

**NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE
FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO RM 2338**

On Tuesday, December 2, 2008, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with Williamson County and the Federal Highway Administration, will conduct a Public Hearing to discuss plans to improve Ranch-to-Market Road 2338 (RM 2338) from Farm-to-Market Road 3405 (FM 3405) to Ronald Reagan Boulevard in northwestern Williamson County west of Georgetown, Texas.

The Public Hearing will be held at Ford Elementary School, 210 Woodlake Drive in Georgetown. The Public Hearing will begin with an open house from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. During this time, displays of the project area and other project information will be available for review. Project team members will be available to answer questions. At 6:30 p.m., presentations will be given, followed by a public comment period.

Within the proposed project limits, RM 2338 is a rural two-lane undivided roadway with a typical right-of-way width of 80 feet. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility and public safety on RM 2338 between FM 3405 and the proposed Ronald Reagan Boulevard, in conformance with current TxDOT design standards. There is a need to add capacity to accommodate the projected traffic volumes and there is a need to separate the directions of travel to provide refuge for vehicles turning from the travel lanes.

Proposed improvements include widening RM 2338 from FM 3405 to Ronald Reagan Boulevard from the existing two-lane section to a five-lane rural section composed of two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction with a 14-foot continuous two-way left-turn lane and 10-foot paved shoulders. The proposed improvements to RM 2338 would extend approximately 3.5 miles. The proposed right of way would be a usual width of 150 feet. The proposed project would require approximately 34 acres of new right of way and drainage easements. New right of way would be added to one or both sides of the existing right of way as needed to avoid or minimize impacts to adjacent properties.

The draft environmental document, design schematics, and other information concerning the project are available for review at the Williamson County Road and Bridge Office (3151 S.E. Inner Loop in Georgetown), at the TxDOT Georgetown Area Office (2727 S. Austin Avenue in Georgetown), or at the Georgetown Public Library (402 W. 8th Street, Georgetown). The document will also be available for review at the Public Hearing. Information about the tentative schedule for construction will also be presented at the Public Hearing or may be obtained by contacting the Williamson County Road and Bridge Office at the above address.

The Public Hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the public hearing who require auxiliary aids or services, such as interpreters, are requested to contact Connie Watson of the Williamson County Public Information Office at (512) 943-1663 at least five business days prior to the Public Hearing so that appropriate arrangements may be made. TxDOT and Williamson County will make every reasonable effort to accommodate communication or accessibility needs.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing and provide input on the project. Verbal and written comments may be presented at the public hearing. Written comments not submitted at the public hearing may also be submitted to: TxDOT Austin District Environmental Coordinator, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 15426, Austin, Texas 78761-5426. All comments received by Friday, December 12, 2008, will be included in the official Public Hearing record.