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PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE PLACE FOR SH 45 SOUTHWEST PROJECT

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, will conduct a <u>public hearing</u> to discuss the proposed construction of State Highway 45 Southwest from Loop 1 (MoPac) to FM 1626 on Tuesday, July 29, at Bowie High School Cafeteria, located at 4103 Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX 78749.

The hearing will begin with an open house at 5 p.m. followed by a formal presentation at 6 p.m. A public comment session will be held after the presentation.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve system connectivity, local mobility and travel times, while providing an efficient alternate route to congested local roadways in northern Hays and southern Travis counties.

The proposed <u>SH 45SW project</u> would entail construction of a limited access toll road from MoPac to FM 1626 that includes four 12-foot travel lanes (two in each direction), 10-foot outside shoulders, four-foot inside shoulders, and a 10-foot wide bicycle and pedestrian shared use path. No additional right-of-way would be required to accommodate the proposed facility and no residential or business displacements would result from implementation.

The environmental document, maps, drawings and other project information will be on display at the hearing. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing, mailed to TxDOT Austin District Environmental Coordinator, P.O. Box 15426, Austin, Texas 78761-5426, faxed to (512) 832-7157, or submitted online at www.SH45SW.com by clicking on the "Contact Us" tab. When submitting an official comment via the website, citizens should select "Official Comment" to ensure inclusion of their comment in the public hearing record. Written comments must be received by Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014 in order to be included in the official public hearing record.