



Notice

Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option I-45N Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study From Beltway 8 North to Loop 336 South (Conroe) CSJ: 0912-00-536

Harris and Montgomery Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is conducting the I-45N: Beltway 8 North to Loop 336 South (Conroe) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study in Harris and Montgomery Counties. This notice advises the public that the study team will be conducting an on-line virtual public meeting on the proposed study with two (2) in-person options. **The virtual public meeting will be available on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 5 p.m. through Friday, February 3, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov, and type "I-45N PEL" in the search box.

The public meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call 713-802-5262 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access study materials during the study development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing in-person options for individuals who would like to participate in-person. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public meeting, review hard copies of study materials, ask questions and submit written comments. **The in-person options will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Oak Ridge High School 9th Grade Campus Cafeteria, 27310 Oak Ridge School Road, Conroe, Texas 77385, and Thursday, January 19, 2023, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Hochzeit Hall, 427 Gentry Street, Spring, Texas 77373.**

The purpose of the I-45N PEL Study is to explore transportation alternatives to address the growing safety, mobility, and connectivity needs along the corridor due to the projected population and employment growth in the greater Houston region. The study corridor has been identified as a 24-mile stretch of I-45 North from Beltway 8 North to Loop 336 South. The purpose of this third public meeting is to provide an opportunity for the community to review and comment on the reasonable alternatives developed to address the I-45N corridor needs and the evaluation process that will be used to identify the recommended alternative(s). A series of public meetings were held in 2018 and 2019 and public input from those events has been considered in the study findings. No changes will be made to the existing roadway at this time.

Any documentation or studies, maps and exhibits showing the study location, 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. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. Study materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "I-45N PEL". Please contact Kaitlyn Cantu, project manager, at 713-802-5272 or by email at Kaitlyn.Cantu@txdot.gov to make an appointment to review the study material.

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. 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 Tunisia Smith, Environmental Coordinator, at 713-802-5560 no later than 4 p.m., Friday, January 13, 2023. 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 I-45N PEL Study are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Advanced Project Development Director, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Written comments may also be submitted by email to HOU-PIOwebmail@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before Friday, February 3, 2023. The public meeting documentation will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "I-45N PEL", once it has been prepared. If you have any general questions or concerns regarding this study or the virtual public meeting, please contact Kaitlyn Cantu, project manager, at 713-802-5272 or by email at Kaitlyn.Cantu@txdot.gov.