

Notice of Public Meeting State Highway 121 from FM 423 to U.S. 75 in Collin County, Texas

The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) will hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed design enhancements for the State Highway (SH) 121/U.S. Highway (U.S.) 75 interchange. The interchange is part of the SH 121 corridor from Farm-to-Market (FM) 423 to U.S. 75 and was included in the SH 121 Re-evaluation for Proposed Toll Facility environmental document approved by the Federal Highway Administration in October 2007. The environmental addendum will be available for review at the public meeting.

The interchange is located in the cities of McKinney and Allen and the town of Fairview in Collin County, Texas. The meeting will be conducted as follows:

Monday, June 16, 2008

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Formal presentation to be followed by Q&A
McKinney Fellowship Bible Church
2801 Orchid Drive, McKinney, Texas 75070**

The NTTA, working in coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the cities of McKinney and Allen and the town of Fairview, has developed design enhancements to the SH 121/ U.S. 75 interchange. These enhancements maximize long-term safety and operational efficiency, improve mobility during construction and reduce construction time. As proposed, SH 121 would be a six-lane divided tollway with two- to three-lane continuous, non-tolled frontage roads in each direction. Within the interchange limits, U.S. 75 would be an eight-lane divided freeway with two- to three-lane continuous frontage roads in each direction.

The proposed enhancements would maintain the six previously approved direct-connecting ramp movements that provide access between the SH 121 and U.S. 75 main lanes. The proposed enhancements would remove the previously approved frontage road box configuration, which would provide access between the frontage road systems by utilizing four signalized intersections. The NTTA proposes to replace the box configuration with a grade-separated loop ramp configuration that would connect the SH 121 and U.S. 75 frontage roads with a series of ramps. The loop ramp configuration eliminates the need for signalized intersections and reduces the interchange from five to four roadway levels. In addition, several on- and off-ramps have been added to the project to improve local traffic movements and access. These proposed enhancements would result in no additional right of way (ROW) beyond what was previously approved and only minor revisions to allowable driveway locations.

The schematic layout showing the location, design, environmental reports and other information related to the project, known as Segment 4 of the SH 121 corridor, will be available for viewing during the public meeting. In addition, individuals knowledgeable about the project will be available to answer questions. For those unable to attend the meeting, the above information will also be available for review at the NTTA offices, 5900 W. Plano Parkway, Plano, Texas 75093.

Individuals interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact NTTA at 972-628-3042 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Because the meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least 72 hours prior to the public meeting. The NTTA will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments relating to the project may be presented at the meeting. Written comments also may be submitted to Corridor Manager, Re: SH 121 Segment 4, NTTA, 5900 W. Plano Parkway, Plano, Texas 75093. Comments also will be accepted by e-mail at SH121@ntta.org. All comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by June 30, 2008, to be included in the public record.