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Outer Loop proposals on show tonight

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The Texas Department of Transportation will hold the second round of public meetings for the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study. To make the meetings accessible to all residents and because the study covers such a large area, there will be two public meetings — one on the east side of Interstate 35 and one on the west side of I-35.

The public meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Open House from 6 to 6:30 p.m.
- Study Update Presentation from 6:30 7 p.m.
- Station Discussions from 7 to 7:45 p.m.
- Station Reports from 7:45 to 8 p.m.
- Public Comment Session from 8 to 8:30 p.m.

The Eastern Public Meeting is tonight at Byron P. Steele II High School 1300 Farm-to-Market 1103 in Cibolo.

The Western Public Meeting is Thursday at New Braunfels High School 2551 Loop 337 New Braunfels, TX 78130

Both meetings are scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

At the meetings, the public will have the opportunity to learn more about and comment on the study's need and purpose, identified environmental constraints, the Universe of Options, and the options remaining after the initial screening of the Universe of Options. The Universe of Options is the wide-range of possible corridors and connections to be considered during the alternatives analysis portion of the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study. Maps illustrating the process and options will be available for viewing as well.

The study will seek to:

- Identify a corridor for right of way preservation.

- **Identify portions of the loop which could be constructed as stand alone projects.**
 - **Follow National Environmental Policy Act guidelines to ensure information collection needed can be used for the development of future environmental documents for the segments of independent utility.**

For more information, visit the study Web site at www.nbolstudy.com or call the hotline at (866) 704-1114.

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