



# Documentation of Agency Scoping Meeting

## **Project Location**

Smith County, Texas

Toll 49 Segment 6

CSJ: 0910-00-129

## **Project Limits**

SH 110 and US 271

## **Meeting Location**

Virtual Option: Via Microsoft Teams

In-Person Option: 5767 Eagles Nest Boulevard, Tyler, Texas 75703

## **Meeting Date and Time**

August 27, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

## **Presenters**

Jason Buntz, Hicks & Company

## **Total Number of Attendees**

12

## **Total Number of Comments**

2

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A. Participating and Cooperating Agency Invitation Letters



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*Federal Aviation Administration*  
*10101 Hillwood Parkway*  
*Fort Worth, TX 76177*

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**James Rivera,**  
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Smith County, Texas

**AGENCY:** Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Federal notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA, on behalf of TxDOT, is issuing this notice to advise the public that an EIS will be prepared for a proposed transportation project to construct Toll 49, Segment 6 located partially within and just east of the City of Tyler in Smith County, Texas. The project is sponsored by the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Scott Ford, Project Delivery Manager, Environmental Affairs Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 E 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483, telephone (512) 416-2687, email: [scott.ford@txdot.gov](mailto:scott.ford@txdot.gov). TxDOT's normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. (central time), Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental review, consultation, and other actions 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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Toll 49, Segment 6 will be an extension of Toll 49 from the Toll 49, Segment 5 eastern terminus at State Highway (SH) 110 to United States (US) 271. There is no existing facility; therefore, the project is proposed on a new location. The proposed roadway will consist of an interim two-lane facility (one lane in each direction) with an intermittent single passing lane that alternates direction along the length of the corridor (Super 2) and an ultimate four-lane divided highway.

The EIS will evaluate a range of build alternatives and a no-build alternative. Possible build alternatives include three route options identified in the Toll 49,

Segment 6 Feasibility Study completed in November 2019. The three route options begin at the Toll 49, Segment 5 terminus at SH 110, end at different locations on US 271, and range from 10 to 13 miles long. TxDOT will issue a single Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision document pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 139(n)(2), unless TxDOT determines statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude issuance of a combined document.

In accordance with 23 U.S.C. 139, cooperating agencies, participating agencies, and the public will be given an opportunity for continued input on project development. A public scoping meeting is planned for Spring 2020 at a location to be determined. An agency scoping meeting will also be held with participating and cooperating agencies. The agency and public scoping meetings will provide an opportunity for the participating/cooperating agencies and public to review and comment on the draft coordination plan and schedule, the project purpose and need, the range of alternatives, and methodologies and level of detail for analyzing alternatives. In addition to the agency and public scoping meetings, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction.)

Issued on: March 12, 2020.

**Michael T. Leary,**  
Director, Planning and Program Development, Federal Highway Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-RSPA-2003-15122]

#### Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit; Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P.

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA is publishing this notice to solicit public comment on a request from Texas Eastern Transmission L.P., (TET) to renew a previously issued special permit. TET is seeking continued relief from compliance with certain requirements

in the Federal pipeline safety regulations. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received from this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit renewal request.

**DATES:** Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by April 27, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference the docket number for this special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

- **E-Gov Website:** <http://www.Regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.
  - **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.
  - **Mail:** Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Instructions:** You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two (2) copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

**Note:** There is a privacy statement published on <http://www.Regulations.gov>. Comments, including any personal information provided, are posted without changes or edits to <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

**Confidential Business Information:** Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.343, you may

## JOIN US FOR A PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING!

The public meetings will be held in an open-house format, where attendees may come and go at their convenience. Attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online virtual public meeting which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. There will not be a live presentation at the in-person event. [The same information will be available at the virtual and in-person options.](#)

### Virtual Public Meeting

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 5 p.m. through Friday, May 23, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.**  
Visit [www.netrma.org/projects/segment-6](http://www.netrma.org/projects/segment-6)

### In-Person Public Meetings

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025**  
5 - 7 p.m.  
Tyler Rose Garden Center  
420 Rose Park Dr.  
Tyler, TX 76207

**Thursday, May 8, 2025**  
5 - 7 p.m.  
Longview Exhibit Center  
1123 Jaycee Dr.  
Longview, TX 75604

### What to Expect at the Meeting

- Learn about the Toll 49 Segment 6 project
- View a pre-recorded presentation and supporting project exhibits
- Ask questions of project staff
- Submit comments

The public is encouraged to submit comments in the following ways:



[toll49seg6@gmail.com](mailto:toll49seg6@gmail.com)



903-284-5332



Nancy Ledbetter & Associates, Inc.  
Attn: Toll 49  
P.O. Box 14622  
Austin, TX 78761



NET RMA Website:

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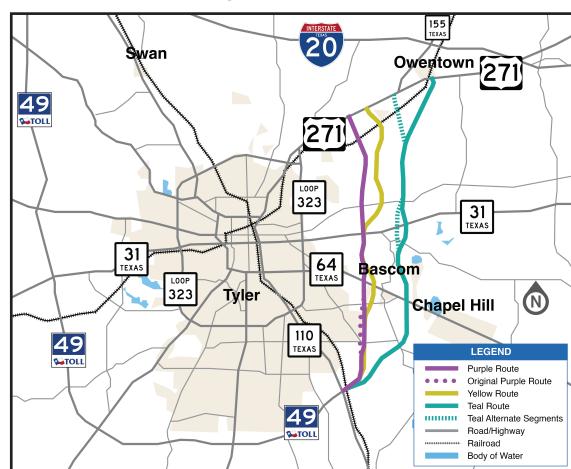
To be included in the official public meeting record,  
please submit comments by May 23, 2025.

Para el aviso del proyecto en Español favor de enviar un correo electrónico a: [toll49seg6@gmail.com](mailto:toll49seg6@gmail.com).

### Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271

The Tyler Outer Loop was first envisioned 40 years ago by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) is sponsoring this proposed project. A feasibility study for Segment 6 began in late 2018 and identified three reasonable and feasible routes. The study paused in March 2020 due to COVID-19, but now the environmental study is underway for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The environmental study will follow the requirements of federal and state law and will consider reasonable alternatives, including the preliminary routes that resulted from the feasibility study as well as the no-build alternative. The EIS will evaluate alternatives that meet the purpose and need for the project while avoiding and minimizing impacts to environmental and community resources for Toll 49 Segment 6.

### Study Route Options





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4100 International Plaza, Suite 450  
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United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians  
18300 W Keetoowah Circle  
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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**James Rivera,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Smith County, Texas

**AGENCY:** Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Federal notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA, on behalf of TxDOT, is issuing this notice to advise the public that an EIS will be prepared for a proposed transportation project to construct Toll 49, Segment 6 located partially within and just east of the City of Tyler in Smith County, Texas. The project is sponsored by the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Scott Ford, Project Delivery Manager, Environmental Affairs Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 E 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483, telephone (512) 416-2687, email: [scott.ford@txdot.gov](mailto:scott.ford@txdot.gov). TxDOT's normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. (central time), Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental review, consultation, and other actions 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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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In accordance with 23 U.S.C. 139, cooperating agencies, participating agencies, and the public will be given an opportunity for continued input on project development. A public scoping meeting is planned for Spring 2020 at a location to be determined. An agency scoping meeting will also be held with participating and cooperating agencies. The agency and public scoping meetings will provide an opportunity for the participating/cooperating agencies and public to review and comment on the draft coordination plan and schedule, the project purpose and need, the range of alternatives, and methodologies and level of detail for analyzing alternatives. In addition to the agency and public scoping meetings, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction.)

Issued on: March 12, 2020.

**Michael T. Leary,**  
Director, Planning and Program Development, Federal Highway Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-RSPA-2003-15122]

#### Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit; Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P.

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA is publishing this notice to solicit public comment on a request from Texas Eastern Transmission L.P., (TET) to renew a previously issued special permit. TET is seeking continued relief from compliance with certain requirements

in the Federal pipeline safety regulations. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received from this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit renewal request.

**DATES:** Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by April 27, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference the docket number for this special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

- **E-Gov Website:** <http://www.Regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.
  - **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.
  - **Mail:** Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.
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**Note:** There is a privacy statement published on <http://www.Regulations.gov>. Comments, including any personal information provided, are posted without changes or edits to <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

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## JOIN US FOR A PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING!

The public meetings will be held in an open-house format, where attendees may come and go at their convenience. Attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online virtual public meeting which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. There will not be a live presentation at the in-person event. [The same information will be available at the virtual and in-person options.](#)

### Virtual Public Meeting

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 5 p.m. through Friday, May 23, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.**  
Visit [www.netrma.org/projects/segment-6](http://www.netrma.org/projects/segment-6)

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420 Rose Park Dr.  
Tyler, TX 76207

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Longview Exhibit Center  
1123 Jaycee Dr.  
Longview, TX 75604

### What to Expect at the Meeting

- Learn about the Toll 49 Segment 6 project
- View a pre-recorded presentation and supporting project exhibits
- Ask questions of project staff
- Submit comments

The public is encouraged to submit comments in the following ways:



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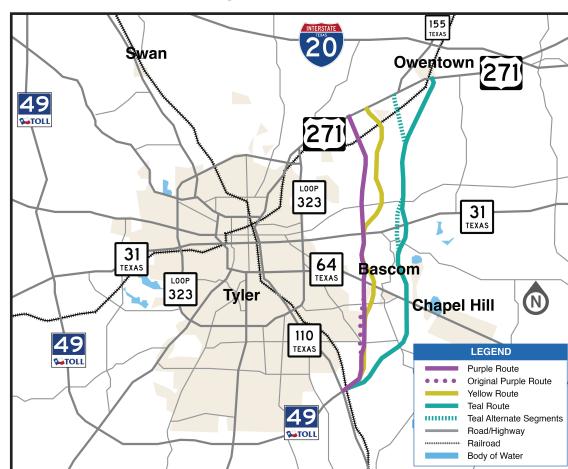
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### Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271

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### Study Route Options





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*Railroad Commission of Texas*  
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Texas General Land Office  
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Smith County  
200 E Ferguson St  
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Smith County Historical Commission  
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Bryan McBride, MPO Director

Longview MPO  
933 Mobile Drive  
Longview, TX 75604

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Scott Martinez, President/CEO  
Tyler Economic Development Council  
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Tyler, TX 75702

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## B. Agency Responses

**From:** Plaskon, Terence (FTA) <Terence.Plaskon@dot.gov>  
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**To:** Jason Buntz  
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**Subject:** RE: NET RMA Invitation to Become a Cooperating and/or Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)

Jason,

Thank you for inviting the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to participate in TxDOT's Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 Environmental Impact Statement (the project). After considering the information you provided, FTA finds it has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the project, no expertise or information relevant to the project, and does not intend to submit comments on the project. Therefore, in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 139(d)(3), FTA declines to participate, either as a cooperating or a participating agency, in the project. If you have any questions, please call me.

Thank you

Terence Plaskon  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
Federal Transit Administration, Region 6  
819 Taylor St., #14A02 Fort Worth, TX 76102  
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**From:** Jason Buntz <[jbuntz@hicksenv.com](mailto:jbuntz@hicksenv.com)>  
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## REGION 6

DALLAS, TX 75270

May 29, 2025

VIA Electronic Mail

Mr. Glenn H. Green, Executive Director  
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Re: North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Green:

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Since the EIS will analyze the impacts of the proposed project to the human and natural environment, EPA accepts your invitation and agrees to participate as a Cooperating Agency. As a Cooperating Agency, EPA will:

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- participate in meetings and provide information as requested by NET RMA, as resources allow;

- provide sources for information or support in the analysis of such information, when known, during preparation of the EIS in areas in which EPA has expertise; and
- review and comment on the EIS pursuant to our regulatory responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA anticipates that a cooperative team approach will streamline the environmental process and result in a high-quality EIS. If you have any further questions, please contact Tanisha Hinton, the project review lead, at (214) 665-2174 or [tanisha.hinton@epa.gov](mailto:tanisha.hinton@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

Robert Houston  
Acting Branch Manager  
Environmental Review Branch

**From:** [Gardiner, Dawn](#)  
**To:** [Jason Buntz](#)  
**Cc:** [Bocanegra, Omar](#); [Yeargan, Catherine](#)  
**Subject:** Decline NET RMA Invitation to Become a Cooperating and/or Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025 11:05:00 AM

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Thank you for coordinating with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We decline the opportunity to become a cooperating agency in this EIS process due to workload constraints.

Dawn Gardiner

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Austin Ecological Services Field Office  
Texas Transportation Branch Supervisor

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**From:** Jason Buntz <[jbuntz@hicksenv.com](mailto:jbuntz@hicksenv.com)>  
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**Subject:** NET RMA  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025 10:45:08 AM  
**Attachments:** [25-5-134251 NET RMA EIS Statement.pdf](#)  
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Attached is formal response from FEMA Region 6. Thank you!

*Danielle Dracoulis*

Program Support Assistant  
| Mitigation Division | Region 6  
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800 North Loop 288 | Denton, TX 76209-3698  
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REGION VI  
MITIGATION DIVISION

RE: Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 CSJ: 0910-00-129

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We have no comments to offer.  We offer the following comments:

**WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THE COMMUNITY FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR BE CONTACTED FOR THE REVIEW AND POSSIBLE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT. IF FEDERALLY FUNDED, WE WOULD REQUEST PROJECT TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH EO11988 & EO 11990.**

**County Contact:**

Doug Nicholson, Floodplain Administrator  
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DATE: May 14, 2025

**From:** [Elizabeth Toombs](#)  
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**Date:** Friday, August 15, 2025 3:09:59 PM

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Thank you for the review request, Mr. Buntz. The Cherokee Nation holds our government-to-government consultation responsibility in high regard. Thus, this Office respectfully requests a lead federal agency contact to whom we may send comments. Thank you for your understanding and any information.

Wado,

Elizabeth Toombs, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Cherokee Nation  
Tribal Historic Preservation Office  
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Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

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**From:** [Madison D. Currie](#)  
**To:** [Jason Buntz](#)  
**Cc:** [Lindsey Bilyeu](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NET RMA Invitation to Become a Cooperating and/or Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)  
**Date:** Monday, June 9, 2025 12:34:46 PM  
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Halito Jason,

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma thanks you for the correspondence regarding the above referenced project. Smith County, Texas lies within our area of historic interest. The Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department would like to be included as a consulting party on the project.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yakoke,

Maddie Danielle Currie  
NHPA Compliance Review Specialist  
Historic Preservation Department  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma  
P.O. Box 1210  
Durant, OK 74702  
Office: 580-642-8467  
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**From:** Jason Buntz <[jbuntz@hicksenv.com](mailto:jbuntz@hicksenv.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 9, 2025 3:52 PM  
**To:** Madison D. Currie <[mcurrie@choctawnation.com](mailto:mcurrie@choctawnation.com)>  
**Subject:** NET RMA Invitation to Become a Cooperating and/or Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)

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**To:** [Jason Buntz](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NET RMA Invitation to Become a Cooperating and/or Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)  
**Date:** Monday, July 28, 2025 8:37:01 AM

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Thank you for the invitation to participate in the EIS. After reviewing the proposed location of the project, we do not anticipate any adverse effects to cultural resources or historic properties pertaining to Delaware Nation therefore we will decline participation. We appreciate the opportunity.

Wanishi,

Carissa Speck, M.A.  
[Director of Historic Preservation](#)  
[Delaware Nation](#)  
PO Box 825, Anadarko, OK 73005  
(405) 901-1715 x 1301  
[cspeck@delawarenation-nsn.gov](mailto:cspeck@delawarenation-nsn.gov)

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**Sent:** Friday, May 9, 2025 3:31 PM  
**To:** Carissa Speck <cspeck@delawarenation-nsn.gov>  
**Subject:** NET RMA Invitation to Become a Cooperating and/or Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)

Dear Ms. Speck,

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**From:** [Jeffery Harjo](#)  
**To:** [Jason Buntz](#)  
**Subject:** response to invitation for agency scoping toll 49 segment 6  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 30, 2025 10:36:47 AM

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I will be able to join the meeting online on August 27th. Please update your records to reflect that Jake is not the THPO and I have been in that position since April of 2024. My information is below;

Thank you,

Jeff Harjo, BA  
Director and THPO  
Historic Preservation Office  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma  
PO Box 1498  
Wewoka, OK 74884-1498

Office: 405.648.5996  
Mobile: 405.788.5913

**Note to project file:** Mr. Harjo attended the Agency Scoping Meeting on August 27, 2025, and verbally declined the invitation to be a Cooperating or Participating Agency for the Toll 49 EIS.

Brooke Paup, *Chairwoman*  
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June 4, 2025

Jason Buntz  
Operations Manager  
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Via: **E-mail**

**Re: TCEQ NEPA Request #2025-182. TOLL 49 SEGMENT 6 FROM SH 110 TO US 271, CSJ: 0910-00-129. Smith County.**

Dear Mr. Buntz,

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has reviewed the above-referenced project and offers the following comments:

The proposed action is located in Smith County, which is currently designated attainment/unclassifiable for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for all six criteria air pollutants. Federal Clean Air Act, §176(c) general conformity requirements do not apply for this action.

The Office of Water recommends that the environmental assessment address actions that will be taken to prevent surface and groundwater contamination.

Any debris or waste disposal should be at an appropriately authorized disposal facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please contact the agency NEPA coordinator at (512) 239-5538 or NEPA@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Vise".

Ryan Vise,  
Division Director  
External Relations

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Via: **E-mail**

**Re: TCEQ NEPA Request #2025-306. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, TOLL 49  
SEGMENT 6 FROM SH 110 TO US 271, CSJ: 0910-00-129. Smith County.**

Dear Mr. Buntz,

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The Office of Water does not anticipate significant long term environmental impacts from this project as long as construction and waste disposal activities associated with it are completed in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal environmental permits, statutes, and regulations. We recommend that the applicant take necessary steps to ensure that best management practices are used to control runoff from construction sites to prevent detrimental impact to surface and ground water.

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Ryan Vise,  
Division Director  
External Relations

**From:** Alan McWilliams <Alan.McWilliams@glo.texas.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 9, 2025 3:24 PM  
**To:** Jason Buntz  
**Cc:** Jason Smalley  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] NET RMA Invitation to Become a Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)

Hello Jason,

Thank you for the invitation/notification about the Toll 49 Segment 6 project in Smith County. The General Land Office is responsible for oversight and management of constitutionally dedicated Permanent School Fund (PSF) land in Texas. As there are no PSF land tracts located within the project area the GLO will not be participating in the development of the EIS for the Toll 49 Segment 6 project. There are no PSF lands that will be impacted by this project.

Best Regards,



**Alan McWilliams**  
Deputy Director - Leasing Operations  
Texas General Land Office  
Phone (512) 463-9923  
Mobile (512) 913-6236

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**From:** Jason Buntz <[jbuntz@hicksenv.com](mailto:jbuntz@hicksenv.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 9, 2025 2:44 PM  
**To:** Alan McWilliams <[Alan.McWilliams@glo.texas.gov](mailto:Alan.McWilliams@glo.texas.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] NET RMA Invitation to Become a Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)

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**From:** [Haley Mills](#)  
**To:** [Jason Buntz](#)  
**Cc:** [Neely Kirkland](#); [Commissioner Sid Miller](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NET RMA Invitation to Become a Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)  
**Date:** Friday, August 1, 2025 1:20:58 PM  
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Dear Mr. Buntz,

Commissioner Sid Miller and the Texas Department of Agriculture thank you for the invitation to attend the Agency Scoping meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 for the Toll 49 Segment 6 Environmental Impact Statement.

Texas Department of Agriculture Field Representative Neely Kirkland will be attending the meeting virtually on behalf of our agency. We kindly ask that the meeting Microsoft Teams link and any other future correspondence related to this meeting be directed to Ms. Kirkland.

Her contact information is as follows:

Neely Kirkland  
Field Representative  
Texas Department of Agriculture  
[Neely.Kirkland@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:Neely.Kirkland@TexasAgriculture.gov)  
Ph: (214) 809-5534

We appreciate the opportunity to engage in this important project and look forward to continued coordination.

Thank you again,

**Haley Mills**

Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff  
Texas Department of Agriculture | Austin, TX  
Ph: (737) 382-5782



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
**COMMISSIONER SID MILLER**

**From:** [Andrea Broughton](#)  
**To:** [Jason Buntz](#)  
**Cc:** [Doug Nicholson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NET RMA Invitation to Become a Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 1:02:01 PM  
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Good Afternoon Mr. Buntz

I would like to formerly accept the invitation and represent Smith County.

Thank you

Andrea

Andrea Broughton, PE CFM  
Smith County – Road & Bridge



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**From:** Doug Nicholson <DNicholson@smith-county.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 2:55 PM  
**To:** Andrea Broughton <ABroughton@smith-county.com>  
**Subject:** FW: NET RMA Invitation to Become a Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)

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**From:** Jason Buntz <jbuntz@hicksenv.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 9, 2025 2:59 PM  
**To:** Doug Nicholson <DNicholson@smith-county.com>  
**Subject:** NET RMA Invitation to Become a Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)

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**From:** [Conor Herterich](#)  
**To:** [Jason Buntz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: NET RMA Invitation to Become a Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)  
**Date:** Friday, May 16, 2025 10:06:35 AM

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Jason,

On behalf of the Smith County Historical Commission, I accept the invitation to become a Participating Agency and to consult on the project. Please inform us about the next steps in regard to the project.

-Conor Herterich

On May 9, 2025, at 2:53 PM, Jason Buntz <[jbuntz@hicksenv.com](mailto:jbuntz@hicksenv.com)> wrote:

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**From:** [Rolin McPhee](#)  
**To:** [Jason Buntz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: NET RMA Invitation to Become a Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271  
(CSJ: 0910-00-129)  
**Date:** Monday, May 12, 2025 2:23:33 PM

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Mr. Buntz,

We are more than happy to accept the offer of being a participating agency for the EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future regarding this important transportation project for East Texas.

Sincerely,

Rolin C. McPhee, P.E.  
City Manager  
City of Longview, Texas  
Office: (903) 237-1336  
Mobile: (903) 235-7038  
E-mail: [rmphee@longviewtexas.gov](mailto:rmphee@longviewtexas.gov)



On Fri, May 9, 2025 at 3:17 PM Jason Buntz <[jbuntz@hicksenv.com](mailto:jbuntz@hicksenv.com)> wrote:

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**From:** [Leslie Black](#)  
**To:** [Jason Buntz](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NET RMA Invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)  
**Date:** Friday, August 1, 2025 2:15:17 PM  
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Thank you Mr. Buntz. I will participate in the meeting.

Thanks,



**Leslie Black, ICMA-CM**  
**City Manager**

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**From:** Jason Buntz <[jbuntz@hicksenv.com](mailto:jbuntz@hicksenv.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 25, 2025 3:46 PM  
**To:** Leslie Black <[lblack@whitehousetx.org](mailto:lblack@whitehousetx.org)>  
**Subject:** NET RMA Invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)

Dear Ms. Black:

The North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) invites you to attend the Agency Scoping meeting for the Toll 49 Segment 6 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on **Wednesday, August 27, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. CST.**

The meeting will be held online using Microsoft Teams (with a link to be provided via separate email) with the option of attending in person at the Lochner office located at:

5767 Eagles Nest Boulevard  
Tyler, Texas 75703.

If you wish to accept the invitation to be a Participating Agency for this project or to attend the Agency Scoping meeting, please respond in writing to this email.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the respective roles and responsibilities during the NET RMA's preparation of the EIS, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the phone number or email below.

Thank you!

**Jason Buntz**  
Operations Manager

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**Sent:** Friday, May 9, 2025 4:19 PM  
**To:** Jason Buntz <[jbuntz@hicksenv.com](mailto:jbuntz@hicksenv.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: NET RMA Invitation to Become a Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)

Thanks, I'm sure we will participate but I'll send the official response on May 28.



**Leslie Black, ICMA-CM**  
**City Manager**

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**Cc:** Glenn Green  
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Good afternoon, Leslie. Thank you for your response. No, there are no funding implications for the City of Whitehouse to be a Participating Agency with the NET RMA.

Essentially, as a Participating Agency the City of Whitehouse would be invited to project meetings and be provided project information and documentation giving the City the

opportunity to have early input into the planning process. These are opportunities that the City would otherwise be afforded through the regular public and stakeholder involvement process to come later down the road, so you would not be missing out altogether if you choose to decline the invitation. The main opportunity that the City would be afforded by accepting the invitation would be to participate in an upcoming Agency Scoping Meeting to be scheduled once we receive all of the responses to the NET RMA's initial invitation.

Thank you again for your interest, and feel free to call me if you have any questions!

Jason Buntz  
Operations Manager

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Thanks Jason. With acceptance as a Participating Agency, are there any funding implications for the City of Whitehouse?

I plan to have this as an action item for the City Council during their May 27, 2025 City Council meeting.



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Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

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**From:** [Michael Howell](#)  
**To:** [Jason Buntz](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NET RMA Invitation to Become a Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)  
**Date:** Monday, May 12, 2025 10:40:50 AM  
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Good morning Jason,

The Tyler Area MPO is excited to serve as a Participating Agency in the EIS development for Toll 49 Segment 6. We look forward to helping develop this important project for our region.

Thank you,

**Michael Howell, AICP, EIT, MS**  
**Metropolitan Planning Organization Director**  
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**Sent:** Friday, May 9, 2025 3:14 PM  
**To:** Michael Howell <[mhowell@tylertexas.com](mailto:mhowell@tylertexas.com)>  
**Subject:** NET RMA Invitation to Become a Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)

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**From:** [Bryan McBride](#)  
**To:** [Jason Buntz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: NET RMA Invitation to Become a Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271  
(CSJ: 0910-00-129)  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 7:35:26 PM

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Hello Mr. Buntz,

I am more than happy to accept the offer of the Longview MPO being a participating agency for the EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Bryan

**Bryan McBride**

MPO Director

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On Fri, May 9, 2025 at 2:47 PM Jason Buntz <[jbuntz@hicksenv.com](mailto:jbuntz@hicksenv.com)> wrote:

Dear Mr. McBride,

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**From:** [Scott Martinez](#)  
**To:** [Jason Buntz](#)  
**Cc:** [glenngreen](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NET RMA Invitation to Become a Participating Agency: EIS for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129)  
**Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 3:24:44 PM  
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Good afternoon,

The Tyler Economic Development Council accepts NETRMA's invitation to become a participating agency for Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271 (CSJ: 0910-00-129).

Thank you for the invitation.

Sincerely,

**Scott Martinez, CEd**

*President and CEO*

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Dear Mr. Martinez,

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Doug Lane, Southwest Regional Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
10101 Hillwood Parkway  
Fort Worth, TX 76177

RE: Invitation to the Agency Scoping Meeting as a Cooperating Agency  
Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271: CSJ: 0910-00-129

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Thank you for your interest in this project. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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**Glenn H. Green**, Executive Director  
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Vence Haggard, Regional Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Haggard:

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Charles Sams III, National Park Service Director  
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1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

RE: Invitation to the Agency Scoping Meeting as a Cooperating Agency  
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Scott Mason, Regional Administrator  
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RE: Invitation to the Agency Scoping Meeting as a Cooperating Agency  
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Jennifer Walker, Division Evaluation Branch Regulatory Chief  
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Fort Worth, TX 76102

RE: Invitation to the Agency Scoping Meeting as a Cooperating Agency  
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Catherine Yeargan, Project Leader  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Coastal & Central Plains ESFO  
17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211  
Houston, TX 77058

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**Kristy Oates, State Conservationist**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
101 S. Main Street  
Temple, TX 76501

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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
307 W 7th Street, Suite 1000  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

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Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
2025 South Gordon Cooper Dr  
Shawnee, OK 74801

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**Elizabeth Toombs, THPO**  
*Cherokee Nation*  
1307 Missionary Circle  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

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**Maddie Currie, THPO**  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma  
1802 Chukka Hina Drive  
Durant, OK 74701

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**Caddo Nation**  
**117 Memorial Lane**  
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Carissa Speck, THPO  
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Kiowa Tribe  
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Public Utility Commission of Texas  
PO Box 13326  
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Toll 49 Segment 6 from SH 110 to US 271: CSJ: 0910-00-129

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**Sid Miller, Commissioner**  
Texas Department of Agriculture  
PO Box 12847  
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Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs  
PO Box 13941  
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Rex Isom, Executive Director  
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1497 Country View Lane  
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Jeremy Sherrod, Regional 1 Administrator  
Texas Department of Public Safety  
350 West IH-30  
Garland, TX 75043

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David Cleveland, Executive Director  
East Texas Council of Governments  
3800 Stone Road  
Kilgore, TX 75662

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Leroy Sparrow, Director of Solid Waste, Transit and VES  
Tyler Transit  
PO Box 2039  
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Conor Herterich, Chairman  
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823 S Kennedy Avenue  
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Michael Howell, MPO Director  
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Scott Martinez, President/CEO  
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Longview, TX 75601

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D. Agency Scoping Meeting Presentation



# Toll 49 Segment 6 EIS

## Agency Scoping Meeting



August 27, 2025

# Welcome and Opening Remarks

Deanne Simmons, P.E., Director of  
Engineering  
North East Texas Regional Mobility  
Authority (NET RMA)



## Today's Presenter

Jason Buntz, Operations Manager  
Hicks & Company

# Agenda

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Introductions
- Agency Roles and Responsibilities
- Environmental Impact Statement and NEPA Process
- Purpose of the Agency Scoping Meeting
- Project Overview
- Project History
- Schedule and NEPA Milestones
- Purpose and Need
- Preliminary Alternatives and Evaluation Methodology
- Environmental Constraints
- Project Development Process
- Questions and Comments
- Closing

# Introductions



- NET RMA
  - Deanne Simmons, P.E., Director of Engineering
- Lochner (engineering consultant for NET RMA)
  - John Goodwin, P.E., Engineering Project Manager
  - Dennis Cooley, P.E., Program Manager
- Hicks & Company (environmental consultant for NET RMA)
  - Jason Buntz, Operations Manager
- TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division
  - Nellie Bennett, Project Delivery Manager

# Agency Roles and Responsibilities



- NET RMA – Project Sponsor
  - Responsible for project development, engineering, public involvement, and NEPA documentation
- TxDOT – Lead Federal Agency
  - Responsible for NEPA review and approval delegated by FHWA
- Cooperating Agencies (4 accepted, 4 declined, 17 pending)
- Participating Agencies (9 accepted, 1 declined, 12 pending)

# Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

- Analysis and evaluation of potentially significant impacts to the human and natural environment
- Follows the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA)
  - Recent changes to CEQ regulations
  - Upcoming changes to FHWA regulations



# Review and Approval of Environmental Documentation

"The environmental review, consultation, and other actions 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 July 17, 2025, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT."



# NEPA Process for an EIS



- Public and Agency Scoping
- Data collection and evaluation
- Alternatives Analysis
- Resource agency coordination
- Public involvement effort
- Documentation of environmental impacts
- Mitigation
- Record of Decision

# Elements of the EIS will include...



Air Quality



Traffic Noise



Hazardous Materials



Cultural Resources



Biological Resources



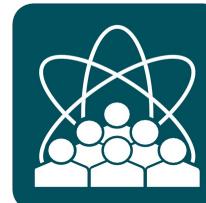
Land Use and Parkland



Ecological Resources



Water Quality & Water Resources



Social and Community Impacts

# Purpose of This Meeting



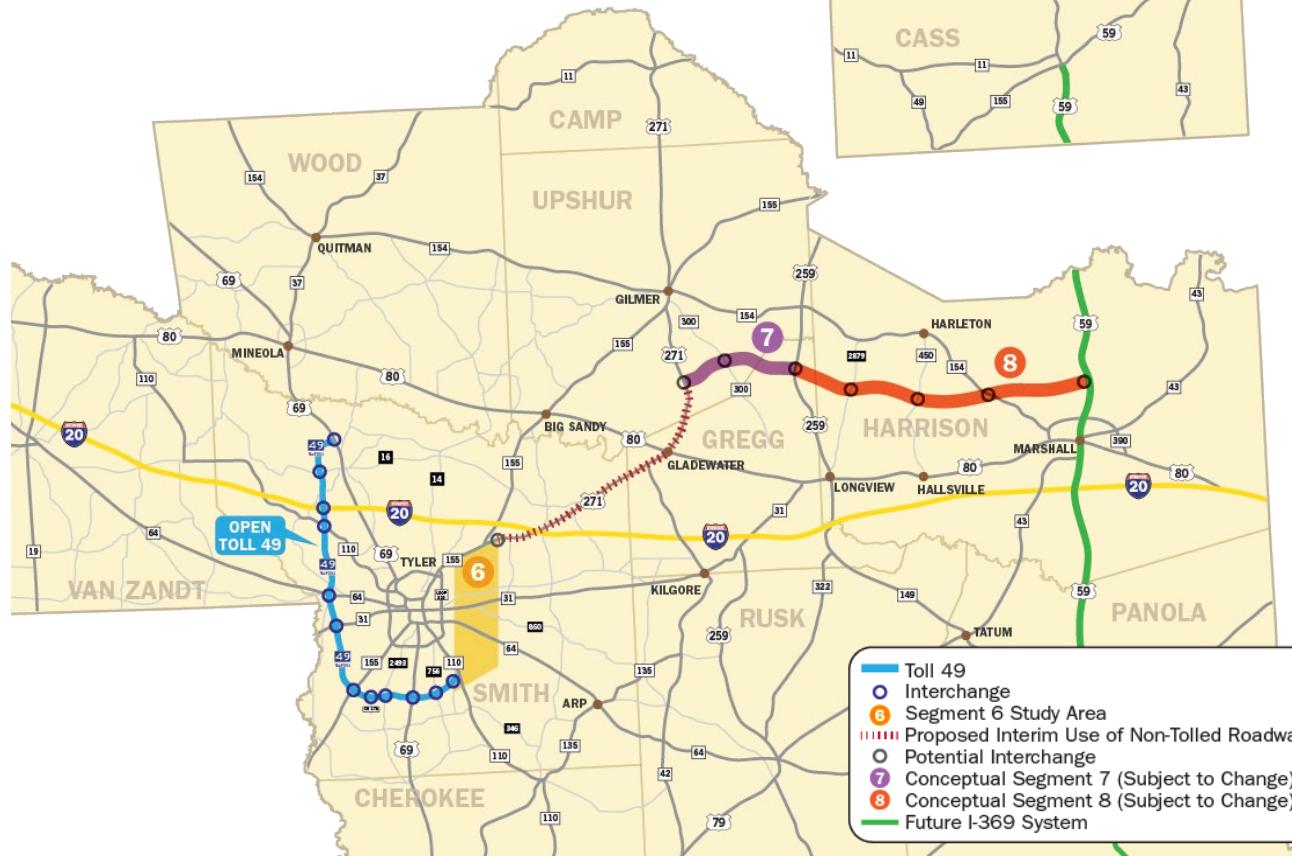
To provide an opportunity to review, comment, and provide input on:

- Draft Purpose and Need Statement
- Draft Coordination Plan and schedule
- Preliminary alternatives and methodology for evaluation
- Review of environmental constraints
- Provide input on anticipated permits or other authorizations
- Provide input on significant issues that should be analyzed in depth in the EIS



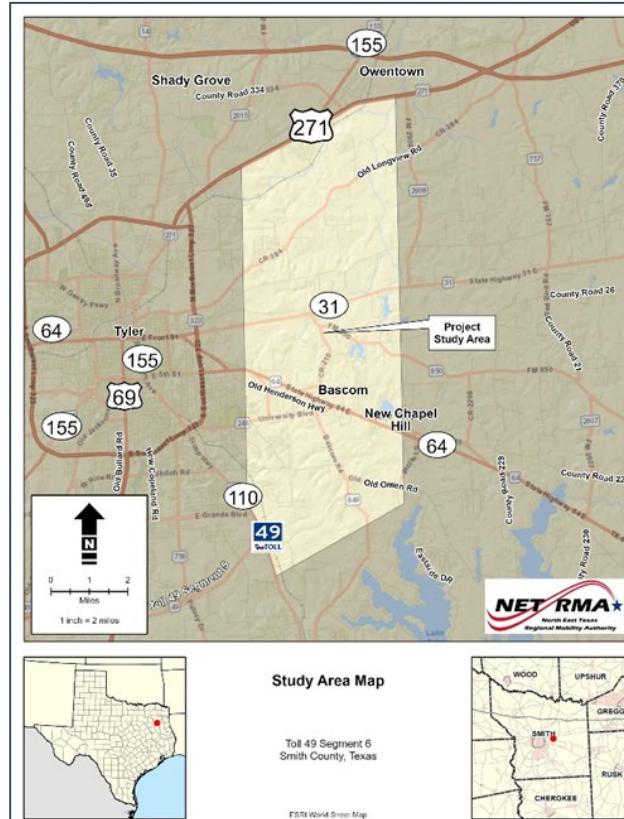
Project webpage: <https://www.netrma.org/projects/segment-6/>

# Toll 49 System Current & Proposed



# Project Overview

- Project Study Area: East of Tyler from SH 110 north to US 271
- Project Limits: from SH 110 to US 271
- Estimated project length is 10 to 14 miles



# Project History



- 2018–2019 Public Workshops
- 2019 Feasibility Study
  - Informed by public involvement
  - Studied preliminary routes
  - Narrowed study area and set terminus at US 271
  - Identified preliminary routes to move forward
- 2020 Federal Register EIS Notice of Intent
- Covid 19 Pandemic delay
- 2025 Public and Agency Scoping (<https://www.netrma.org/projects/segment-6/>)

Access the May 6/May 8, 2025, Public Scoping Meeting Materials by clicking the hyperlink under the map.

# Major NEPA Project Milestones



Milestone	Timeframe
NOI Published	March 2020
Draft Coordination Plan and Draft Purpose and Need	Spring 2025
Develop Range of Preliminary Alternatives	Spring–Fall 2025
Public Scoping Meetings	May 2025
Agency Scoping Meeting	August 2025
Stakeholder Meetings	2024 – Summer 2027
Screening of Preliminary Alternatives	Fall 2025
Public Meeting; present range of reasonable alternatives and the alternatives analysis	Mid 2026
DEIS	Winter 2025 – Spring 2028
NOA and DEIS Circulation	Early 2028
Public Hearing	Mid 2028
Final EIS Preparation	Early 2029
Combined Final EIS and Record of Decision	Mid 2029

# Purpose & Need

## Why is the project *needed*?

### Traffic and population growth

- Current roadway network between SH 110 and US 271 northeast of Tyler is inadequate to meet current and future traffic volumes.
- Population growth in the region is contributing to increased congestion and longer travel times on roadways.
- The regional population of the four-county area (Gregg, Harrison, Smith, and Upshur): increased 22 percent over a 20-year period (2000–2020); predicted to grow to more than half a million people by 2060.
- Travel time in 2050 is projected to increase during AM and PM periods compared to existing conditions.

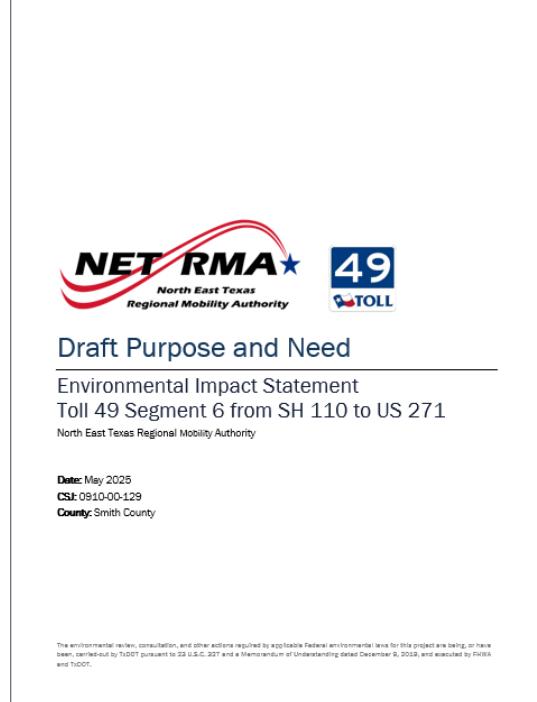


# Purpose & Need

*What is the purpose of the project?*

- Relieve congestion
- Provide shorter travel times

*(for regional and local traffic between SH 110 and US 271)*



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**Draft Purpose and Need**

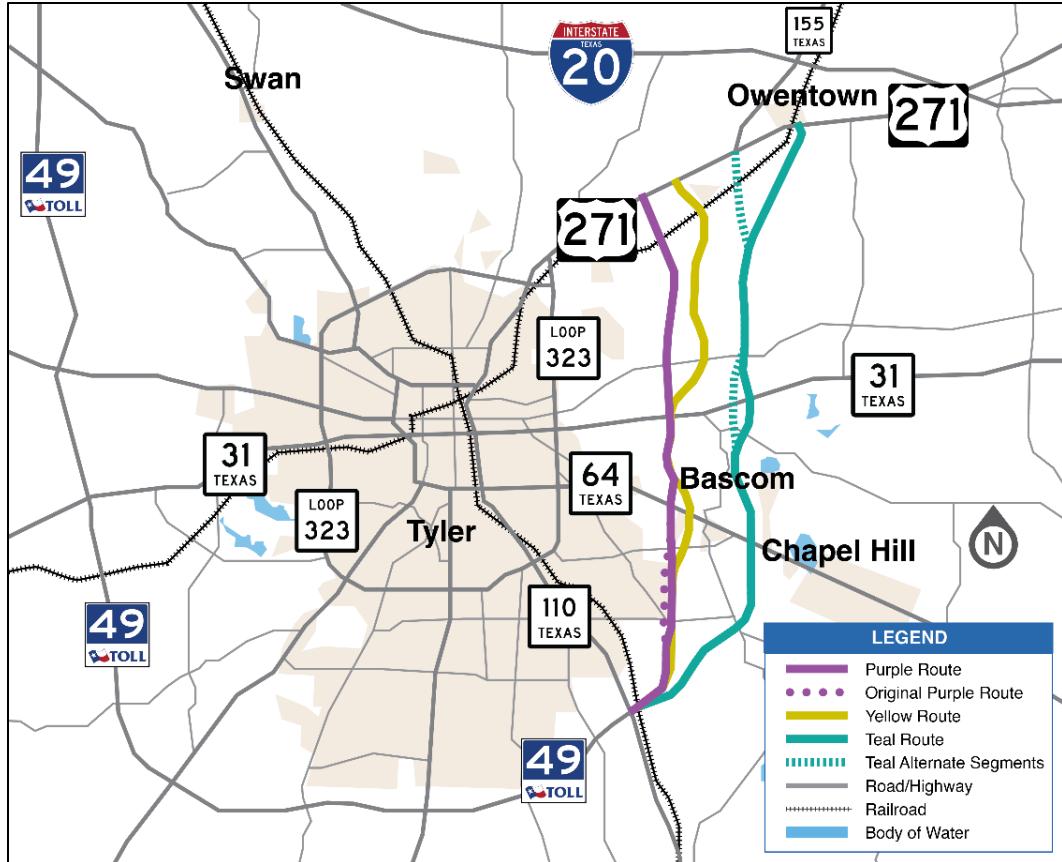
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# Proposed Route Options



# Alternative Evaluation Process



Proposed Route Options

Preliminary Alternatives

Reasonable Alternatives &  
No Build Alternative

Preferred Alternative

# Proposed Alternatives Analysis

## Methodology–Purpose and Need



Criteria	Method of Analysis
Relieves congestion for regional and local traffic	Traffic analysis (Yes/No)
Provides shorter travel times for regional and local traffic	Traffic analysis (Yes/No)

# Proposed Alternatives Analysis

## Methodology-Engineering



Criteria	Method of Analysis
Estimated Average Daily Traffic Volume	Number of Vehicles
Parcels Impacted	Number
Major Utility Conflicts	Number and type
Proposed ROW	Acres
Alternative Length	Miles
Bridge-type Hydraulic Structures	Number
Potential Floodplain Impacts	Acres of 100-year floodplain within alternative
Estimated Construction Cost	Dollars
Conflicts with Platted Developments	Low, Medium, High

# Proposed Alternatives Analysis

## Methodology–Environmental



Land Use Impacts	Method of Analysis
Agricultural	Acres within alternative
Pasture	Acres within alternative
Prime Farmland Soils	Acres within alternative
Developed	Acres within alternative
Water Wells	Number within alternative
Oil & Gas Wells	Number within alternative
Displacements	Method of Analysis
Commercial	Number
Residential	Number
Other (place of worship, school, etc.)	Number

# Proposed Alternatives Analysis

## Methodology – Environmental



	Method of Analysis
<b>Community Impacts</b>	Type and number within or adjacent to alternative; potential for proximity-related effects (Low, Medium, High)
<b>Traffic Noise Impacts</b>	Probability of traffic noise impacts based on land use activity areas/number of receptors (Low, Medium, High)
<b>Air Quality Impacts</b>	Based on projected traffic make-up and projected traffic volumes (Low, Medium, High)
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>	Type of site within or adjacent to Alternative (Low, Medium, High)
<b>Visual/Aesthetic Impacts</b>	Changes in visual character (Low, Medium, High)

# Proposed Alternatives Analysis Methodology–Environmental



Threatened and Endangered Species (IPaC) Impacts	Method of Analysis
Critical Habitat	Yes/No
Listed Species	Potential for adverse effects (Low, Medium, High)
Waters of the U.S.	Method of Analysis
National Wetland Inventory (NWI)	Acres within alternative
National Hydrography Dataset (NHD)	Linear feet within alternative
NHD (Waterbodies)	Acres within alternative
Stream Crossings	Number
303(d) Listed Waters	Number and proximity to impaired stream segment (miles)

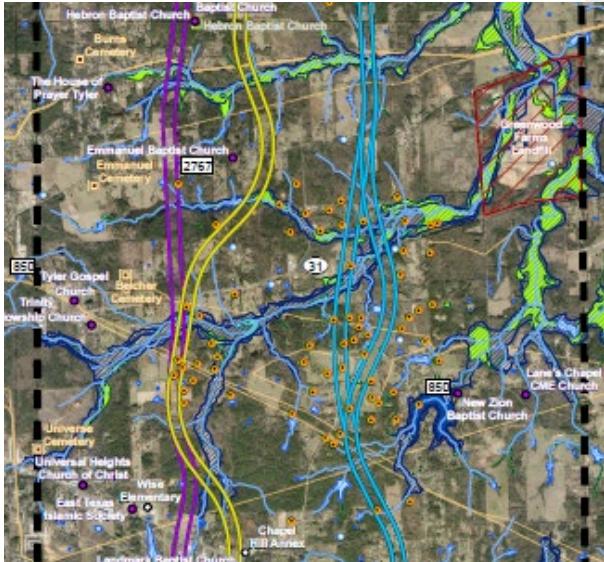
# Proposed Alternatives Analysis Methodology–Environmental



	Method of Analysis
<b>National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-Listed</b>	Number
<b>NRHP-Eligible</b>	Number
<b>Section 4(f) Properties</b>	Yes/No, Number
<b>Section 6(f) Properties</b>	Yes/No, Number
<b>Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code</b>	Yes/No
<b>Archeological Resources</b>	Number, type, and acres of high potential
<b>Historic Resources</b>	Number within or adjacent
<b>Cemeteries</b>	Number within or adjacent

# Environmental Constraints

- Wetlands and waters of the U.S.
- Communities and community resources
- Wildlife habitat and protected species
- Land use compatibility
- Cultural resources



# Project Development Process



Dates subject to change

# Questions and Comments



- Questions?
- Comments

Comments after the meeting can be emailed by September 18, 2025, to [jbuntz@hicksenv.com](mailto:jbuntz@hicksenv.com)

# Closing



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