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In accordance with Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, §25.103, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a virtual public hearing to receive comments on a proposal received from the city of Austin, Texas, to establish a Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials (NRHM) route in Austin, Texas. The purpose of the virtual public hearing is to receive comments and concerns of all affected persons and entities with regards to the designation of the NRHM. The virtual public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 10 a.m.** To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to www.txdot.gov, keyword search "Austin NRHM Virtual Hearing" at the date and time indicated above. Following the virtual public hearing, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above. Comments must be received by **Wednesday, June 23, 2021**, to be part of the official public hearing record.

The proposal to establish a NRHM route designation would require that all vehicles carrying non-radioactive hazardous materials travel through the city of Austin, Texas, via State Highway 45 (SH 45), State Highway 71 (SH 71), State Highway 130 (SH 130), United States Highway 290 (US 290), and Interstate Highway 35 (I-35) to their intended point of exit, rather than travel on local streets or state business routes through the center of town. The primary objective of designating a NRHM route is to minimize the potential for incidents and risk of harm to the public, should a truck/vehicle carrying hazardous materials be involved in an incident and the material be released. The designation of a NRHM will not remove or prohibit all truck/vehicles carrying hazardous materials from Travis and Williamson County roadways.

The virtual public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language, or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. To make arrangements for any of these needs, please contact Josh Verastique, Traffic Safety Division, at (512) 416-3229 no later than 4 p.m. CT, June 11, 2021. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposal are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Traffic Safety Division, Attention: Josh Verastique, 118 E. Riverside, Austin, TX 78704. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Josh.Verastique@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

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