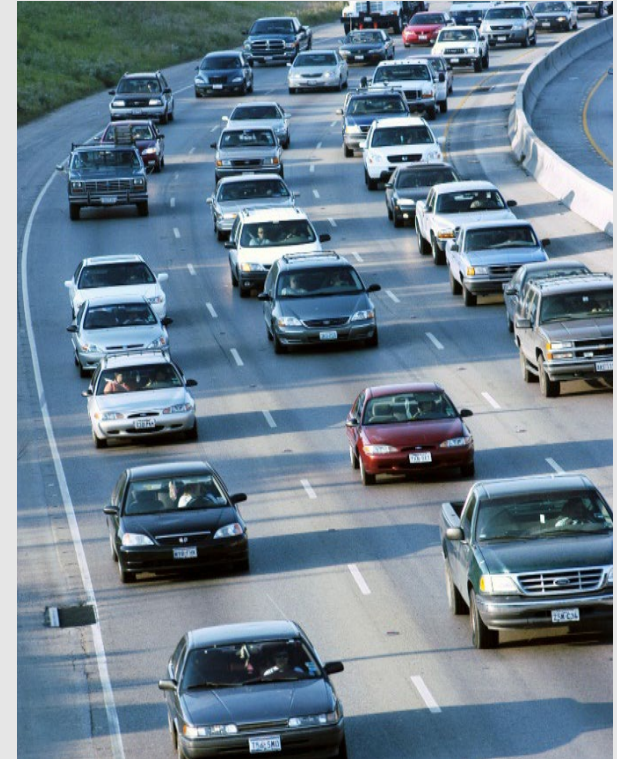


TXDOT TEAMWORK:

An Interdisciplinary Approach to Ensure
Meaningful Public Involvement in an
Ever Changing Landscape



TxDOT Public Involvement Policy

“The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) commits to purposefully involve the public in planning and project implementation by providing for early, continuous, transparent and effective access to information and decision-making processes. TxDOT will regularly update public involvement methods to include best practices in public involvement and incorporate a range of strategies to encourage broad participation reflective of the needs of the state’s population.”

Minute Order No. 112555

Signed by the Texas Transportation Commission on Jan. 27, 2011



Commission Objectives

- Solicit and encourage proactive public involvement that can be fully integrated into the planning process and incorporated in the various planning activities.



- Proactively seek early and continuing public input and involvement, and be responsive to inquiries and suggestions.
- Utilize multiple methods to explain TxDOT's processes, priorities and procedures, so the public will have a solid foundation upon which to make requests, inquires and suggestions.

Environmental Affairs Division Guidance and Training

- Ensure compliance with state and federal regulations
 - 23 CFR 771.111
 - Executive Orders 12898 and 13166
 - 43 TAC Chapter 2 (State rules)
- Provide guidance to district environmental coordinators
- Ensure NEPA document sufficiency
- Attend public involvement activities
- Present *Public Involvement for NEPA* training class



District Environmental Coordinators – Boots on the Ground



- Attend public involvement activities
- Meet with individual property owners
- Conduct informal meetings and formal hearings
- Provide information on potential environmental impacts
- Provide summary and analysis of each meeting to ENV for review and approval



Public Involvement Section- Resource and Engagement

- Carry out our mission and policy
- Create project-specific public involvement plans
- Provide on-site resources
- Help determine appropriate outreach methods
- Facilitate public meetings and hearings



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Director's Corner

It is springtime in Texas; the temperature is all over the place, the bluebonnets are beginning to bloom, and TxDOT is conducting public outreach at a quickening pace. Your efforts to ensure meaningful civic engagement are contributing to the success of our programs and projects. A few things I would ask us to focus on as we proceed into calendar year 2019.

First is ensuring that public meeting notices and information posted to txdot.gov receive sufficient scrutiny at the district level before being sent to us here in PI. A significant amount of time and effort is undertaken by both you and us to rewrite, double check, and edit meeting postings. This back-and-forth can delay the timing of when a meeting notice can be posted. We know errors will be made, and we are here to work with you to ensure the postings are correct. Last minute changes, such as dates, locations, and description of improvements, can lead to delays. Please help both of us by taking the time to ensure meetings and hearing postings are as accurate as possible before you send them to us.

Second, and speaking of txdot.gov, please keep in mind that txdot.gov is the official website of the agency. Guidance from the administration has stressed that we must all first look to utilizing txdot.gov prior to any consideration of new sites. Hand-in-hand with this guidance is to ensure that we all properly use TxDOT's logo and branding templates. Information on this may be found [here](#).

And then finally, change is inevitable at TxDOT and how we adapt to what lies before us will surely contribute to our success. The pace of project development now and in the next few years will be accelerating. The number of projects heading to letting will be unparalleled. When the breakneck pace of it all may at times be overwhelming, keep in mind that we exist here to support you as we all work to meet the expectations of the Commission's PI policy—and that is to provide for purposeful efforts to ensure public access to our decision-making processes and to be creative in our methodology for reaching a diverse and changing state population. We are here for you. ■

I-69 Website Redesign

Continued support from the Texas Transportation Commission in developing the I-69 system through Texas has made the effort to provide transparent current information a top priority. With the original "I-69 Driven by Texas" website being more than ten years old, it was time to bring it "up to speed". The collaborative effort was taken on by TPP's Corridor Planning, Data Management and PI Sections; Creative Services Section of the Communication Division and input from the I-69 Districts.

We surveyed the public, the I-69 Advisory Committee and key TxDOT staff on what information was most important, what kind of information users would like to see included, and how and when the website was used. This resulted in an improved look with updated navigation features. The site also incorporates individual Project Tracker maps that highlights projects in the future I-69 system. Now finding your way to maps highlights and listings of future I-69 projects and other information is just a click away from the homepage.

We are happy to introduce the redesigned "I-69 Driven By Texans" website and hope that you take a few minutes to drive through the site. ■



For more information or if you have questions, please visit www.txdot.gov and search: **US 59 Shepherd-Cleveland**

Para más información, visite www.txdot.gov palabra clave: **US 59 Shepherd-Cleveland**

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Martes, 14 de mayo de 2019

4 - 5:45pm Open House (Exhibición Pública)
6-7pm Public Hearing (Audiencia Pública)

Shepherd High School Cafeteria
1 Pirate Lane
Shepherd, TX 77371

YOU'RE INVITED!

US 59 UPGRADE SHEPHERD TO CLEVELAND (FUTURE I-69) PUBLIC HEARING

¡Está Invitado! Modernización del US 59 de Shepherd hasta Cleveland (Próxima I-69) Audiencia Pública

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is hosting a public hearing regarding the upgrade of US 59 (Future I-69) to meet interstate standards from FM 2914 south of Shepherd in San Jacinto County to the north end of the Cleveland Relief Route in Liberty County. Come visit with staff one-on-one from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. to ask questions regarding the project. Formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m.

El Departamento de Transportación de Texas (TxDOT) le invita a una audiencia pública con respecto de modernizar US 59 (Future I-69) para satisfacer los estándares interestatales de FM 2914 al sur de Shepherd en el Condado de San Jacinto hasta el extremo norte de la nuevo proyecto de Cleveland en el Condado de Liberty. Podría comunicarse con el personal de TxDOT y podrá hacer preguntas entre 4 p.m. y 5:45 p.m. la presentación formal comenzara a las 6 p.m.



Tools and Techniques

- Guidance
 - Public Involvement Handbook (ENV)
 - Public Involvement Plans
 - Public Involvement Guidebook (TPP/PI Section)
- Meeting Notification Techniques
- Public Involvement Products
- Online Engagement
- Environmental Justice, Translations



Queremos Escucharlo a Usted

OFICINA DE MANTENIMIENTO PEARSALL

Reporte un Bache o Problema de Mantenimiento

(888) 885-8248

El personal de la Oficina de Mantenimiento de Pearsall es responsable de mantener los caminos del sistema de carreteras del estado en el Condado Frio. La seguridad es la prioridad principal para TxDOT y para la Oficina de Mantenimiento de Pearsall. Estamos aquí para trabajar con la comunidad y brindar caminos seguros para el público. Para reportar baches o problemas de mantenimiento en el sistema de carreteras del estado en el Condado Frio:

Lláme al 888-885-8248 o al 830-334-3613
Correo electrónico: William.Howard@txdot.gov
Visite la Oficina de Mantenimiento de TxDOT en Pearsall en 1522 E. Colorado St.

OUTREACH DURING CONSTRUCTION

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SECTION of Transportation Planning & Programming (TPP)

FOCUS ON THE CUSTOMER

People are at the center of everything we do. Effective outreach begins as soon as the construction project is announced and continues throughout the entire life cycle of the project. Effective outreach strengthens our focus on the customer.

Below is a list of outreach strategies for area and district offices to communicate important information to the traveling public and to entities such as businesses and municipalities. To the right is a list of potential issues surrounding construction projects to be addressed with effective outreach. The Public Involvement Section is here to assist and offer guidance with any of the strategies listed here.

OUTREACH STRATEGIES

CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS: Changeable message signs are the most effective vehicle-to-vehicle message to the traveling public about upcoming events or road closures. Advance messages are as important as "real-time" messages, especially regarding detours.

PROJECT PAGES: Creating a project page on the website is an effective outreach strategy. Materials for those projects expected to have a significant impact on large construction or maintenance projects of time. The project page can be updated as frequently as needed and can provide the most current information for the public.

FLYERS: Flyers that include PIDS, project number or location and contact information are extremely effective as an outreach strategy. Personnel distributing flyers to adjacent businesses and visitors offers the opportunity to answer questions about the project. Posting in business houses of use, libraries and city offices expands the outreach beyond adjacent properties. Other group agencies about the project to civil, municipal or other organizations. The flyer can serve as an outreach "logo" banner.

TIMELINESS FOR STREET CLOSURES

For the affected public, adjacent residents and businesses, as well as commercial entities, the most important information is the most accurate and up-to-date information. Public information for any project is an essential element.

US 82—Super 2

Public Involvement Plan

Address: District

Date: February 2017
City: Dallas
County: Knox

This public involvement plan is a living document. The plan may be updated to remove objectives, stakeholders, strategies or methods as needed to adapt to changing circumstances as project development progresses.

PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 6-8 p.m.

Bridge Replacement Project at Miami in Roberts County

The Texas Department of Transportation cordially invites you to attend a public meeting for the proposed FM 282 bridge replacement project within the City of Miami. The project's limits will extend from just west of the Water Street intersection to just west of the Hayes Street intersection at the Red Deer Creek crossing. An open house will begin at 6 p.m. at the Roberts County Annex Building at 122 E. Water Street and will provide information and display exhibits related to the project. A short presentation by TxDOT personnel will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. and the open house will continue after the presentation. The proposed project involves the replacement of the existing 34.5 foot wide, 10 span, 224 foot long steel beam bridge constructed in 1959 with a 42 foot wide, 4 span, 264 foot long pre-stressed concrete girder bridge. Less than 0.5 acres of additional ROW on the north side of the bridge location will be needed for the new bridge construction, but no commercial or residential displacements will be required.

Please join us on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at:
Roberts County Annex Building
122 E. Water Street
Miami, TX



Improving Mobility, Improving Mobility, Improving Mobility

The environmental review, consult environmental laws for this project at 25 USC 257 and a Memorandum



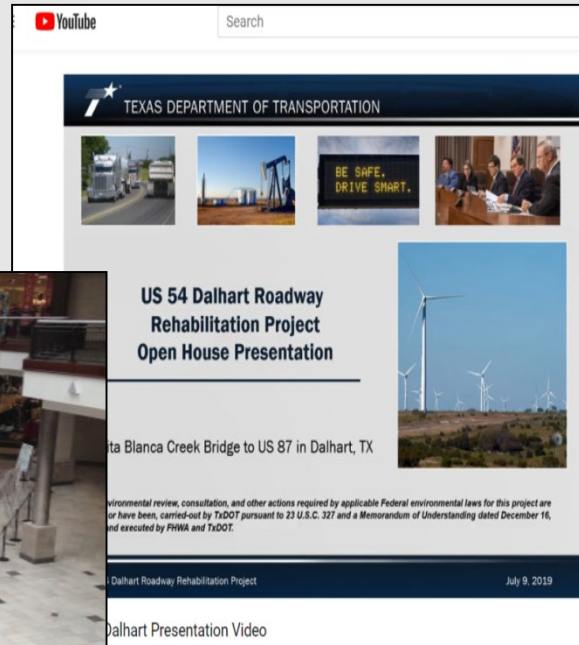
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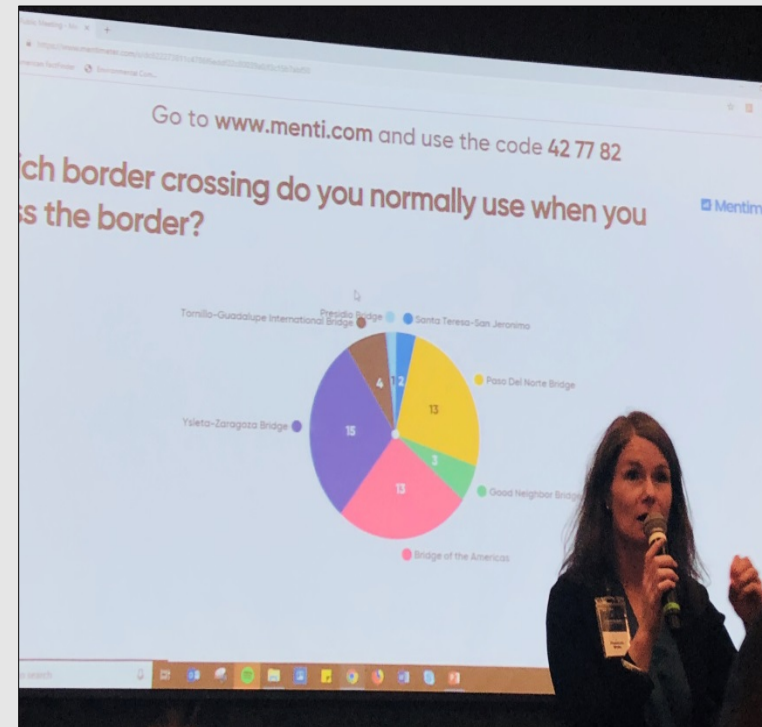
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Going Beyond the Traditional Approach

TxDOT YouTube Virtual Open House for US 54 in Dalhart, TX



Online polling tool Mentimeter



Open House at a Mall

Online Engagement Using MetroQuest

DFW Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

Progress

WELCOME

✓ We want to hear from you!

We want your opinion about walking in DFW!

Walking is a mode of transportation. What can TxDOT and NCTCOG do to improve walking as a transportation option in the Metroplex?

Begin

BARRIERS TO WALKING

MARK IT ON THE MAP

PRIORITIES

THANK YOU

A pedestrian should be able to enjoy a safe and connected network as a transportation option. This clean mode of travel improves health, reduces stress and helps reduce traffic congestion. And walking plays a unique role in meeting local transportation challenges.

Help Privacy About MetroQuest

Texas Department of Transportation

¡Solicitamos su Opinión!

Progreso

SH 3 - Estudio de Acceso

BIENVENIDO

¡Solicitamos Su Opinión!

TxDOT está llevando a cabo un estudio vial para el control de acceso de un segmento de 14 millas de la Carretera Estatal 3 (SH 3) de Brookglen Drive hasta el límite del Condado Harris (Clear Creek). Solicitamos su opinión durante el proceso de planificación para identificar soluciones que mejoren su comunidad.

English Comenzar

VIALIDAD

CICLISTAS/PEATONES

MAPA DE SEÑALES

MANTÉNGASE INFORMADO

¿Sabía usted que... 24,500 vehículos p... ciudades de Houst

el control de acceso vehicular busca mejorar la... dad al planear cómo los vehículos fluyen a través... interactúan con los desarrollos vecinos mediante... sistemática de puntos de conflicto vehicular?

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Texas Department of Transportation

- December 16, 2014 TxDOT/FHWA MOU for NEPA Assignment
- TxDOT assumes all responsibilities for complying with NEPA and all federal environmental laws
- FHWA monitoring and oversight
- Monthly reporting
- Self-Assessment including public involvement
- Renewal of MOU in progress

Self Assessment of Public Involvement Program

- Scope of the review
 - Department-wide analysis
 - Statewide trends
 - Identify problem areas
 - Opportunities for improvement
- Gathered data
- Determined areas needing improvement
- Corrective actions implemented

TxDOT's Approach to Effective Public Involvement

Environmental Affairs Division

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Take Away

- Interdisciplinary approach to ensure a comprehensive program.

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