



I-45 NHHIP Meeting Our Commitments

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COMMITMENTS	ROD	VRA	MOU CITY	MOU COUNTY
Twice Annual Public Meetings Through Design and Construction		✓▲		
Construction Detours and Closures Notification Plan	✓	✓▲		✓
Reporting Construction Concerns	✓	✓▲		✓
Construction Alerts	✓	✓▲		✓
Mitigating Displacements, Relocations, Housing and other Community Impacts	✓	✓	✓	✓
Drainage Improvements to reduce Flooding	✓	✓▲	✓	✓●
Enhanced Relocation Services	✓	✓▲	✓	✓
Construction of Affordable Housing	✓	✓	✓●	✓
Community Cohesion	✓	✓●	✓	✓
Parks, Open Space, Trails, Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities	✓	✓▲	✓●	✓
Structural Caps	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community Access During Construction	✓	✓▲	✓	✓
Highway Footprint Reduction	✓	✓●	✓●	✓●
Air Quality Mitigation	✓	✓▲	✓	✓▲
Publicly Available Project Website	✓	✓●▲	✓	✓●
Meaningful Access for Person with Limited English Proficiency	✓	✓▲	✓●	✓●
Weatherization and Energy Efficiency Programs	✓	✓	✓	✓
Active Transportation	✓	✓▲	✓▲	✓▲
Emancipation National Historic Trail Study	✓	✓●	✓	✓
Project Ombudsman	✓	✓▲		

- Enhanced commitments compared to ROD
- New commitments compared to ROD
- ▲ Information requested to be on the project website

Prior to the VRA, TxDOT issued the Record of Decision (ROD) in February 2021, whereby TxDOT made numerous commitments. In December of 2022, TxDOT signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Houston and another with Harris County that outlined enhancements to specific ROD commitments. TxDOT and FHWA signed the VRA in March of 2023. The chart above reflects TxDOT's commitments and the enhancements specified in the four documents.

I-45 CONSTRUCTION CLOSURE & DETOUR PLAN



SCHOOLS

- Detours will be provided for sidewalks to schools during construction
- Work directly with schools to provide pickup and drop-off routes
- Provide ombudsman to communicate concerns directly to TxDOT



METRO TRANSIT ROUTE

- Obtain METRO's review and address comments when bus stop needs temporary relocation
- Provide 14 calendar days' public notice of service disruptions



BICYCLE/ PEDESTRIAN AREAS

- All closure notices and detour routes will be published to the project website

WHAT IS THE VRA?

The Voluntary Resolution Agreement (VRA) is an understanding by and between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Resolves the FHWA investigation of TxDOT regarding the North Houston Highway Improvement Project under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) by setting forth specific mitigation actions for the Project.

- Lifts pause
- No Title VI violations identified in VRA
- TxDOT to resume all project development activities.

Provides specific, enforceable timelines and monitoring by FHWA to ensure TxDOT carries out the Project consistent with the requirements of Title VI.

FHWA has concluded review of TxDOT's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) with no findings.



Alerting the public to construction work is also one of the VRA commitments.



Improving drainage to reduce flooding is one of the VRA commitments.

Key Commitment Updates

<h4>Public Engagement</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings are held twice each calendar year in each segment while segment final design and construction is ongoing • 2024 Public Meetings were held in July, September, October, and December • Monthly multi-agency meetings • Stakeholder meetings • Upcoming 2025 Public Meetings 	<h4>Displacements, Relocations, housing and Other Community Impacts</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During final design of each segment of the NHHIP, TxDOT will evaluate changes to the project that may reduce the Right of Way needed and displacement impacts • TxDOT agrees to commit an additional \$3 million for a total of \$30 million, to build affordable housing stock in certain impacted communities. 	<h4>Reducing Footprint During Detailed Design</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TxDOT remains committed to evaluating reasonable opportunities to reduce project footprint in ways that will not compromise purpose and need of project as described in the ROD 	<h4>TxDOT Establishes Publicly Available Project-Specific Website</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TxDOT has established a multilingual website available in English, Spanish, and other languages requested within the corridor • The website is updated with information from public meetings • A Construction Updates page has been added to the website with details on upcoming closures and related detours for project segments
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Voluntary Resolution Agreement (VRA) Commitments

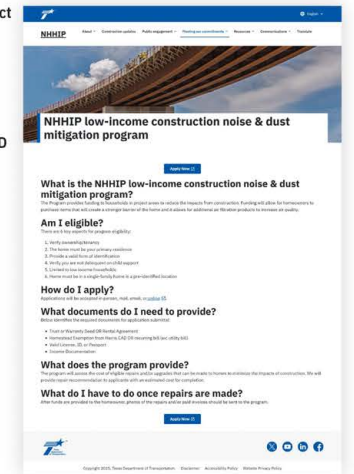


VRA Commitment: Kelly Village

- In coordination with the Houston Housing Authority (HHA), TxDOT will offer housing relocation supplements—covering costs up to market-rate rent—as an alternative relocation option under the Uniform Relocation Assistance (URA) Act, in addition to Tenant Protection Vouchers provided by HHA.
- TxDOT will also work closely with HHA to maintain updated contact information for relocated residents, ensuring they receive the first opportunity to return to replacement housing.

I-45 NHHIP LOW-INCOME CONSTRUCTION NOISE & DUST MITIGATION PROGRAM

- Purpose: Provides funding to households in project areas to mitigate construction impacts.
- Benefits: Enables homeowners to strengthen their homes' barriers and purchase air filtration products to improve air quality.
- Eligibility: Low-income households (based on HUD standards) within 200 feet of the project right of way.
- Application: Available online at txdot.gov/nhhipseanddust
- Phased Outreach Approach Includes: Postcards, mailing, and door-to-door efforts.
- Segment 3 Outreach Rounds:
 - Segment 3A, 3B-1, & 3B-2 Outreach Efforts: 1,175 Homeowners/Tenant Contacts 51 Completed Applications
- Up to \$20,000 in eligible items for qualified applicants:



ELIGIBLE ITEMS

- Insulation upgrades
 - Walls (facing construction or all)
 - Ceiling/attic additional loose fill
 - Floor - open cell spray foam (better for sound absorption)
- Replacement windows
- Replacement doors
 - Storm Door
- Window A/C units with heat and air filtration (residences without central HVAC) 8,000 to 14,000 BTU
 - Stipend for increased utility bills
- HVAC cleaning and maintenance (residences with central HVAC)
 - Programmable thermostat
 - Retrofit for HEPA filters
- Weatherstripping doors
- Internal storm window inserts
- Caulking
- HEPA Air Purifiers
- Stipend for filter replacements (interval to be determined)
 - Central HVAC
 - Central HVAC with HEPA retrofit
 - HEPA Air Purifiers

Proposed Footprint Reduction Assessment Process

