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March 28, 2019

The Honorable Paul Pape
County Judge Bastrop County
804 Pecan Street
Bastrop, Texas 78602

RE: Public Hearing for State Highway (SH) 71 from CR 206 to SH 21, Bastrop County, Texas

Dear Judge Pape:

You are cordially invited to attend a public hearing for the above referenced project on SH 71*. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Austin District is proposing roadway improvements to SH 71 from CR 206 to SH 21 in Bastrop County. The proposed improvements include:

- Constructing new frontage roads
- Adding an overpass on SH 71 at the FM 1209 intersection
- Adding shared-use paths on both sides of SH 71 and FM 1209
- Improvements at FM 1209
- Adding turnarounds to the intersection of SH 71 and FM 1209

The length of the proposed project is approximately 2.5 miles, would require approximately 32.5 acres of additional right of way, and is anticipated to displace seven residential properties and 25 businesses. Information regarding the TxDOT, Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for those displaced, and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition can be obtained at the hearing or from the district and/or area office.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Bastrop Convention and Exhibit Center located at 1408 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602. The hearing will include information and exhibits for the project, as well as an opportunity to comment. The hearing will follow this timeline:

- 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. An open house with project information will be available for review and project team members will be available to answer questions.
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. A public hearing and public comment period.

Invitations will be sent to your constituents who are adjacent property and businesses owners in the vicinity of SH 71 from CR 206 to SH 21.

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Those who are unable to attend the public hearing can view the documents and exhibits at the TxDOT, Bastrop Area Office, located at 174 SH 21 East in Bastrop, the TxDOT, North Travis County Area Office, located at 1001 E. Parmer Lane in Austin, or the TxDOT, Austin District headquarters, located at 7901 N. I-35 in Austin.

Comments must be received on or before May 15, 2019, to be a part of the official hearing record.

If you need additional information on this project, please contact Giuly Caceres, P.E., Project Manager, at (512) 832-7104 or giuly.caceres@txdot.gov or visit www.txdot.gov, keyword search "SH 71 at FM 1209".

Sincerely,


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Austin District Engineer

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Giuly Caceres, P.E., Transportation Engineer, Austin District, TxDOT
Jon Geiselbrecht, Environmental Specialist, Austin District, TxDOT

**The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a memorandum of understanding dated Dec. 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.*

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