

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING GRAND PARKWAY (SH 99), SEGMENT G

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will publish a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register on February 2, 2007 announcing the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), dated January 2007, for Segment G of the Grand Parkway (State Highway 99), from IH 45 to US 59. The DEIS addresses potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of Segment G 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 DEIS. Identical information will be presented both nights; it will not be necessary to attend both nights. The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 PM at the following locations:

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

Oakridge High School
27330 Oak Ridge School Rd.
Conroe, Texas 77385

Thursday, March 8, 2007

**New Caney High School
9th Grade Campus**
22784 US Highway 59 S.
Porter, Texas 77365

The locations are handicapped accessible. 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 PM.

Attendees are encouraged to view the displays and ask questions before the Public Hearing. The hearing will include a brief presentation discussing an overview of the document and its findings.

The Public 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 G 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 DEIS. The DEIS (January 2007) prepared for Segment G of the Grand Parkway is on file and available for review at the following seven locations:

- (1) Grand Parkway Association, 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 222, Houston, TX 77027;
- (2) Texas Department of Transportation, 7721 Washington Ave., Houston, TX 77007;
- (3) Houston Public Library, (Texas Room) 500 McKinney, Houston, TX 77002;
- (4) Montgomery County Library, South Branch, 2101 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77380;
- (5) Montgomery County Library, R.B. Tullis Branch 21130 US Hwy. 59 #K, New Caney, TX 77357;
- (6) Harris County Library, Kingwood Branch, 4102 Rustic Woods, Kingwood, TX 77345;
- (7) Harris County Library, Baldwin Boettcher Branch, 22248 Aldine Westfield Rd., Humble, TX 77338.

Persons interested in attending the hearings who have special communication and/or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Houston District Public Information Officer at (713) 802-5072. The Public Hearing 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 G Comments, 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 222, Houston, TX 77027; or to TxDOT Houston District, Attention: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386. Comments will also be accepted by e-mail to segmentgcomments@grandpky.com. The public comment period closes on April 27, 2007.

