



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Texas Department of Transportation to Hold the Fifth Task Force Meeting to Review the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study

WHO: The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) San Antonio District is holding monthly meetings to review the findings of the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study.

WHAT: The focus of the meeting will be to discuss any issues and/or concerns regarding the information and process utilized to determine environmental constraints. Constraints provided a basis for evaluating potential environmental impacts and required compliance with local, state and federal regulations. To develop the environmental constraints map used to identify and locate constraints in the study area, the study team: conducted a preliminary “desktop” analysis of previously documented environmental information; conducted limited field observations from the public ROW to identify and verify information; and utilized the public participation process throughout the study as an important component to thoroughly identify constraints in the area.

WHEN: **Monday, August 17, 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 meeting 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.

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 findings and recommendations will be incorporated into the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study Report. The final recommendation will be submitted to the City of New Braunfels, Comal and Guadalupe Counties for further analysis and possible adoption. The cities and counties will then make any changes or adjustments to the recommendation that they see fit to best serve their needs. If it is approved the new recommended corridor would then be incorporated into the respective transportation plans for each city and county.

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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