NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

BELL BOULEVARD (US 183) REALIGNMENT PROJECT

Cedar Park, Williamson County, Texas

On Tuesday, March 20, 2018, the City of Cedar Park, in coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), will conduct an open house to discuss proposed improvements to Bell Boulevard (US 183), in Cedar Park, Williamson County, Texas. The purpose of the open house is to provide project information to those interested, as well as gather written and/or verbal comments regarding the proposed Bell Boulevard (US 183) Realignment Project. The open house details are as follows:

Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
City of Cedar Park Recreation Center Community Rooms
1435 Main Street
Cedar Park, Texas 78613

All citizens are invited to attend the open house at their convenience, any time between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Preliminary drawings, maps, and other project information will be available for public review during the open house, and project team members will be available to answer questions.

The Bell Boulevard (US 183) Realignment Project would return the current Bell Boulevard (US 183) roadway east onto the full extent of Old Highway 183 from Cypress Creek Road to Cedar Park Drive in Cedar Park. Currently, Old Highway 183 is a two-lane roadway parallel to Bell Boulevard (US 183), running generally north and south. Bell Boulevard would be realigned and relocated to the Old Highway 183 alignment and reconstructed to a four-lane divided roadway that would include a raised median with turn lanes at intersections and driveways. The project would also include lighting, and pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. The project is 0.819 mile in length and would include grading, base, asphalt pavement, culverts, signing, and pavement markings. The project would extend from approximately 180 feet south of Cedar Park Drive to 700 feet south of the Bell Boulevard/Buttercup Creek Boulevard intersection. This project would require the acquisition of additional right of way.

The purpose of the Bell Boulevard (US 183) Realignment Project is to improve public safety within the corridor in a manner consistent with the Destination Bell Boulevard Master Plan. During the Destination Bell Boulevard Master Plan process, the public selected the separation of the through traffic on Realigned (East) Bell Boulevard and the commercial access traffic on what is the proposed West Bell Boulevard. This separation seeks to improve safety and accessibility for vehicles and pedestrians accessing the commercial corridor between Cedar Park Drive and south of Buttercup Creek Boulevard in a manner consistent with the publicly supported Destination Bell Boulevard Master Plan.

The project layout, showing the location and preliminary design of the proposed project, the draft environmental document, and other information related to the project, including tentative schedule, will be available for viewing at the open house. The maps and other information about
the proposed project are also available for viewing at the City of Cedar Park City Hall, 450 Cypress Creek Road, Building 1, Cedar Park, Texas 78613.

All interested persons are invited to attend the open house. The open house will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Emily Truman, P.E., City of Cedar Park Senior Engineer, at (512) 401-5356, at least one week prior to the open house. Because the open house will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least one week prior to the open house. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these requests.

Verbal and/or written comments regarding the proposed project may be presented at the open house. In addition, written statements may be submitted for a period of 15 calendar days after the open house. Written comments may be submitted to the City of Cedar Park; c/o Emily Truman, P.E.; 450 Cypress Creek Road; Cedar Park, Texas 78613. Comments may also be submitted to BellBlvdRealignment@cedarparktexas.gov. All comments received by Wednesday, April 4, 2018, will be included in the official record of the open house.

The environmental review, consultation, and other activities 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.

Map of Project Location: