



## Notice

### Virtual Public Meeting

### I-10 INNER KATY CORRIDOR

### Harris County, Texas



The Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) and the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (“METRO”) are working together to provide improvements to the Inner Katy Corridor which is generally located on I-10 between I-610 (the West Loop) and I-45 in Harris County, Texas. METRO proposes to construct dedicated busway lanes within the Inner Katy Corridor between the Northwest Transit Center and Downtown Houston. Two TxDOT projects are contained within this corridor: I-10 Inner Katy Drainage Improvements Project (CSJ 0271-07-331) and I-10 Inner Katy Managed Lanes Project (CSJ 0271-07-325). This notice advises the public that TxDOT and METRO will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed projects. The virtual meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 5:30 pm**. To access the virtual public meeting, visit [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and keyword search “I-10 Inner Katy Corridor” for instructions. Pre-recorded video presentations, including both audio and visual components, will be available to provide an overview of each the proposed projects within the I-10 Inner Katy Corridor. Participants will also be able to access more detailed information on each project. Please note that the presentations will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. Following the virtual public meeting, the presentations will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until **Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 11:59 pm**. If you do not have internet access, you may call TxDOT at (713) 802-5274 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access TxDOT project materials during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below. You may also contact METRO at [InnerKaty@ridemetro.org](mailto:InnerKaty@ridemetro.org) to ask questions and provide comments throughout the project development process.

**METRORapid Inner Katy Project:** The Inner Katy Corridor currently has a gap in dedicated transit facilities between the Northwest Transit Center and the Downtown Connector along I-10. This gap constrains the reliability of transit services within the corridor and impacts overall METRO service to destinations in West Houston and Downtown. The METRO-sponsored METRORapid Inner Katy Project proposes to construct a dedicated busway facility within the Inner Katy Corridor that connects the Northwest Transit Center to Downtown Houston. It would provide for enhanced Park & Ride service for the I-10 and US 290 corridors, as well as provide connectivity with the METRORapid Silver Uptown Line and the METRORail Green and Purple Lines. Proposed stations along the route include the future high-speed rail terminus, the existing Northwest Transit Center, a new Shepherd/Durham station, and a new Studemont station, with connectivity to Downtown. This project is funded for construction through the METRONext bond initiative and additional funding from the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC).

Information on the two TxDOT projects is provided below:

**TxDOT I-10 Inner Katy Drainage Improvements Project:** The I-10 main lanes between I-610 and Patterson Street experienced flooding during recent major storm events which impacted mobility and access for local and regional destinations. TxDOT proposes to make drainage improvements in this area consisting of new detention pond(s), improved outfalls, and upgrades to pump stations and storm sewer pipes. As part of this project, a detention pond would be constructed on the north side of I-10 and west of the UPRR on Portwest Drive. The construction of the detention pond is currently not funded.

Although additional right-of-way would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands.

**TxDOT I-10 Inner Katy Managed Lanes Project:** The Inner Katy Corridor (between I-610/West Loop and I-45) currently experiences congestion throughout the day where demand exceeds capacity. The Texas A&M Transportation Institute has ranked I-10 from I-610 West to I-45 as the 11<sup>th</sup> most congested highway in Texas. As transportation needs within the Inner Katy Corridor continue to grow, available physical space to accommodate

these increased demands remains limited. TxDOT is currently studying solutions that can address demand and enhance overall mobility within the Inner Katy Corridor. These solutions involve extending the Katy Freeway Managed Lanes from I-610 West to Downtown Houston. The TxDOT I-10 Inner Katy Managed Lanes Project is currently not funded for construction.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right-of-way and potentially displace ten non-residential structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (713) 802-5274.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands. The proposed project would also involve an action in a floodplain.

The virtual 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. 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 virtual public meeting, please contact TxDOT's Houston District Public Information Office at (713) 802-5076 no later than Monday, February 22, 2021. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments regarding the proposed METRORapid Inner Katy Project are requested and may be submitted by email to [InnerKaty@ridemetro.org](mailto:InnerKaty@ridemetro.org). Written comments regarding the proposed TxDOT projects are also requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Advanced Project Development Director, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251. Written comments may also be submitted by email to [hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov](mailto:houston-piowebmail@txdot.gov) or online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov). All comments must be received on or before **Wednesday, March 31, 2021**. Responses to comments received will be available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) (keyword search "I-10 Inner Katy Corridor") once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed TxDOT projects or the virtual meeting, please contact the TxDOT Project Manager at (713) 802-5274.



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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.