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REQUEST FOR COVERAGE
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Texas Department of Transportation to Hold the Second Task Force Meeting to Review the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study

WHO: The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) San Antonio District will hold its second meeting with the New Braunfels Outer Loop Task Force to review the findings of the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study.

WHAT: The first New Braunfels Outer Loop Task Force meeting was held in early April and began to set the groundwork for the procedures the group will use in working together. The meeting drew attendance of 300 members of the public and was addressed by Bruce Boyer, Mayor of New Braunfels, Comal County Judge Danny Scheel and Mario Medina, PE, District Engineer for the TxDOT San Antonio District. The message delivered was that TxDOT, the City and County are there to listen to citizens' concerns and get their feedback regarding the project but also stressed the importance of planning for the future transportation needs of the rapidly growing area.

The charge of the Task Force is to review the process used to identify the recommended corridor which was determined through the study efforts, review the data used to evaluate options and ensure that screening and evaluation tools were applied consistently throughout all parts of the study area. Once complete, the Task Force will incorporate their findings and recommendations into an amendment to the Draft Study Report which will be submitted to the City of New Braunfels, Comal and Guadalupe Counties for possible approval. If approved the new recommended corridor would replace the existing corridor which is currently on the City of New Braunfels 2005 Thoroughfare Plan.

WHEN: **Monday, May 18, 2009**
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
New Braunfels Civic Center in the Ballroom
375 S. Castell Ave., New Braunfels, TX 78130

WHY: TxDOT conducted the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study in 2007-2008. The study area was approximately a 40-mile band around the City of New Braunfels and encompassed portions of Comal and Guadalupe counties. The purpose of the study was to conduct the necessary planning and analysis needed to identify a corridor for the possible development of an outer loop.

TxDOT staff and consultants presented a recommended corridor to the public at an open house in January of 2008 and again at a Town Hall meeting held by the City of New Braunfels and Comal County in April 2008. Questions and/or concerns by the public have identified a need to reexamine the process and some of the data.

For more information, please call the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study Hotline at (866) 704-1114 or visit the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study website at www.nbolstudy.com.

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