



## **Public Hearing Notice – Texas Rail Plan**

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 East Riverside Drive, Auditorium 1A-1, Austin, Texas to receive public comments on the Texas Rail Plan. The Texas Rail Plan serves as a policy document that establishes a state vision and objectives for freight and passenger rail service in the state. The plan includes details about the current state of passenger and freight rail as well as establishes a short and long-range investment program which will guide improvements and expansion of the state rail transportation system.

A copy of the Texas Rail Plan will be available for review, at the time the notice of hearing is published, at the department's Rail Division offices located in Building 118, Second Floor, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, and on the department's website at: [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) (keywords: rail plan). Persons wishing to review the Texas Rail Plan may do so online or contact the Rail Division at (512) 486-5230.

Persons wishing to speak at the hearing may register at the hearing location beginning at 1:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing. Speakers will be allowed three minutes each, and 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. Speakers 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 Government and Public Affairs Division, at 125 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas, 78701-2483, (512) 463-9957. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the needs.

Further information on the Texas Rail Plan may be obtained from Jennifer Moczygemba, Rail Division, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704, (512) 486-5127. Written comments on the Texas Rail Plan may be submitted to William E. Glavin, Director, Rail Division, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Comments may also be submitted on-line at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) (keywords: rail plan). The deadline for receipt of comments is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2010.