



**Public Meeting Notice
with Two In-Person Open House Meetings
Gulf Freeway (I-45 South) PEL Study
From I-69/US 59 (Downtown) to Beltway 8 South
Control Section Job (CSJ) 0500-03-633
Harris County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Houston District, is conducting the Gulf Freeway Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study that covers Interstate 45 (I-45) South from I-69/US 59 (Downtown) to Beltway 8 South in Harris County, Texas. This notice advises the public that the study team will be conducting a Public Meeting with two in-person open house meetings and materials available virtually/online. **Virtual meeting materials will be available starting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, by 5 p.m.** The virtual materials will consist of a series of pre-recorded video presentations and will include both audio and visual components. To view the virtual materials, including the presentations and other study information, visit:

www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/houston/gulf-freeway-pel-study.html.

Please note that the presentations will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call (713) 802-5000 (reference the Gulf Freeway PEL Study) between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access study materials when the corridor is still being studied. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing two in-person open house meeting options for individuals who would like to participate. In-person attendees will be able to view the same pre-recorded presentation as posted online, review hard copies of study materials, ask questions, and submit written comments.

The in-person open houses will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Third Ward Multi-Service Center at 3611 Ennis Street, Houston, Texas 77004, and Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sagemont Church, Annex Building at 11600 Hughes Road, Houston, Texas 77089.

At the meetings, TxDOT will present the latest study updates and obtain public input on the results of the second level of screening and resulting recommended alternatives that could address the growing safety, mobility, multimodal, and infrastructure needs along the corridor.

The purpose of the Gulf Freeway PEL Study is to explore transportation alternatives to address the growing safety, mobility, multimodal, and infrastructure needs along the corridor due to the projected population and employment growth in the Houston metropolitan area. The study corridor has been identified as a 14-mile stretch of I-45 South from I-69/US 59 in Downtown Houston to Beltway 8 South. A series of three Public Meetings were held between 2020 and 2024 and public input from those events has been considered in the study findings. No changes will be made or proposed to the existing roadway at this time. Alternatives recommended at the conclusion of the PEL study may become future projects and would be subject to modification during the project development process.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the study location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the study are on file and available for review by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. Please contact Gabriel Adame, TxDOT Public Engagement Coordinator, at (713) 802-5199 or via email at Gabriel.Adame@txdot.gov. Study materials will also be available online at www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html.

The Public Meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English or Spanish is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English or Spanish, one will be provided to you free-of-charge. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the Public Meeting, please contact Gabriel Adame, at (713) 802-5199 or via email at Gabriel.Adame@txdot.gov no later than 4 p.m., Friday, September 12, 2025. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the study team to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the Gulf Freeway PEL Study are requested and may be submitted in any language by mail to the TxDOT Houston District, District Transportation Planning Director, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Written comments may also be submitted by email to HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov using subject title 0500-03-633. All comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, October 3, 2025. Responses to comments received will be available online at the web address listed above once completed.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding this study or the Public Meeting, please contact the Study Team at (713) 802-5000 (reference Gulf Freeway PEL Study) or via email at IH45SouthPEL@txdot.gov.

Please call (713) 802-5199 to request special accommodations or if you have need for interpretation/translation.

Mandarin: 如對出席和參與會議有特殊要求或需要口譯或筆譯 請撥打 **(713) 802-5199**。

Swahili: Tafadhali piga simu kwa **(713) 802-5199** ili kuomba malazi maalum au ikiwa unahitaji ukalimani au utafsiri.

Vietnamese: Xin hãy gọi **(713) 802-5199** để yêu cầu cho các điều chỉnh đặc biệt hoặc nếu bạn cần có phiên dịch hoặc biên dịch.

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As provided for by 23 CFR 450.212, 23 CFR 450.318 and Appendix A to 23 CFR Part 450, the results or decisions of this Planning and Environmental Linkage Study may be incorporated into or used as part of the review of this project under the National Environmental Policy Act, which will be carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 USC 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 17, 2025, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.