Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Arlington Convention Center located at 1200 Ballpark Way.

The meeting is an opportunity for TXDOT to present the preferred plan for widening and reconstructing I-30 from Oakland Boulevard to Northwest 19th Street in the cities of Fort Worth, Arlington and Grand Prairie. Public displays will be available, beginning at 6 p.m. followed by a public hearing.

The proposed improvements would widen the existing facility from a six-lane freeway to an eight-lane freeway from Oakland Blvd. to Loop 820 in Fort Worth.

From Loop 820 to approximately 1,800 feet west of Northwest 19th Street in Grand Prairie, the proposed improvements include total reconstruction of the main lanes to expand the interstate to a 10-lane freeway.

A proposed one-lane Managed High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) facility would begin west of Fielder Road and extend eastward to the proposed barrier-separated HOV in Dallas County.

A system of one-way frontage roads is proposed between Cooper Street and Ballpark Way with a short segment of the southerly frontage road between Convention Center Drive and Ballpark Way to remain two way.

New cross street bridges at Center Street and Baird Farm Road are also proposed. The I-30 bridge over Green Oaks Boulevard in Fort Worth would be reconstructed. Cross street bridges and ramps are also planned for reconstruction at Cooks Lane, Eastchase Parkway, Fielder Road, Cooper Street, Collins Street, Sandy Lane, Morrison Drive, Randol Mill Road, Davis Drive, Great Southwest Parkway and the Union Pacific Railroad. The proposed length is approximately 10.9 miles.

Maps and illustrations showing the proposed design and environmental assessments will be on display at the public hearing beginning at 6 p.m. Maps and drawings are also available for view at several locations, including Arlington City Hall, 101 W. Abram St.

Verbal and written comments from the public are requested. Written comments can be submitted in person at the Hearing or mailed to:

TXDOT District Office
Attn: Mohammad Alheweil
2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133
or P.O. Box 6666, Fort Worth, 76115

Comments must be received on or before February 5, 2007 in order to become part of the official record.

If special communications or accommodations are needed, call the TXDOT Fort Worth District Office at 817-370-6610.

The $400 million project is supported by state and federal funds. Currently only the Three Bridges section of the project is funded at an estimated $200 million. Phase I (Center Street Bridge) of the Three Bridges project is scheduled to start in March 2007. Phase II which includes the Collins Street & Baird Farm Road Bridges and the widening of I-30 between Cooper Street and Ballpark Way is scheduled to start in October 2007 and is scheduled to be completed in 2009.