



*Houston District*

I-45 NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NHHIP)

# Public Engagement Timeline

# 2011 - 2019



Public & Stakeholder Meetings  
310+ Meetings



Draft Environmental  
Impact Statement (DEIS)  
465+ Meetings



Technical Reports  
130+ Meetings

# 2020



Mayor's Facilitation Effort  
22+ Meetings



Traffic Focus Group  
24+ Meetings



Housing Focus Group  
4+ Meetings



Final Environmental  
Impact Statement  
(FEIS) in the voluntary  
and extended open  
comment period.  
  
400+ Comments

# 2021

**FEB  
2021**

TxDOT issues Record of Decision (ROD) for the NHHIP (signals completion of the environmental review process).

**MAR  
2021**

The Houston area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) passed its most recent resolution supporting NHHIP. There have been 16 unanimous MPO approvals between April 2005 and March 2021 to develop this project.

**MAR  
2021**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) places the I-45 NHHIP on pause, pending a Title VI investigation under the federal Civil Rights Act.

**JUN  
2021**

TxDOT staff briefed the Texas Transportation Commission on the upcoming public comment period for the UTP, TxDOT's 10-year planning document.

**AUG  
2021**

The Texas Transport Commission (TTC) adopted the 2022 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), including funding for NHHIP.

# 2022

**AUG  
2022**

The Texas Transportation Commission adopted the 2023 UTP, including funding for NHHIP.

**DEC  
2022**

TxDOT announces the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with the City and Harris County. These MOUS contain details on areas where all parties found common ground on the project, and Harris County dismissed its lawsuit against TxDOT.

# 2023

**FEB  
2023**

TxDOT continues coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and local officials on agreement needed to move the initial project segments forward.

**MAR  
2023**

TxDOT announced it had reached a Voluntary Resolution Agreement (VRA) with the Federal Highway Administration which lifted the I-45 NHHIP pause and allowed the project to move forward.

**DEC  
2023**

TxDOT held a series of six public meetings. They included one in-person meeting and one virtual meeting in each of the three I-45 segments.

# 2024

**JUL  
2024**

Members of the public came to the first public meeting of 2024, which focused on Segment 3 of the I-45 NHHIP. Segment 3 is the downtown Houston roadway portion of the project.

**SEP  
2024**

TxDOT hosted the second 2024 public meeting. This one focused on a reevaluation for Segment 3A, which will reconstruct the I-69 mainlanes from Spur 527 to State Highway (SH) 288.

**OCT  
2024**

Two public meetings focusing on Segments 1 and 2 are held. One was in-person and one was virtual. Segments 1 and 2 include I-45 from I-10 to Beltway 8.

**OCT  
2024**

TxDOT held a groundbreaking ceremony for the I-45 NHHIP, celebrating the start of project construction. Work began this month on Segment 3B-1, the project which will construct a new drainage system under St. Emanuel Street in East Downtown.

**DEC  
2024**

The fourth and final in-person public meeting for 2024 is held. TxDOT provided updated information on Segment 3 highlighting the proposed improvements on Segment 3C. This project includes the interchanges at I-45/I-10 and I-45/I-10/I-69.

# 2025



Construction begins on Segment 3B-2. This project will reconstruct the I-69 mainlanes from SH288 to I-45, including the I-69/SH 288 interchange.