Welcome To The SH 249 Extension

Public Hearing

From FM 1774 in Pinehurst

To FM 1774 North of Todd Mission

FEBRUARY 18, 2015
Open House
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Presentation in Auditorium
Begin at 6:30

Magnolia West High School
Magnolia, Texas

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 December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

SH249 EXTENSION

Project Needs

- System Linkage
- Expanded Capacity
- Safety
- Respond to Economic Development

Project Purpose

The purpose of the proposed SH 249 Extension is to efficiently link the suburban communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and safety, and respond to population growth and residential development in the area.

Project Need and Purpose
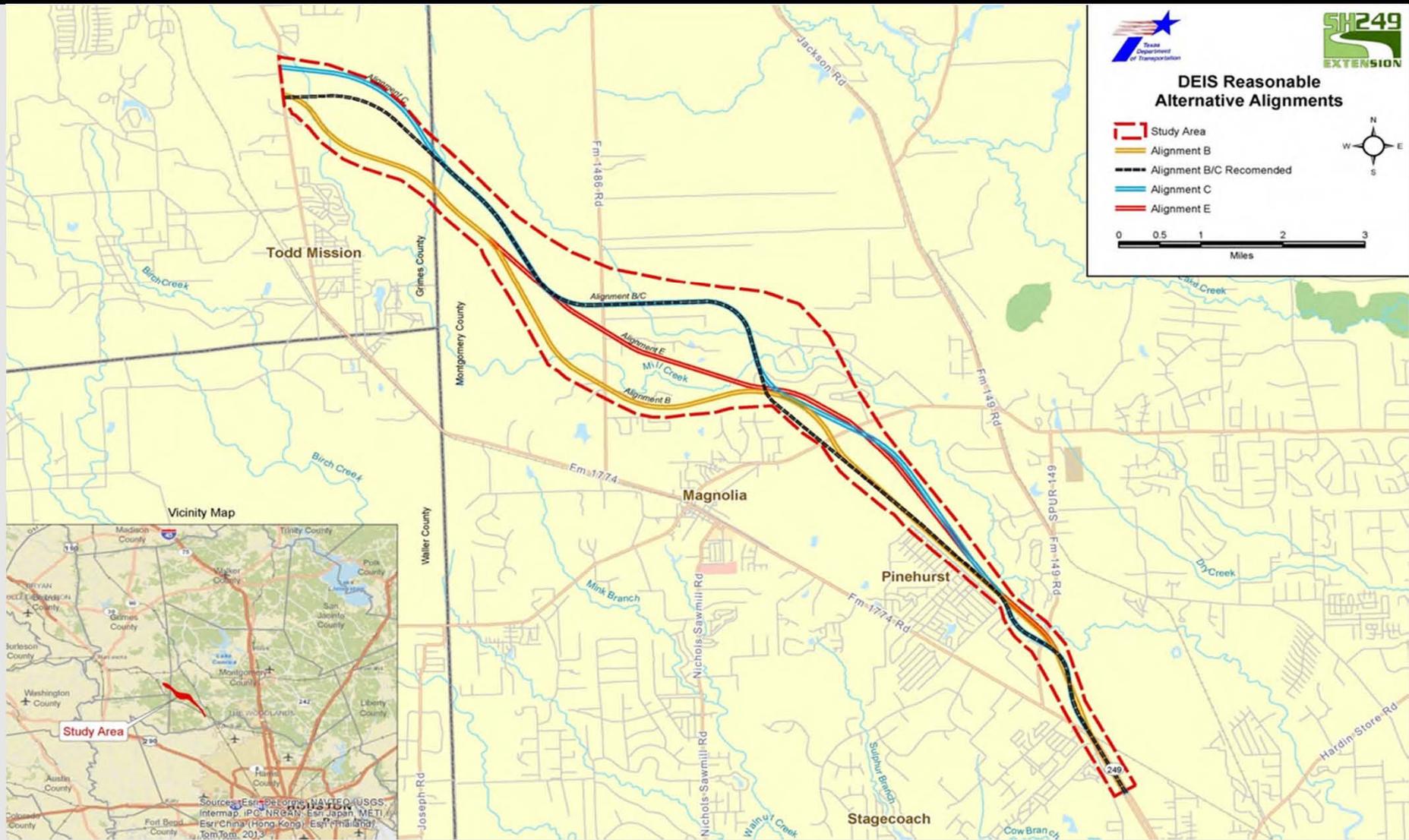
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The proposed SH 249 Extension would be developed on new location from the FM 1774 in Pinehurst, TX to FM 1774 north of Todd Mission, TX and is approximately 15 miles in length.

The proposed SH 249 Extension would be constructed as a four-mainlane controlled-access toll road, with intermittent frontage roads, within a typical 400-foot wide right-of-way (ROW).
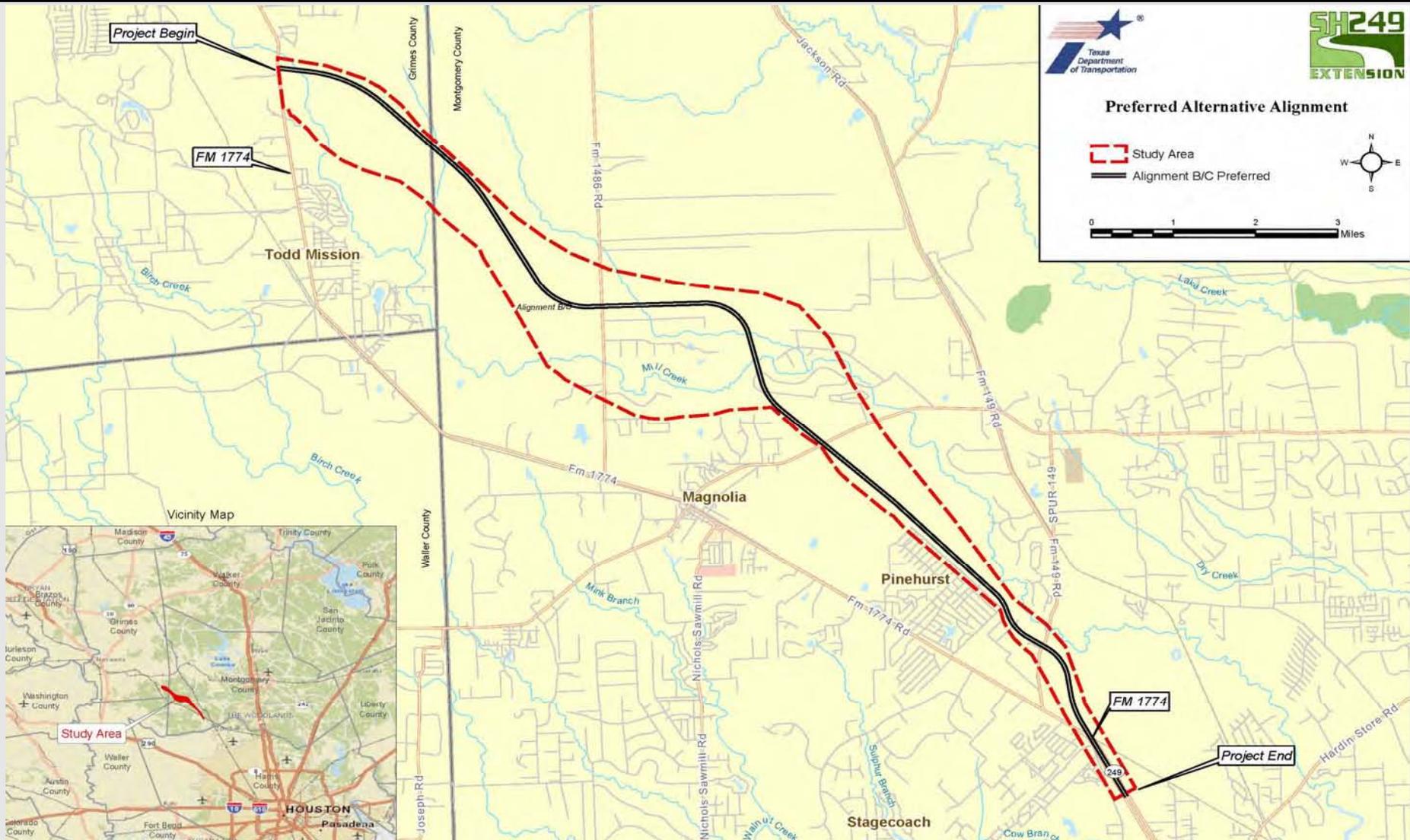
SH 249 Study Area

Reasonable Alternative Alignments

Preferred Alternative

TYPICAL MAINLANE SECTION

TYPICAL MAINLANE SECTION WITH FRONTAGE ROADS

MAINLANE TOLLING PLAZA
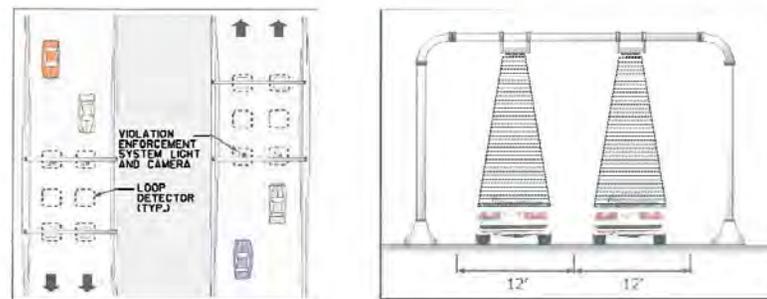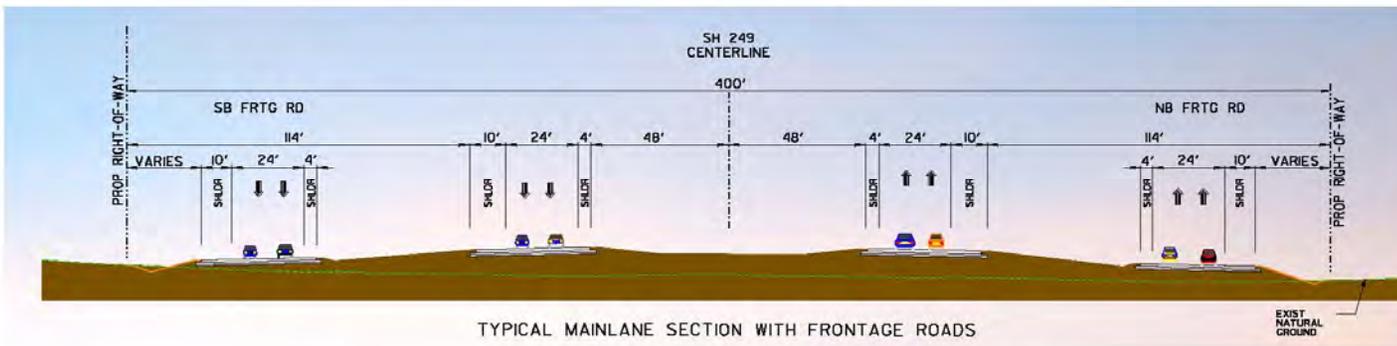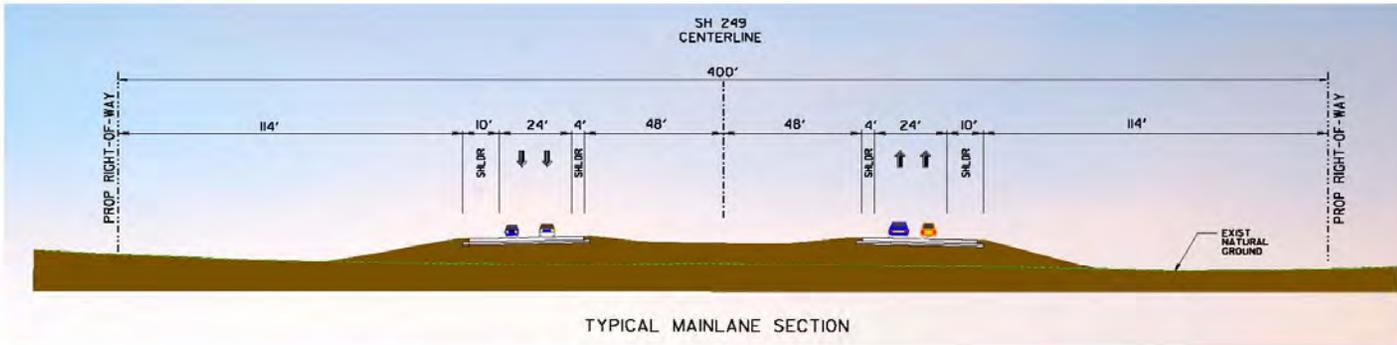
Proposed Typical Section

- Design Speed is 70 mph

- 23' Clearance Over Railroads

- 16' 6" Clearance Over Roadways

- 400' Typical Right-of-Way Width

- This Will Be an Electronically Tolled Facility

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Criteria	Unit	Alignment B	Alignment B/C	Alignment C	Alignment E
Length of Proposed SH 249 Extension	Miles	15.3	15.0	15.3	14.2
Estimated Right-Of-Way Needed	Acres	741	727	741	688
Pipeline Crossings	Number of crossings	9	8	8	8
Potential Displacements/Relocations of Residences and Businesses	Number of displacements	26	7	7	18
Community Cohesion Impacts	High/Medium/ Low	Medium	Low	Low	High
Wetland Impacts (National Wetland Inventory)	Acres	11.0	5.0	2.8	11.5
Floodplain Crossings	Linear feet	18,259	9,001	10,965	12,695
Stream Crossing	Number of crossings	27	21	22	19
Vegetation	Acres	711	724	730	691
Proposed Noise Barrier	Proposed Number of Barriers	0	1	0	0
Previous Public Involvement Support	High/Medium/ Low	Low	High	Medium	Medium

Environmental Considerations

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- Land Use
- Geology, Farmlands and Soils
- Social and Economic
- Pedestrian and Bicycle
- Air Quality
- Water Quality and Permits
- Wildlife

- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Archeological Resources
- Historical Non-Archeological Properties
- Hazardous Materials
- Indirect and Cumulative Effects

Additional Environmental Considerations

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- Estimated Construction Cost $250 Million.

- Anticipated Construction Activites to Begin Between Late 2016 and early 2017.

- Anticipated Construction Duration – 2 years

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TxDOT Houston District Office - Houston

TxDOT Montgomery Area Office – Conroe

TxDOT Bryan District Office – Bryan

Malcolm Purvis Library - Magnolia

Tomball Public Library – Tomball

Navasota Public Library – Navasota

Montgomery County Library Central Branch – Conroe

Website

https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html

Locations for Draft EIS Review

SH249 EXTENSION

- Consider public hearing comments

- Develop Selected Alternative per comments

- Finalize environmental analysis

- Project decision from TxDOT for the Final EIS/Record of Decision

- Develop final schematic design

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Next Steps

- Oral Comments
  - Complete a speaker card to speak during the Public Hearing
  - Give comments privately to court reporter in the open house area

- Written Comments
  - Submit/Postmark by March 9, 2015
  - Email by March 9, 2015 to: HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov
  - Website at https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh249-extension.html

Public Hearing Comments

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