



MEDIA ADVISORY

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

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

WHAT: The meeting will address recommendations from the second Task Force meeting regarding how public involvement and input should be addressed and improved. The Task Force will also discuss information required to review the study process in regard to the Need and Purpose and discuss information they would require from TxDOT and consultants to further their charge of evaluating the Need and Purpose of the Study Process. To frame the discussion a presentation will be made by Task Force member Rod Smith, PE to give the Task Force and public in attendance an overview of the Study's process and progression. This will include discussion about the level of analysis to be done at various project planning stages. Tom Hornseth, PE, County Engineer for Comal County and Shannon Mattingly, AICP, City of New Braunfels City Planner, both Task Force members, will present information regarding how projects might develop depending on whether they are City, County or Developer driven.

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 adopted City of New Braunfels 2005 Thoroughfare Plan.

WHEN: **Monday, June 15, 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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