

BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Next we have Doug Campbell.

DOUG CAMPBELL: I'm Doug Campbell from Plantersville in southern Grimes County, and I'm opposed to the construction of this roadway into Grimes County, and that's all.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you, Mr. Campbell.

Robert Reynolds.

ROBERT REYNOLDS: I'm Robert Reynolds, a resident of Grimes County; and I was going to sell off some of my minutes to Mr. Tullos here, but he said all he's going to say for right now.

Anyway, the Grimes County Commissioners County, the town of Anderson and the city of Iola have all passed resolutions opposing the 249 project in Grimes County.

An overwhelming majority of the citizens and property owners in Grimes County are against it and have consistently voiced their opposition to this project going through Grimes County.
We believe Grimes County has spoken and it is "No Build."

We don't want any part of the toll road. It's time TxDOT starts working with the Grimes County 391 Commission to discuss alternative mutually-acceptable option before making any final determinations regarding this phase of the project or proceeding with any future phase of the project that affects Grimes County.

In light of the strong opposition to this project in Grimes County and Governor Abbott's comments regarding the toll roads in his State of the State Address, it would be prudent for TxDOT to pause and pursue non-toll road options.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Bill Matt.

BILL MATT: My name is Bill Matt. I live in Mill Creek Forest, which is directly adjacent, on the south side of Hazy Hollow. We were not even mentioned in the EIS; and the preferred route of your roadway crosses right through our subdivision, affecting my house and every other house on that end of our subdivision.

Secondly, no explanation to me or anybody
else that I know of has ever been given why the 1488 --
I mean, the 1774 or 149 corridor cannot be used for this
project.

Thirdly, the talk has been mentioned that
we have traffic problems and, therefore, that there's a
necessity for 249 expansion; but as our Judge Doyal said
earlier, if you came here tonight, you saw the traffic
jams.

It's not because of 249. It's because
Magnolia can't even get bridgework and 1774 completed.
Now, if we can't even complete projects that we wanted
to get done in the first place to alleviate traffic
problems, I don't see any reason why there needs to be a
toll road put in where no other road is.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Larry Lynch.

LARRY LYNCH: I'm a resident of Grimes
County and I want to tell everybody here that I'm
against that toll road.

I don't understand why the people of
Montgomery County, why there are not more people out
here tonight to oppose that toll road. Because what
we're doing when we let these toll roads go through,
we're making it easy, it's just fueling the fire. Any
time TxDOT wants to put a road through, they're going to
hit you when you use it.

My daddy used to always say: If you
don't have the money, don't buy it. If the money's not
there to build that road without making it toll, then we
don't need it.

So let's all get together. Let's oppose
it. Let's send out a message to the rest of Texas that
we don't want toll roads. We send enough money over
there and -- But if we can't -- haven't got enough
money, don't build it.

And I don't know about down here, but
when -- a lot of information, when this first started in
Grimes County, we wasn't getting the information we
needed about this toll road; and this is just the tip of
the iceberg.

They're wanting to put a pile line (sic)
and high-speed rail through Grimes County. Well,
there's a good chance you're going to get it right here
in Montgomery County.

So there's not been enough planning done.
All these environmental impact studies, they're not
enough.

We need planning. I'm not for holding up
growth, but there's not enough planning.
You know, when TxDOT comes to the table, they need to have more. It's easy for them to take a few days, somebody come up with these drawings and everything about this route; but there's lots more to it than just that. That's all I got to say.

Thank you for letting me speak.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: All right. With that, that is all the registered speakers that we have tonight.

I'd like to go ahead and thank you for all your comments. I guess we will now close the hearing.

It's exactly 7:05.

YOLANDA CAMPBELL: I was registered.

BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. Can you --

YOLANDA CAMPBELL: Yolanda Campbell.

BILL BRUDNICK: Campbell? Okay. I'm sorry about that. Yolanda Campbell?

YOLANDA CAMPBELL: Yolanda.

BILL BRUDNICK: Yolanda? Sorry about that.

YOLANDA CAMPBELL: My name is Yolanda Campbell, and I live in Montgomery County and also own property in Plantersville.
The 249 toll road is going to split my property in half. I won't be able to raise my cattle there any longer. And here in Montgomery County, I see that there's need for road improvements, but I don't believe that a 249 toll road is the way to go.

In my opinion, I think that you should consider expanding your existing roads to alleviate the traffic, but I don't see that a toll road is beneficial at this time.

Thank you for letting me speak.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Is there anyone else that would like to speak tonight?

(No response.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. Well, again, I would like to thank you for all your comments.

We will now close the hearing. It's exactly 7:05 p.m. and the hearing is adjourned. So thank you for coming.

(The proceedings concluded at 7:05 p.m.)

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THE STATE OF TEXAS:
COUNTY OF GALVESTON:

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATION

I, Mary C. Dopico, Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the facts stated by me in the caption hereto are true; that the foregoing proceedings were taken by me in machine shorthand and later transcribed from my machine shorthand notes to typewritten form by me.

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Appendix G  Public Hearing Handouts
PUBLIC HEARING

For

SH 249 Extension
From: FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission
Montgomery and Grimes Counties, Texas
February 18, 2015
Open House from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Common Area
Presentation to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

Para la
Extensión de la autopista SH 249
Desde FM 1774 en Pinehurst hasta FM 1774 en Todd Mission
Condados de Montgomery y Grimes, Texas
18 de febrero del 2015
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Foro Abierto
Presentación formal comienza a las 6:30 pm en el Auditorio

Magnolia West High School
42202 FM 1774 Rd
Magnolia, Texas  77354
SH 249 EXTENSION

From: FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission

PUBLIC HEARING

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Presentation to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

This hearing will begin with an Open House format beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m. in the Common Area of Magnolia West High School. A formal presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the High School. All attendees are asked to sign-in at the Sign-In table located in the Common Area near the entrance to the High School.

Project Description

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District proposes to extend SH 249 from FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission as a four-lane divided controlled access toll facility on new location, with intermittent frontage roads, within a 400-foot right-of-way. The Preferred B/C Alternative Alignment is approximately 15 miles long and approximately 727 acres of additional right-of-way would be required. Construction activities for the proposed project are anticipated to begin between late 2016 and early 2017 and last approximately two years.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014 and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Purpose of Proposed Project and Anticipated Benefits

The purpose and anticipated benefits of the proposed project is to efficiently link the suburban communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and safety, and respond to economic growth in Montgomery and Grimes counties.

Project History

Four public meetings have been held during the course of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) study:

- December 15, 2003 Scoping Meeting at Magnolia High School where the Universe of Alternatives (that resulted from the Major Investment Study) were presented.
- June 17, 2004 at Willie E. Williams Elementary School where the five Universe of Alternatives and three Viable Alternatives were presented.
- November 18, 2004 at Magnolia Elementary School where three Viable Alternatives and one Most Reasonable Alternative (Alternative C) was presented.
- October 3, 2013 at Magnolia West High School where the Recommended B/C Alternative was presented.

Purpose of Tonight’s Public Hearing

The purpose of tonight’s Public Hearing is to afford the public an opportunity to view and provide comments on the Preferred B/C Alternative. The Preferred B/C Alternative was created based on prior public input received during previous Public Meetings as well as through the environmental process. This Public Hearing is also being held to present and receive comments on the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The public is invited to ask questions and submit comments regarding the proposed project. Comments may be presented orally at the end of the presentation or submitted in writing. Comment forms and speaker registration cards are available at the Sign-In table. Written comments may be submitted this evening, electronically to HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov, on-line at https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html or mailed to the address below. All comments must be received or postmarked by March 9, 2015.

The Public Hearing Summary Report will be available at the website above.

Texas Department of Transportation - Houston District
Attention: Director of Project Development
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386

EXTENSION de la autopista SH 249

Desde FM 1774 en Pinehurst hasta FM 1774 norte de Todd Mission

AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

5:30 p.m. a 6:30 p.m.

Presentación comienza a las 6:30 pm en el Auditorio

Esta audiencia será en un formato de foro abierto comenzando a las 5:30 p.m. y terminando a las 6:30 p.m. en la zona común de la escuela Magnolia West High School. Se pide a todos los asistentes a registrarse en la mesa de registro ubicada en la zona común en la entrada de la escuela.

Descripción del Proyecto

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT) Distrito de Houston, propone extender la carretera SH 249 desde FM 1774 en Pinehurst hasta FM 1774 en Todd Mission como una autopista de peaje con cuatro carriles divididos, y de acceso controlado en una nueva ubicación, con vías laterales intermitentes, dentro de 400 pies de derecho de vía. El proyecto propuesto es aproximadamente 15 millas de largo y va necesitar aproximadamente 727 acres de derecho de vía adicionales para construir este proyecto. Las actividades de construcción para el proyecto propuesto se prevé que comenzara entre finales de 2016 y principios de 2017 y durará aproximadamente dos años.

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Propósito del Proyecto Propuesto y Los Beneficios Anticipados

El propósito y los beneficios anticipados del proyecto propuesto es conectar las carreteras principales a las comunidades suburbanas, mejorar la movilidad y la seguridad, y responder al crecimiento económico en los condados de Montgomery y Grimes

Historia del Proyecto

Se han realizado cuatro reuniones públicas durante el transcurso del estudio preliminar de la declaración de Impacto Ambiental (EIS preliminar):

- 15 de diciembre, 2003 Reunión en la escuela Magnolia High School para presentar los varios Alternativas de diseño que resultaron del Estudio Mayor de Inversión.
- 17 de junio, 2004 Reunión en la escuela Willie E. Williams Elementary para presentar los cinco alternativas de diseño recomendada que era la alternativa B/C.
- 18 de noviembre, 2004 Reunión en la escuela Magnolia Elementary para presentar los tres alternativas de diseño y el uno más razonable que era Alineamiento C.
- 3 de octubre, 2013 Reunión en la escuela Magnolia West High School donde se presentó el alineamiento recomendada que era la alternativa B/C.

Propósito de esta Audiencia Pública

El propósito esta noche es darle la oportunidad a la comunidad de mirar un nuevo alineamiento híbrido que ha sido creado basado en la opinión pública obtenida durante el proceso ambiental, y comentar sobre la nueva Alternativa de Alineamiento “B/C”, la cual es la nueva Alternativa de Alineamiento recomendada. También se llevará a cabo esta audiencia pública para presentar y recibir comentarios sobre las conclusiones del estudio preliminar de la declaración de Impacto Ambiental.

El público está invitado a formular preguntas sobre el proyecto, entregar sus comentarios por escrito esta noche, o enviarlos electrónicamente a HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov o https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html, y dirigirse escrita al final de este documento. Las formas para comentarios están localizadas en la mesa de registro. Todos los comentarios deberán ser recibidos en el correo antes del 9 de marzo, 2015.

El informe resumido del Audiencia Pública estará disponible en la página web anteriormente.
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PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT FORM/FORMA DE COMENTARIO
SH 249 Extension
From: FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission
Montgomery and Grimes Counties, Texas
Wednesday February 18, 2015

This form is provided to receive your comments regarding the proposed SH 249 Extension Project from FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission. Please return this form during the hearing tonight or submit by mail by March 9, 2015. You may also submit your comments electronically to HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov or on line at: https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html

Esta forma es para recibir sus comentarios sobre el proyecto para la Extensión de la autopista SH249 desde FM1774 en Pinehurst hasta FM1774 en Todd Mission. Por favor devuelva esta forma durante la audiencia esta noche o envíela por correo antes el 9 de marzo de 2015. También puede enviar sus comentarios electrónicamente a HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov o https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html

Overall, do you support or oppose the proposed SH 249 Extension?
En general, soporta usted o se opone al proyecto para expandir la autopista SH 249?
Support _____ Oppose _____ Undecided _____
Apoyo_____ Me Opongo _____ Indeciso _____

Per Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5): check each of the following boxes that apply to you:
Según el Código§201.811(a)(5) del Departamento de Transporte de Texas, marque las casillas que apliquen a su condición:
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  Yo podría beneficiarme económicamente del proyecto o cualquier otro elemento sobre el cual estoy comentando

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Texas Department of Transportation  
Houston District  
Director of Project Development  
P.O. Box 1386  
Houston, Texas 77251-1386  
RE: PUBLIC HEARING  
SH 249 Extension  
CSJ: 0720-02-072 and 0720-02-073 (CB)
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NAME/NOMBRE:  ________________________________  Michael Moore

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**NAME/NOMBRE:**

**TELEPHONE/TÉLÉFONO:** 281-987-9620

**ADDRESS/DIRECCIÓN:** 2007 Baptist, Magnolia 77385

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SPEAKER REGISTRATION CARD/ORADOR TARJETA DE REGISTRO

SH 249 EXTENSION
PUBLIC HEARING
MAGNOLIA WEST HIGH SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 18, 2015

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NAME/NOMBRE: Yolanda Campbell

TELEPHONE/TELÉFONO: 281-987-9620

ADDRESS/DIRECCIÓN: 20107 Bayberry Creek Dr. 77355

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NAME/NOMBRE: Yolanda Cortinez

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NAME/NOMBRE: Larry Lynch

TELEPHONE/TELÉFONO: 736-844-2792

ADDRESS/DIRECCIÓN: P.O. Box 430 Plantsville, CT 77363

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NAME/NOMBRE: Bill Matt

TELEPHONE/TELÉFONO: 281-259-9190

ADDRESS/DIRECCIÓN: 36210 Meadow Lane

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NAME/NOMBRE: ROBERT REYNOLDS

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ADDRESS/DIRECCIÓN: 112A

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NAME/NOMBRE: DAVID TULLOS

TELEPHONE/TELÉFONO: 936-242-7165

ADDRESS/DIRECCIÓN: PO Box 244, Plantersville TX

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Appendix H  Public Hearing Exhibits
Welcome To The SH 249 Extension Public Hearing

From FM 1774 in Pinehurst

To FM 1774 North of Todd Mission

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

Open House

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Presentation in Auditorium

Begin at 6:30

Magnolia West High School

Magnolia, Texas
Project Needs
• System Linkage
• Expanded Capacity
• Safety
• Respond to Economic Development

Project Purpose
The purpose of the proposed SH 249 Extension is to efficiently link the suburban communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and safety, and respond to population growth and residential development in the area.
The proposed SH 249 Extension would be developed on new location from the FM 1774 in Pinehurst, TX to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, TX and is approximately 15 miles in length.

The proposed SH 249 Extension would be constructed as a four-mainlane controlled-access toll road, with intermittent frontage roads, within a typical 400-foot wide right-of-way (ROW).
SH 249 Study Area
Reasonable Alternative Alignments
Proposed Typical Section
Design Criteria

- Design Speed is 70 mph
- 23’ Clearance Over Railroads
- 16’ 6” Clearance Over Roadways
- 400’ Typical Right-of-Way Width
- This Will Be an Electronically Tolled Facility
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- Air Quality
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- Wildlife
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- Archeological Resources
- Historical Non-Archeological Properties
- Hazardous Materials
- Indirect and Cumulative Effects
• Estimated Construction Cost $250 Million.

• Anticipated Construction Activities to Begin Between Late 2016 and early 2017.

• Anticipated Construction Duration – 2 years
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  • Give comments privately to court reporter in the open house area

• Written Comments
  • Submit/Postmark by March 9, 2015
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Appendix I  Comments Received
STATE HIGHWAY (SH) 249 EXTENSION
FROM FM 1774 IN PINEHURST
TO FM 1774 NORTH OF TODD MISSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE IN THE COMMONS AREA
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2015    TIME: 5:30 TO 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Magnolia West High School
42202 FM 1774
Magnolia, Texas  77353-0426

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I live in Plantersville, and I see where this comes out on 1774. My original understanding, it was going to be at 302, but it looks like it's north of 302. 1774 cannot handle it. It's just a two-lane road. It really needs to be expanded to be an interchange, and it didn't look like they accounted for that.

So, you know, 1774 and 302 where the Renaissance Festival traffic goes, that really needs to be expanded. Because that's where they've had at least five accidents, three I know of for sure. And they said there was two more. But that's where the firefighter got killed, at 302.

It's farther south of that line, but people -- if people are -- to get to the Renaissance Festival in October and November, they may take the tollroad, but they're going to have to come south; so really, that whole area will need to be widened, so they might as well do the whole road. Makes sense to me.
MR. MICHAEL MOORE: I get the road, but what I don't get is the fact that our lives have totally been taken away from us. It's been stripped out from underneath us, and it is damn wrong to treat people like this. They know it's coming. It doesn't matter to me if it's next year, next week or three years from now. They should have been on our doorstep already, shaking hands, saying, "Excuse us. Go on and get on with your lives." It's damn criminal.

That's all I got to say.

I am concerned about the reference Receptor R-14. I was told to ask for a noise barrier and also replant trees in the area, because approximately one-and-one-fourth acres will be taken off my property. And there's trees on there that will be taken down.

And the other question -- maybe this should have been the first one: Who do I need to talk to at TXDOT about acquiring the entire property?

My phone number is (832) 244-4220.

The Receptor R-14 is 66 decibels at the moment and that's the loudest it will go, and that's high, so...

My realtor has already appraised the property at approximately $300,000, and I'm concerned that once they take that piece of my property, it won't be worth anything. I want the value out of my property. I've been there 27 years.
MR. PETER MUNDY: Pete Mundy with Devon Energy.

We operate the Pinehurst Field, which sits on the north side of Hazy Hollow subdivision. The access into the field, so we can access all of the wells -- the oil and gas wells, comes up from the south from FM 1774. And according to one of the aerials over here on the easel board, there isn't a bridge there. In other words, the extension crosses our only access into the field, and they don't have a bridge there.

We had talked with TXDOT two years ago about needing a bridge there, and they said, "Yeah, that probably wouldn't be a problem." So I just want to make sure that there's a bridge there at that access road.

(End of public comments.)
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS

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STATE HIGHWAY (SH) 249 EXTENSION
FROM FM 1774 IN PINEHURST
TO FM 1774 NORTH OF TODD MISSION

PUBLIC HEARING
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2015       TIME: 6:35 TO 7:05 P.M.

LOCATION: Magnolia West High School
42202 FM 1774
Magnolia, Texas 77353-0426

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BILL BRUDNICK: All right. If we could go ahead and get started tonight and you-all could go ahead and take your seats.

Well, good evening. My name's Bill Brudnick. I am Director of Transportation Planning and Development for the Texas Department of Transportation out of the Houston District.

And before we go ahead and get started with tonight's presentation, if I could get you-all to silence your cell phones and electronic devices.

Today is Wednesday, February 18th, 2015, and the time is approximately 6:35.

On behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation, I would like to thank you for your interest and participation in this public hearing. I would also like to thank Magnolia West High School for the use of their facilities.

We welcome you to this public hearing for the proposed State Highway 249 Extension from Farm to Market 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County, to 1774 north of Todd Mission in Grimes County.

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public record purposes.

As you entered tonight, you were asked to register at one of our sign-in tables. If you have not already done so, please register before you leave tonight so your -- so we have a record of your participation in tonight's public hearing.

Please feel free to view the exhibits in the commons area. They will be available during the presentation until we adjourn tonight.

The open house began at 5:30, and the public hearing is now going on.

Prior to December 16, the Federal Highway Administration, the FHWA, reviewed and approved documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act, known as NEPA. However, on December 16, 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation assumed responsibility from FHWA from reviewing and approving certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. The Texas Department of Transportation approved the 249 draft Environmental Impact Statement on January 5th, 2015.

I would like to go ahead and welcome and recognize the elected officials who are in attendance tonight.

Magnolia City Councilmember Ann Sunquist.
Representing Harris County Commissioner
Jack Cagle, Pam Rocchi.
Grimes County Judge Ben Leman.
Montgomery County Judge Craig Doyal.
And Montgomery County Commissioner Charlie Riley.

If there are any other elected officials in the audience tonight, if we could please get to you raise your hand and introduce yourself so that you can be recognized tonight?

DAVID TULLOS: David Tullos from Grimes County, 362.

BILL BRUDNICK: Is there anyone else?
(No response.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. I want to thank you all for coming tonight. And I wanted to also mention that the Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement or the Draft EIS for the 249 Extension was published in the Federal and State Register on January 28, 2015. Notices of the public hearing were advertised in the newspapers noted on the slide: THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE, the LA VOZ and the MAGNOLIA POTPOURRI.

The purpose of this public meeting is to present the findings of the Draft EIS for the purpose --
for the proposed 249 Extension and to receive your
comments on both the Draft EIS and the proposed project.

The public comment session will begin
following the presentation. We will not answer
questions during the presentation or comment session --
public comment session, but we will be available to
answer questions following the comment session. The
official -- This official public hearing will adjourn
after all oral comments have been heard.

I would now like to go ahead and
introduce Mr. Robb Fishman who will discuss the proposed
SH 249 Extension project.

ROBB FISHMAN: Thanks, Bill.

Good evening. My name is Robb Fishman
from Jacobs Engineering, and I am the Environmental
Project Manager for the proposed project's draft EIS
which we have been working on since 2003.

Prior to 2003, a Major Investment Study
or MIS was conducted -- was conducted. During that
time, there were three public meetings throughout the
process, from November 2000 to October 2001. The MIS
was released in 2002.

Now we can see -- The Texas Department
of Transportation then filed a Notice of Intent for the
Environmental Impact Statement in September and October
2003.

Throughout the SH 249 Extension study process, meetings with resource agencies, elected officials, and the public were held to solicit input on the project development process. This public hearing is a continuation of a series of formal public involvement opportunities offered at key milestones throughout the project development process.

There are substantial transportation improvement needs that affect the proposed SH 149 Extension study area.

Inefficient connections exist between suburb communities and major and minor radial and circumferential arterials. Projected population and employment growth in the area would likely increase the demand on the current transportation infrastructure.

Lastly, there are growing safety concerns around the impacts of increased congestion and emergency evacuation for events such as hurricanes.

The purpose of the proposed SH 249 Extension is to efficiently link the suburban communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and safety, and respond to population growth and residential development in the area. The goal of the proposed tollway is to improve system linkage, address current
and future transportation demand through expanded
capacity, improve safety, and respond to population
growth and economic development.

The SH 249 Extension Study Area, which is
shown in red on the presentation figure, is generally
bound by FM 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County, to
FM 1774 north of Todd Mission in Grimes County.

No-build and build alternatives were
considered for the SH 249 Extension.

The No-Build Alternative includes all
committed projects included in the 2035 Regional
Transportation Plan Update, with the exception of the
proposed project.

Although the No-Build Alternative was
not -- would not satisfy the need and purpose of the
proposed action, it was retained for comparison with the
alternative alignments carried forward for detailed
study.

Five alternative alignments were
originally developed for the Draft EIS. Through the
public involvement process and a screening evaluation,
two alignments, Alternative Alignments A and D, were
eliminated for further study. Three of the original
alternative alignments, along with a hybrid alignment
described in the next slide were analyzed in the Draft
EIS. This slide shows Alternative Alignments B, B/C, C and E that were analyzed.

These four reasonable alternative alignments can be seen in more detail in the commons area.

A public meeting was held for the proposed project on October 3rd, 2013, to introduce the new hybrid alignment: Alternative Alignment B/C. The alignment was developed to reduce the number of property displacements and impacts to property owners’ plans for their tracts.

Public comments were received and considered during the preparation of the Draft EIS. As a result of public comments, and as shown on the slide, the northern terminus was shifted to minimize impacts. This revised B/C Alternative Alignment is the preferred alternative we are presenting tonight.

A Draft EIS was prepared for the proposed SH 249 Extension to discuss the proposed improvement and the need for and purpose of the proposed project.

The Draft EIS sets out to accomplish four objects. The Draft EIS compares alternatives, presents existing conditions, evaluates potential impacts, and incorporates coordination with the public and resource agencies.
The Draft EIS considered the potential impacts to the human and potential environments on both the No-Build Alternative and the four Build alternative alignments to determine the preferred alternative. Environmental considerations analyzed in the Draft EIS are shown on this slide, and these considerations were used to determine the preferred alternative.

The preferred alternative would require approximately 727 acres of new right-of-way and would potentially displace one business and six residences. There are noise impacts associated with the preferred alternative and one noise barrier is proposed for the Hazy Hollow Subdivision. Please visit the exhibits in the common area to review in further detail.

Additional environmental considerations evaluated in the Draft EIS are included on this slide.

The Draft EIS is available for review tonight in the common area, and all the information on this slide is available for review.

Throughout the environmental process, the Texas Department of Transportation has coordinated with many resource agencies, elected officials, and local stakeholders, including all the entities listed on this slide, as well as the public and special interest groups.
Shown on this slide is the B/C alternative alignment, which has been chosen as the Preferred Alternative Alignment based on analysis and input from the public.

The Preferred Alternative would be a four-mainlane controlled access tollway that would include intermittent frontage roads within a typical 400-foot wide right-of-way.

Access points to and from the proposed tollway would be provided at major intersections south of FM 1774 in Pinehurst, FM 149, FM 1488, FM 1486, and FM 1774 north of Todd Mission. Please refer to the preliminary schematic layout located in the common area for further details on tollway access.

Detension sites are proposed for the project. These are shown on this slide and on the preliminary schematic layout.

This slide depicts the proposed typical sections, which would require approximately a 400-foot right-of-way.

Electronic toll collection is proposed for the SH 249 Extension. The design and placement of electronic toll collection facilities would be determined during final design.

The Draft EIS is available for public
review after the public hearing at the listed local
public libraries and at the following Texas Department
of Transportation District Offices -- Houston,
Montgomery and Bryan districts.

In addition, should you wish to obtain a
copy for your personal use, paper copies may be
purchased from the Texas Department of Transportation
for the cost of reproduction or downloaded free online
from the SH 249 Extension website listed in your
program.

Although approval of the Draft EIS by the
Texas Department of Transportation cleared the way for	onight's public involvement activities, it does not
represent a final approval for the proposed project. In
the next steps of the environmental process, all
comments received tonight, as well as written comments
received during the comment period will be included in
the official public hearing record and will be addressed
in the next phase of the environmental process.

The comments received will be used to
help develop the Selected Alternative Alignment, which
will be studied in detail in the next phase of the
environmental process. Once the analysis is complete
and documents approved, documentation of the additional
environmental analysis will be available for public and
agency review.

A decision would be requested from the Texas Department of Transportation only after review and consideration of public and agency comments have been reviewed. The decision would be -- would be in the form of a Record of Decision.

I would like to now hand the hearing back over to Mr. Bill Brudnick.

BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Now, if we could, let's go ahead and begin the public comment session.

There are several ways to comment on the proposed SH 249 Extension project. You can give your oral comments when I open the floor for public comment or you can give your oral comments to a second court reporter located in the common area. If you would like to comment, but do not wish to comment orally tonight, or if you wish to comment in more detail, you may submit your comments in writing. Written comments must be submitted or postmarked by March 9, 2015.

We have provided comment boxes if you choose to leave your completed comment forms tonight or your comments may also be sent electronically to the e-mail address and/or website shown on the slide and provided to you in your handouts.
Raise your hand if you have not already completed a speaker register card and would like to speak tonight.

(No response.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. I would like to begin the public comment session by introducing our elected officials who wish to comment.

If any elected officials would like to comment, I ask that you come down to the microphone, introduce yourself and state who you represent.

COUNTY JUDGE CRAIG DOYAL: My name's Craig Doyal. I'm the Montgomery County Judge. I would like to speak in favor of this project, and I would like to thank TxDOT for their partnership in this project so far. We've talked to a lot of people from Tomball, from Magnolia, and a lot of property owners along this route, went to Austin and lobbied for the project.

Most of you know, for many years this area was pretty quiet. There wasn't a lot of traffic, wasn't a lot of problems; but we've grown exponentially over the last few years. And the need for this project today is critical through Montgomery County.

So I'm here today to speak in support of that project. I think that it -- as we move forward -- without 249, if you -- if you drove here tonight, you
saw the traffic problems that we have. We are going to continue to grow each and every day. Without projects like this, the traffic congestion is just going to continue to get worse.

So I applaud TxDOT for their effort and look forward to partnering with you along with Harris County to get this project completed in Montgomery County, and I thank you for being here with us tonight.

BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you for coming.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Are there any other elected officials that would like to speak tonight?

(No response.)

BILL BRUDNICK: All right. Well, thank you.

I would like to now provide an opportunity for those who have registered to speak on the proposed project.

You will have three minutes to make your comments. When I announce your name please come to the microphone, state -- face the court reporter and clearly state your name and who you may represent.

A timer located on the screen will indicate the beginning of your three minutes. After
three minutes you will be asked to be seated so that the
next speaker can make his or her comments.

If you have additional comments, please
complete a written comment form provided to you or see
the second court reporter located in the common area who
will transcribe comments longer than the three minutes.

Now, I'd like to go ahead and call the
speakers listed on the public speaker registration cards
in the order that I received them.

Michael Moore.

MICHAEL MOORE: I would like to start my
comments first by asking if any of our representatives
from TxDOT or any of our elected officials, are you-all
loosing any portion of any of all your homes?

MALE VOICE: Yeah.

MICHAEL MOORE: Okay. I had a few
moments to read through -- let me see this right here,
this State Purchase of Right-of-Way. In one of the
sections in here I was reading right here, it says that
once that the appraisals come out, they'll do the survey
of our land and then an offer is made for our property.
It says: Our decision regarding the State's offer for
the property needs to be made at the earliest possible
time so that the completion of the acquisitions process
is not delayed.
Boy, we would hate to do anything to delay this roadway.

You can appreciate the fact that there is a definite time frame required for every aspect of the highway or transportation project that involves your property.

My life has a time frame, too; and my life's on hold. It's been on hold for a year and a half, probably another year or year and a half, before all this is taken up by everything that I've seen tonight.

And I think it's downright criminal that you haven't been on our doorstep first saying: Look, get on with your lives.

That's my comment.

BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you, Mr. Moore.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: The next speaker would be David Tullos.

DAVID TULLOS: Tullos.

BILL BRUDNICK: Tullos. Sorry about that.

DAVID TULLOS: I am David Tullos. I'm from southern Grimes County, and I'm speaking on behalf of the Grimes Citizen Advisory Group.
There are a number of reasons why this project shouldn't be built. Because I only have three minutes, I'm just going to quickly illustrate ten of them.

The first one would be that at every opportunity in Grimes County, whether it's a TxDOT meeting, a Stop Grimes 249 meeting, the Grimes Citizen Advisory Group meeting, or a meeting of the Grimes County Planning Commission, an overwhelming majority of Grimes County citizens have opposed this project.

That's reason number 1.

Number 2, Grimes County Commissioners' Court has passed two resolutions against this project. The last one which occurred on February 10th, just eight days ago, opposes all toll roads in Grimes County and specifically names this project.

Number 3, the town of Anderson and the city of Iola in Grimes County have passed resolutions opposing this 249 toll road project.

Number 4, the Grimes County Planning Commission opposes this project and has had a "No Toll Road" Policy since 2008.

Number 5, the new governor of Texas is against toll roads and has declared transportation to be an emergency item. This allows the new funding
initiative to be fast-tracked and considered earlier than normal. He has promised to add $4 billion a year more to roads without raising taxes, fees, debts or tolls.

Number 6, TxDOT has violated federal law in the planning of this project.

Number 7, TxDOT has violated state law in the planning of this project.

Number 8, this project would damage and diminish the property values of the land along this proposed right-of-way.

Number 9, this project will have a permanent negative impact on the long-term economic development of southern Grimes County.

Number 10, this project will damage the Hurricane-Mill Creek watershed, which is the major watershed for southern Grimes County.

So let me summarize this for you. This is a bad project. In southern Grimes County, we don't want this. Our government leaders don't want it.

You work for us. So please stop what you're doing, stop this project, sit down with our elected officials and develop a transportation plan that makes sense for the long-term economic development of southern Grimes County.
Thank you for allowing me to speak here today.

BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Next we have Doug Campbell.

DOUG CAMPBELL: I'm Doug Campbell from Plantersville in southern Grimes County, and I'm opposed to the construction of this roadway into Grimes County, and that's all.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Thank you, Mr. Campbell.

Robert Reynolds.

ROBERT REYNOLDS: I'm Robert Reynolds, a resident of Grimes County; and I was going to sell off some of my minutes to Mr. Tullos here, but he said all he's going to say for right now.

Anyway, the Grimes County Commissioners County, the town of Anderson and the city of Iola have all passed resolutions opposing the 249 project in Grimes County.

An overwhelming majority of the citizens and property owners in Grimes County are against it and have consistently voiced their opposition to this project going through Grimes County.
We believe Grimes County has spoken and it is "No Build."

We don't want any part of the toll road.

It's time TxDOT starts working with the Grimes County 391 Commission to discuss alternative mutually-acceptable option before making any final determinations regarding this phase of the project or proceeding with any future phase of the project that affects Grimes County.

In light of the strong opposition to this project in Grimes County and Governor Abbott's comments regarding the toll roads in his State of the State Address, it would be prudent for TxDOT to pause and pursue non-toll road options.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Bill Matt.

BILL MATT: My name is Bill Matt. I live in Mill Creek Forest, which is directly adjacent, on the south side of Hazy Hollow. We were not even mentioned in the EIS; and the preferred route of your roadway crosses right through our subdivision, affecting my house and every other house on that end of our subdivision.

Secondly, no explanation to me or anybody
else that I know of has ever been given why the 1488 --
I mean, the 1774 or 149 corridor cannot be used for this project.

Thirdly, the talk has been mentioned that we have traffic problems and, therefore, that there's a necessity for 249 expansion; but as our Judge Doyal said earlier, if you came here tonight, you saw the traffic jams.

It's not because of 249. It's because Magnolia can't even get bridgework and 1774 completed. Now, if we can't even complete projects that we wanted to get done in the first place to alleviate traffic problems, I don't see any reason why there needs to be a toll road put in where no other road is.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Larry Lynch.

LARRY LYNCH: I'm a resident of Grimes County and I want to tell everybody here that I'm against that toll road.

I don't understand why the people of Montgomery County, why there are not more people out here tonight to oppose that toll road. Because what we're doing when we let these toll roads go through, we're making it easy, it's just fueling the fire. Any
time TxDOT wants to put a road through, they're going to hit you when you use it.

My daddy used to always say: If you don't have the money, don't buy it. If the money's not there to build that road without making it toll, then we don't need it.

So let's all get together. Let's oppose it. Let's send out a message to the rest of Texas that we don't want toll roads. We send enough money over there and -- But if we can't -- haven't got enough money, don't build it.

And I don't know about down here, but when -- a lot of information, when this first started in Grimes County, we wasn't getting the information we needed about this toll road; and this is just the tip of the iceberg.

They're wanting to put a pile line (sic) and high-speed rail through Grimes County. Well, there's a good chance you're going to get it right here in Montgomery County.

So there's not been enough planning done. All these environmental impact studies, they're not enough.

We need planning. I'm not for holding up growth, but there's not enough planning.
You know, when TxDOT comes to the table, they need to have more. It's easy for them to take a few days, somebody come up with these drawings and everything about this route; but there's lots more to it than just that. That's all I got to say.

Thank you for letting me speak.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: All right. With that, that is all the registered speakers that we have tonight.

I'd like to go ahead and thank you for all your comments. I guess we will now close the hearing.

It's exactly 7:05.

YOLANDA CAMPBELL: I was registered.


BILL BRUDNICK: Campbell? Okay. I'm sorry about that. Yolanda Campbell?

YOLANDA CAMPBELL: Yolanda.

BILL BRUDNICK: Yolanda? Sorry about that.

YOLANDA CAMPBELL: My name is Yolanda Campbell, and I live in Montgomery County and also own property in Plantersville.
The 249 toll road is going to split my property in half. I won't be able to raise my cattle there any longer. And here in Montgomery County, I see that there’s need for road improvements, but I don't believe that a 249 toll road is the way to go.

In my opinion, I think that you should consider expanding your existing roads to alleviate the traffic, but I don't see that a toll road is beneficial at this time.

Thank you for letting me speak.

(Applause.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Is there anyone else that would like to speak tonight?

(No response.)

BILL BRUDNICK: Okay. Well, again, I would like to thank you for all your comments.

We will now close the hearing. It's exactly 7:05 p.m. and the hearing is adjourned. So thank you for coming.

(The proceedings concluded at 7:05 p.m.)
THE STATE OF TEXAS:
COUNTY OF GALVESTON:

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I, Mary C. Dopico, Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the facts stated by me in the caption hereto are true; that the foregoing proceedings were taken by me in machine shorthand and later transcribed from my machine shorthand notes to typewritten form by me.

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Mr. Carlos Snonce
Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement
SH 249: From 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 in Todd Mission
Montgomery and Grimes County (CSJ:0720-02-072 and 0720-02-073)

Dear Mr. Snonce:

Under section 12.0011 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is charged with "providing recommendations that will protect fish and wildlife resources to local, state, and federal agencies that approve, permit, license, or construct developmental projects" and "providing information on fish and wildlife resources to any local, state, and federal agencies or private organizations that make decisions affecting those resources."

Please be aware that a written response to a TPWD recommendation or informational comment received by a state governmental agency may be required by state law. For further guidance, see the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Section 12.0011, which can be found online at http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PW/htm/PW.12.htm#12.0011. For tracking purposes, please refer to TPWD project number ERCS-10595 in any return correspondence regarding this project.

TxDOT proposes the extension of SH 249 on new location for approximately 15 miles, from FM 1774 in Pinehurst, Montgomery County to FM 1774 in Todd Mission, Grimes County. The proposed SH 249 extension is planned as a four main lane controlled access toll road, with intermittent frontage roads, located within a typical 400 foot right-of-way (ROW).

TPWD has previously provided comments on this project on December 3, 2013, March 20, 2006 and April 21, 2005 (attached). TPWD requests that TxDOT utilize the recommendations provided in the previous comment letters and provide TPWD with an opportunity to review the Final Environmental Impact Statement.
TPWD advises review and implementation of these recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact me at (361) 576-0022.

Sincerely,

Amy Turner, Ph.D.
Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program
Wildlife Division

AJT:ERS-10595
March 9, 2015

Via Email and Hand Delivery

Marc D. Williams, P.E.
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125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: Texas State Highway 249 Extension; Possible Impact to Linn's Operations in Montgomery County, Texas

Mr. Williams:

Linn Energy Holdings, LLC ("Linn") owns oil and gas leases that will be affected by the proposed routes for the Texas State Highway 249 Extension. In total, Linn has oil, gas and mineral leases covering roughly 13,000 gross acres in Montgomery County, Texas. Linn acquired many of these properties, including the Dean and Pinehurst Gas Units, from Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. in 2014. I have attached Devon's comments here. In addition to the comments and concerns that Devon has expressed with respect to the oil and gas operations, Linn has the following comments:

Grade-change/underpass. A grade-change/underpass is needed to accommodate Linn's existing access road. The currently proposed four-lane width should provide sufficient width. However, this underpass must accommodate large equipment with at least eighteen feet (18') of vertical clearance. If an eighteen foot vertical clearance is not possible, a lower grade of road that could accommodate "low boy" trailers may also be sufficient. Without this vertical clearance, Linn will be unable to access to the property with appropriate equipment and will suffer a significant economic burden. I spoke with Robb Fishman, Environmental Program Manager for Jacobs Engineering on March 6 to discuss the grade-change/underpass issue.

Pipeline. Linn has a high pressure gas gathering system in place that crosses the proposed route for the SH 249 project. We would request that Linn be consulted during construction and when placing support beams and boreholes to ensure that the pipelines are not damaged and that proper safety precautions are taken.
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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): See Next Page.

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Callie,

Can you please respond to this customer.

Thanks,

Melody

> On Mar 6, 2015, at 12:45 PM, HOU-PIOWebMail <HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov> wrote:
> Good Afternoon, for your handling, thanks.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Brenda Wiedrich [mailto:brenda.wiedrich@yahoo.com]
> Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 11:58 AM
> To: HOU-PIOWebMail
> Subject: toll road in Magnolia, Tx
> To Whom it may concern:
> I'm getting real tired of having to defend my worthless being in this country. The reason I say worthless is because all I ever do is try and make it a good place to live. But I have come to the conclusion that I'm only here as a taxpayer and I need to shut up. What do they call that oh yeah PAY AND SHUT UP. First of all I have a problem of the small advertising space it consumed, but like they say if your hiding something don't make it to obvious what your doing. There was a gentleman that did speak on that because he couldn't believe there weren't more people there, in which I say they probably didn't see the 1 1/2 by 2 inch notice either. Second while I was strolling around the hall looking at the information that was put up for the dumb taxpayers to look at. Well out of the mouth of one of the persons to answer question and she said that TxDot already has the funds for the project. So I went up and asked the question how much money did they get from the Texas rainy day fund, which she couldn't answer. I listened to the 2 speakers that carried on the show. I always like the question and answer part because of all of the people that are there and most of them are opposing the toll road or the high speed rail, it really doesn't matter because it all falls on deaf ears. After everyone
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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):
I see a far greater need for solutions to severe congestion
on 1774, 148, and 149 than I do for the creation of yet
another toll road. It will not solve any of the traffic problems we have

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Email address (Correo electrónico):

COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):
We bought our house 26 yrs ago and about 1yr after we moved in, we were told our house was under eminent domain,
we haven't had any hardcopy or correspondence from...

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anybody regarding a time frame, we learned there was a town hall meeting on Oct 3rd 2013 and we were not informed. We have been in the dark. Our lives are on hold and we are not young anymore. It will be difficult to start over and make a new home the way we like it. We weren't even given a letter about the meeting tonight. Our neighbor, Diane, gave us a copy of others. Putting lives on hold & keeping people uninformed is unacceptable. If you are going to take our homes/lives from us please DO NOT violate us a second time by not giving us information.

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):
Are they considering making an additional egress routes from subdivisions that only have one way in and out like Chipper Creek Farms.

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Email address (Correo electrónico): __________________

COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):

Bryan, College Station and Houston will continue to thrive, and traffic between the two communities will intensify. There are many reasons why a direct link between these two populations

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centers is needed, and would be beneficial. The toll road will offer an alternative to these resulting quicker travel, and will result in less traffic on SH 105, providing safer and less congested travel for those desiring to travel on SH 105. There are no new roads, only those that are tax supported and those supported by user fees. Improved access between origin - C I S will need to be addressed. Waiting will multiply construction costs. It makes sense to provide an alternative supported by user fees, especially when existing options continue to be available to local residents at no additional cost to them.

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Optional Information/Información Opcional:
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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):
Please start this project soon. Our city needs the traffic relief

Thank you

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Support ☐  Oppose ☐  Undecided ☐
Apoyo ☐  Me Opongo ☐  Indeciso ☐

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):

We are very much in support of the project. Our region has expressed support in the past and continues to do so.

We support the proposed B/C route for purposes of public safety/evacuation, economic development and alleviation of traffic congestion. Please keep us informed.

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):
The current + Boundary line cut my property in half. I would like for TxDOT to please buy all of my property

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Address (Dirección): 1823 Will Scarlet

Email address (Correo electrónico):

COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):
If my family wanted to live in the city or suburbs we’d move, we live in the country for a reason. Leave us alone.

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):

As per our meeting a year ago—THE ROAD STILL HAS NOT MOVED—OUR 20 ACRES IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CHURCH ON 149

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Email address (Correo electrónico): LISA.C@CARSWELLREALESTATE.COM

COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):
We own the 80 acres on the south side of 149 where the proposed road will cross. As I indicated in our previous meeting we were surprised at the road course.

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):
MY PROPERTY IS UP AGAINST THE 8' BRICK WALL!
THE IS ONLY (4) WAY INTO THE SUBDIVISIONS (1) WAY OUT. I AT LEAST HAD ESCAPE ROUTE IF THERE WAS

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A fire or some emergency.

Now I'm locked in!

There must be a Texas law that has several exits & entrances into a subdivision.

Please keep us safe!

Give us several ways out.
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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):
I GET THE ROADWAY - THAT BEING SAID I THINK IT CRIMINAL THAT YOU TAKE AWAY PEOPLE'S LIVES -
KNOWING THE ROAD IS COMING WE SHOULD BE CONTACTED —

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Immediately check in hand so that people can drive their vehicles.

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):
This route better connects Houston with Bryan/College Station & Wa two major universities (TAMU; Baylor) and alleviates Magnolia congestion issues. Will aid in safer hurricane evacuation.

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Address (Dirección): ________________________________

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):

It is extremely important to complete this project.

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SH 249 Extension
CSJ: 0720-02-072 and 0720-02-073 (CB)
January 27, 2015

TxDOT Houston District
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, TX 77251-1386

Re: Extension of State Highway 249

I own 213 acres North of 1488 and North of Mill Creek.

I have been notified that the road will come through my property and that a retention pond will be established on my property.

I have a prior commitment out of state and will not be able to attend the public hearing on March 18, 2015. I have attended prior hearings and learned nothing.

The road will come about 70 yards from my house. It is logical to me to angle the road farther West. I have presented this proposal to numerous people in the past. Each time I was ignored or told to write a letter to a different person.

After about three years of stonewalling from TX Dot and engineers I have given up, but I do have some questions.

I just want to know what somebody thinks. I don’t want to bind TX Dot and warrant I will not use a response in a legal proceeding if one is later instituted.

Don’t tell me to contact someone else. I’ve fallen for that about five times.

1.) The proximity of the construction and the highway will make my house nearly unlivable. Does TX Dot pay me for the decrease in value?

2.) What sort of fencing will be used at the edge of the right of way?

3.) Will I have access across the road to the West half of my property?

4.) Realistically, when will construction begin from 1488 to 1774?

This is a big deal to me. You are taking land I have owned for many years and ruining a house I intended to live in for the rest of my life. TX Dot owes a response to a citizen.

You can call me with your thoughts at (281) 782-6463 or respond by email.

Sincerely,

Christopher Rhodes
-------Original Message-------
From: Bryce Miller [mailto:brycenalice@att.net]
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 9:56 AM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Cc: A Alice
Subject: 249 Toll Road Extension

My name is Bryce Miller. I live at 15307 Mill Cir., Magnolia, TX 77354. We are in the Mill Creek Landing subdivision. This new 249 tollroad extension is going to be extremely close to my home and my property value will suffer. Not to mention, the noise I will hear from this tollway will ruin the atmosphere and environment that I paid for when I purchased this property. I am opposed to this current route for the tollway and am requesting that you move this part of the tollway farther west than the proposed route. Please email me back with information on who I need to get in touch with to make my request known and who I can follow up with. I need the name and contact information of the person who is heading up this project and which government representative I need to get in touch with to voice my concern and request.
Sincerely, Bryce Miller
281-808-1259
brycenalice@att.net
From: Pat Henry <Pat.Henry@txdot.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 11:03 AM
To: Callie Barnes; Christine Bergren
Subject: FW: 249 extension

From: HOU-PIOWebMail
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 10:55 AM
To: Pat Henry
Subject: FW: 249 extension

249 comment, thanks.

Kristina Hadley
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From: Jsand538 [mailto:jsand538@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 2:22 PM
To: HOU-PIOWebMail
Subject: 249 extension

I am not employed by, do business with or will benefit monetarily from txdot or the project I am commenting about.

Joan Sandstrom
281 610 0656
41803 N. Mill Drive
Magnolia, Texas 77354
Jsand538@aol.com

I am opposed to building the 249 extension through the proposed area east of Magnolia crossing FM 1488. It will directly and negatively effect my home, neighborhood and quiet lifestyle. Furthermore, past history does not support the use of toll roads as fiscally healthy. The proposed routes will increase the noise level at my neighborhood without any obvious benefit. Why not use the most direct path along FM 1774 that is already in use? Why disrupt housing, tranquility and wildlife habitat for a road that requires tolls to justify its existence? Apparently, the money is not available to provide sound barriers either. At the very least sound suppression should be an integral part of the plan. Please reconsider the current proposed routes and just expand FM1774 which is already the most direct route.

Joan Sandstrom
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Support ______ Oppose ______ Undecided ______
Apoyo______ Me Opongo ______ Indeciso ______

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Email address (Correo electrónico): Apdm12@comcast.net

COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS): Not able to make your meeting due to traffic congestion.
in our area at 8:30 - 7 PM. How these concerns.
I NOS where may I express concern about the increase in the level of noise during the night.
I request your reconsider some type of barrier to maintain the current ambient noise level
at a low level. We are in the country and went to keep it that way. That is why

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we bought this property.

2. Increase traffic on FM 149. We currently see an increased level of traffic near our property. There is no coordination between the county and TXDOT. We would like to see better coordination and possibly a traffic signal during the construction period and after completion. It is now very dangerous to enter FM 149 because of the traffic congestion.

3. Reduced property values. Request re-paving the entrance on FM 149 further south and change routing to eliminate the jog towards our subdivision.

Is there a TXDOT engineer I can contact regarding these issues?

Regards, PD Muloforte P.E.

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Email address (Correo electrónico): kathy mazzaf er o @ g mail . com

COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):
See attached.

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Comments:

As I am sure you are aware, the Grimes County Commissioner’s Court, the Town of Anderson and the City of Iola have all passed resolutions opposing the 249 extension project in Grimes County. An overwhelming majority of the citizens and property owners in Grimes County are against, and have consistently voiced their opposition to, this project going through Grimes County.

I believe that Grimes County has spoken..."NO BUILD". We don’t want any part of this toll road going through Grimes County. It is time that TxDOT starts working with the Grimes County 391 Commission to discuss alternative, mutually acceptable options before making any final determinations regarding this phase of the project or proceeding the any future phase of the project that affects Grimes County.

In light of the strong opposition to this project in Grimes County and Gov. Abbott’s recent comments in his State of the State address concerning his opposition to toll roads, it would be prudent for TxDOT to pause and pursue non-toll road options.
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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):

WHY IS ANOTHER ROAD EVEN BEING CONSIDERED, MOST ESPECIALLY A TOLL ROAD WHEN IT MAKES MORE SENSE & WOULD BE MUCH MORE ECONOMICAL TO WIDEN THE EXISTING FM1774 AT 149 NORTH OF TODD MISSION? IF TXDOT CAN AFFORD TO BUILD THE ROAD YOU ARE SHOVING DOWN OUR THROATS WITHOUT MAKING IT ECONOMIC.

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A TOLL ROAD, THEN DON'T BUILD IT. WE DO NOT WANT OR NEED ANOTHER TOLL ROAD; WE ALREADY TAXED FOR OUR ROADS. THIS PROJECT NEEDS TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD.
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Optional Information/Information Opcional:
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8211

Address (Direction): 333 West Sheridan Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102-5015

Email address (Correo electronico): Sharon.Florez@dvn.com

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por la Administration Federal de Carreteras (FHWA) y el TxDOT.
Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. ("Devon") owns the surface of 1,100 acres in the path of the proposed SH 249 Extension Project. Devon previously owned oil and gas leases in the area but recently sold those leases to LINN Energy Holding LLC. Devon remains the owner of a very substantial surface interest. Devon has the following comments:

**Water Retention Pond Location.** The proposed location of the water retention pond is located near the middle of Devon’s property, a location that significantly diminishes the value of land that is "high and dry" and very valuable for future commercial development. Devon respectfully requests that the pond be relocated to other property. However, if that is not possible, Devon requests that the State consider splitting the 31 acre pond into several smaller, strategically placed ponds. Relocation to a floodplain area, which would be much more suitable for the pond, would also have a much less detrimental impact on the land’s value.

**Property Value – Potential Commercial Development.** The proposed route for SH 249 Project (Recommended, Preferred B/C Alternative Alignment) is acceptable to Devon. In particular, the proposed grade-change/underpass that will accommodate large equipment and a four-lane boulevard suitable for future commercial development is very important to Devon. While Devon accepts the proposed route for SH 249, Devon’s property has significant value for future commercial development. A recent appraisal indicates the land to be valued in excess of $18,000,000. Devon expects to be fairly compensated by the State.

**Timber Value.** The proposed route will also require the cutting and removal of a large amount of mature and very valuable timber. Devon also expects to be fairly compensated by the State for any timber that must be cut. A recent appraisal indicates that the timber on Devon’s land is valued at $17,000 per acre.

Devon appreciates the consideration of our concerns shown by the State and Jacobs Engineering to date and trusts that we can continue working together in a spirit of cooperation and collaboration to reach the best outcome for all affected by this project.

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Email address (Correo electrónico): DAN831@SCGGLOBAL.NET

COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):

Move to Country to get away from the noise & congestion.
Now you want to put the Freeway right in front of our house. Whose going to buy it - I know Tx DOT is not.

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THANKS FOR THE FUTURE NOISE!

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Address (Dirección):
20239 Ridge Rd., Pinell, TX 77377-6805
Email address (Correo electrónico):
Breckhfillgeist2016@gmail.com

COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):

Please continue to proactively extend SH 249
from FM 1774 to North of Todd Mission.
The alignment of the roadway of SH 249 from

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Support ☐ Oppose ☑ Undecided ☐
Apoyo _____ Me Opongo _____ Indeciso _____

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):
I am opposed to a Toll Road (for profit highway) and the taking of private property to do so. If you are going to build a highway to benefit all of the people including those that live in and around

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Magnolia then you need a highway around Magnolia that will benefit the community in the future, allowing for development of new businesses and communities, where people are allowed to live.

Montgomery is a fast-growing area of Texas and the population is expected to double in the next 20 years. The planning by TxDOT needs to plan for the future development of the area. New roads such as FM 249 need frontage roads just like those in the Tomball area.

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RE: PUBLIC HEARING
SH 249 Extension
CSJ: 0720-02-072 and 0720-02-073 (CB)
PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT FORM/Forma de Comentario
SH 249 Extension
From: FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission
Montgomery and Grimes Counties, Texas
Wednesday February 18, 2015

This form is provided to receive your comments regarding the proposed SH 249 Extension Project from FM 1774 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission. Please return this form during the hearing tonight or submit by mail by March 9, 2015. You may also submit your comments electronically to HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov or online at:

Esta forma es para recibir sus comentarios sobre el proyecto para la Extensión de la autopista SH249 desde FM1774 en Pinehurst hasta FM1774 en Todd Mission. Favor devuelva esta forma durante la audiencia esta noche o envíela por correo antes el 9 de marzo de 2015. También puede enviar sus comentarios electrónicamente a HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov o

Overall, do you support or oppose the proposed SH 249 Extension?
En general, soporta usted o se opone al proyecto para expandir la autopista SH 249?

Support ☑ Oppose _____ Undecided _____
Apoyo_____ Me Opongo _____ Indeciso _____

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COMMENTS (COMENTARIOS):
I think a Frontage RD between 1486 & 1488 would help business in Magnolia & also
A couple of TRAFFIC on 1774.

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