

**Notice of Public Hearing
and Notice of Availability of Supplemental Draft
Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Section 4(f)
Evaluation
Trinity Parkway Project
City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas**

The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA), in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), will conduct a formal Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., at the Dallas Convention Center Arena, located at 650 S. Griffin Street, Dallas, 75202, to discuss the proposed Trinity Parkway Project in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. The limits of the proposed project extend from the Interstate Highway (IH) 35E/State Highway (SH) 183 interchange to the United States (U.S.) Highway 175/SH 310 interchange to the south for a distance of approximately nine miles. An Open House will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. prior to the Public Hearing at the same location to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. NTTA and TxDOT staff will be present to answer questions regarding the proposed project at the Open House. The formal Public Hearing presentation will begin promptly at 7 p.m. followed by a formal public comment period.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to inform and solicit comments from the public on the schematics for the proposed project Alternatives and the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation for the proposed tolled facility. The project corridor is approximately nine miles long and includes a portion of the Dallas Floodway of the Trinity River, located on the west side of downtown Dallas. The purpose of the proposed Trinity Parkway is to manage traffic congestion on IH 35E, IH 30, and other major transportation facilities on the west and south sides of downtown Dallas. The proposed project is designed to improve mobility and safety and to increase accessibility to businesses and public facilities. As proposed, the Trinity Parkway project involves the staged construction of a six-lane controlled access toll facility with local street interchanges, and freeway-to-freeway interchanges at IH 35E/SH 183, U.S. 175/SH 310, Woodall Rodgers Freeway, and IH 45. The proposed facility would be grade separated at crossings of existing highways and local arterial streets. The number and configuration of interchanges vary among the Build Alternatives considered.

The proposed project has the potential to impact (beneficially and/or adversely) land use, single-family residences, businesses, socio-economic conditions, wetlands and jurisdictional waters of the U.S., floodplains, water quality, air quality, noise conditions, cultural resources and hazardous/regulated materials. The Trinity Parkway SDEIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation examines the social, economic and environmental impacts of the six lane ultimate configuration. The SDEIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation was prepared by FHWA, TxDOT and the NTTA in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), to provide new or

additional information and data analysis performed since the publication of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in February, 2005. The Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation has been prepared due to the proposed project's potential impacts to historic sites that are either listed or have been determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

A No-Build Alternative (Alternative 1) and eight Build Alternatives (Alternatives 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B and 5) are evaluated in the SDEIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation and will be presented at the Public Hearing. Each Build Alternative is approximately nine miles long and begins at IH 35E/SH 183 and ends at U.S.175/SH 310. Alternatives 2A and 2B generally follow existing Irving/Industrial Boulevard. Alternatives 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B and 5 generally follow along the east and/or west Dallas Floodway levees. Each Build alternative encroaches upon floodplains and wetlands within the project study area, to varying degrees.

Right-of-way requirements for the Build Alternatives range from approximately 264 to 490 acres. Potential displacements for the Build Alternatives vary from 6 to 20 single-family residences and from 24 to 272 commercial building displacements. Information concerning the NTTA's Relocation and Assistance Program will be discussed at the Public Hearing. The benefits and services for displacees as well as information about a tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the NTTA.

Conceptual schematic drawings depicting the geometric design, the SDEIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation, and other project-related information will be displayed at the Open House and Public Hearing. The SDEIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation and conceptual schematic drawings have been placed on file with the City of Dallas (1500 Marilla Street, Room 6BS, Dallas 75201) and Dallas County (411 Elm Street, 4th Floor, Dallas 75202). These items are also on file and available for public inspection and review at NTTA Offices, 5900 W. Plano Parkway, Suite 100, Plano 75093; TxDOT–Dallas District Library, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite 75150; and the North Central Texas Council of Government headquarters – Center Point Two, 2nd Floor, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington 76011. The SDEIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation may also be obtained on the NTTA Web site via the internet at www.ntta.org. Select 'NTTA Project Updates' on the NTTA homepage, and then click on 'Trinity Parkway' (<http://www.ntta.org/AboutUs/Projects/TrinityParkway.htm>).

Copies of the SDEIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation are also available for review in hard copy and/or CD-ROM format at the following locations: J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas 75201; Martin L. King Jr. Branch Library, 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Dallas 75215; Dallas West Branch Library, 2332 Singleton Boulevard, Dallas 75212; North Oak Cliff Branch Library, 302 W. Tenth Street, Dallas 75208; Oak Lawn Branch Library, 4100 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas 75219; Pleasant Grove Branch Library, 1125 S. Buckner Boulevard, Dallas 75217; Dallas Regional Chamber, 700 N. Pearl Street, Suite 1200, Dallas 75201; Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, 400 S. Zang Boulevard, Suite 110, Dallas 75208; West Dallas Chamber of Commerce, 2424 N. Westmoreland Road, Dallas 75212; Dallas

Black Chamber of Commerce, 2838 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Dallas 75215; Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 4622 Maple Avenue, Suite 207, Dallas 75219; Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce, 11171 Harry Hines Boulevard, Suite 115, Dallas 75229; Downtown Dallas, 2200 Ross Avenue, Suite 4600E, Dallas 75201; West Dallas Multipurpose Center, 2828 Fish Trap Road, Dallas 75212; New Hope Baptist Church, 5002 S. Central Expressway, Dallas 75215; and St. Philips Neighborhood Development Corporation, 1622 Panama Place, Dallas 75215. Copies of the SDEIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation (both electronic and paper) may be requested online at trinityparkway@ntta.org or by mail. Written requests should be submitted to Attn: Corridor Manager, Re: Trinity Parkway Project, NTTA, P.O. Box 260729, Plano, TX 75026. Copies are available for \$300.00 plus shipping and handling, and a CD-ROM of the document in Adobe Acrobat format is available for \$5.00 plus shipping and handling.

Persons interested in attending the Public Hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the NTTA at 214-224-3062 or by email at trinityparkway@ntta.org at least three (3) working days prior to the Public Hearing. Because the Public Hearing will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least three (3) working days prior to the hearing. NTTA will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate these needs.

All interested parties are invited to attend this Public Hearing and Open House. Verbal and written comments relative to the proposed project and the SDEIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation may be presented at the hearing or written comments may be submitted to Attn: Corridor Manager, Re: Trinity Parkway Project, NTTA, P.O. Box 260729, Plano, TX 75026. Comments will also be accepted by e-mail at trinityparkway@ntta.org. All comments must be received or postmarked on or before Friday, May 15, 2009 to be included in the Public Hearing record.