

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING GRAND PARKWAY, SEGMENT F-2

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register on June 9, 2006 announcing the availability of the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Revised DEIS), dated May 2006, for Segment F-2 of the Grand Parkway (State Highway 99), from SH 249 to IH 45. The Revised DEIS addresses potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of Segment F-2 of the Grand Parkway.

The FHWA, in association with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Grand Parkway Association (GPA), will hold one Public Hearing over two nights to solicit comments relating to environmental issues presented in the Revised DEIS. Identical information will be presented both nights; it will not be necessary to attend both nights. **The Public Hearing will be held at Klein Collins High School, 20811 Ella Boulevard, in Spring, TX on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at 7:00 PM and Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 7:00 PM.** The location is handicapped accessible. The hearing will include a brief presentation discussing an overview of the document and its findings. Informational displays and individuals knowledgeable about the document will be available from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, with the Public Hearing starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to view the displays and ask questions before the hearing.

The hearing will provide an opportunity to make oral and written comments. Those wishing to make an oral comment will be asked to submit a speaker registration card at the registration table. Oral comments will be limited to three (3) minutes so that every speaker who wishes to speak has an opportunity to speak. Unused time may not be yielded to another speaker, each speaker must face the court reporter for transcript accuracy, and each speaker will be asked not to repeat comments made by previous speakers. Speakers will be asked to limit comments to issues relevant to the Segment F-2 Revised DEIS. If a speaker would like to comment but does not wish to comment orally at the hearing or wishes to comment in more detail, written comments may be submitted in addition to oral comments. Both written and oral comments will be considered equally. If comments are submitted in writing, it is not necessary to repeat comments orally. Responses will not be made at the public hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to receive input and comments on relevant issues that should be addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

All interested citizens are invited to comment upon the Revised DEIS. The document is on file and available for review at the following six locations:

1. Grand Parkway Association, 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 222, Houston, TX 77027
2. Texas Department of Transportation, 7721 Washington Ave., Houston, TX 77251
3. Houston Public Library, (Julia Ideson Bldg.), 500 McKinney, Houston, TX 77002
4. Harris County Public Library, Barbara Bush Branch, 6817 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX 77379
5. Harris County Public Library, Tomball Branch, 1226 W. Main St., Tomball, TX 77375
6. Montgomery County Library, South Branch, 2101 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77380

Persons interested in attending the hearings who have special communication and/or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the TxDOT District Public Information Officer at (713) 802-5072. The public hearings will be conducted in English; however, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least two days prior to the public hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. Written comments may be submitted to the GPA, Attention: Segment F-2 Comments, 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 222, Houston, TX 77027 or to TxDOT, Attention: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386. Comments will also be accepted by e-mail to segmentf2comments@grandpky.com. Comments will be accepted until September 7, 2006, allowing for a 90-day comment period following the date of publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

