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TxDOT Seeks Public Comment for New LBJ Project

DALLAS – The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a public hearing Thursday, May 7 to review financial information for the highly anticipated I-635 (New LBJ) managed lane project.

The hearing is a key step in the project development process. “Our goal is to seek public comment and involvement in all stages of the project,” said Bill Hale, TxDOT Dallas District Engineer. “By listening carefully to the public we serve, projects like the New LBJ more closely address the needs and reflect the values of their communities.” The public’s comments will continue to help shape this project as it moves forward to construction.

The New LBJ project is an innovative public-private partnership between TxDOT and the developer, LBJ Infrastructure Group. The project extends 10 miles on I-635 from west of I-35E at Luna Road to east of US 75 at Greenville Avenue, and it extends four miles on I-35E from Loop 12 to Valwood Parkway north of I-635. The project, which should begin construction in mid-2010 or early 2011, entails:

- Reconstructing the eight non tolled, general-purpose lanes on I-635
- Reconstructing the frontage roads on I-635
- Constructing new, continuous frontage roads on I-635
- Constructing six new, managed toll lanes on I-635
- Constructing new, elevated managed toll lanes on I-35E with direct connector ramps to I-635

TxDOT project staff will be on hand to answer questions and present financial information about this \$4 billion partnership project. Contract documents, design schematics, project displays and a conceptual project video will be available for viewing.

WHEN: Thursday, May 7, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
WHAT: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. – open house (questions and answers)
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. – public hearing (TxDOT presentation and public comment)
WHERE: W.T. White High School
4505 Ridgeside Dr.
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