



Notice
Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
GULF FREEWAY (I-45S) PEL STUDY
FROM I-69 / US 59 (DOWNTOWN) TO BELTWAY 8 SOUTH
CSJ: 0500-03-633
HARRIS COUNTY, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 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 (BW) 8 South in Harris County, Texas. This notice advises the public that the study team will be conducting an on-line virtual public meeting with two in-person options. **The virtual public meeting will be available on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 5 p.m. through Friday, July 29, 2022, 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 “**Gulf Freeway PEL Study**” in the search box.

The virtual 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 project materials during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing two in-person option 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, July 12, 2022, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Houston Texans YMCA at 5202 Griggs Road, Houston, Texas 77021, and Thursday, July 14, 2022, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Sagemont Church, Annex Building, 11600 Hughes Road, Houston, Texas 77089.**

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. This will be accomplished by building on previously completed planning studies, evaluating existing conditions, projecting future conditions, and assessing how various alternatives can address issues related to growth, congestion, mobility, safety, connectivity, freight, and asset management in the study corridor. The study corridor has been identified as a 14-mile stretch of I-45 South from I-69 / US 59 in Downtown Houston to BW 8 South. 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 “**Gulf Freeway PEL Study**”. 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 virtual public meeting, please contact Sarah Wyckoff, Environmental Coordinator, at 713-802-5262 no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, July 7, 2022. 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 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, July 29, 2022. The public meeting documentation will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search “**Gulf Freeway PEL Study**”, 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.