

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## NET RMA to Host Virtual and In-Person Public Scoping Meeting Toll 49, Segment 6

WHAT:

The North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) is hosting a virtual and in-person public scoping meeting for the proposed extension of Toll 49 from SH 110 to US 271 as the next step in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the EIS process and provide input on draft documents, including the draft purpose and need for the project, the range of preliminary alternatives, the project's development schedule, the methodology used for the alternatives analysis, and the agency coordination plan. The NET RMA also requests comments on any expected environmental impacts. All meeting materials will be available for both virtual and in-person attendees and feedback will be accepted through both.

WHO:

The public scoping meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about Toll 49 Segment 6 and the EIS process. The project team will be on hand to answer questions.

WHEN:

23, 2025. IN-PERSON: Tuesday, May 6, 2025, from 5-7 p.m. in Tyler and Thursday, May 8, 2025, from 5-7 p.m. in Longview.

VIRTUAL: Available online from 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2025, through Friday, May

WHERE:

VIRTUAL: <a href="https://www.netrma.org/projects/segment-6">www.netrma.org/projects/segment-6</a>

IN-PERSON: Tyler Rose Garden Center, 420 Rose Park Dr, Tyler, TX 75702 and Longview Exhibit Center, 1123 Jaycee Dr., Longview, TX 75604

For more project information visit <a href="www.netrma.org/projects/segment-6">www.netrma.org/projects/segment-6</a>.

## **About the Toll 49 Project**

The Toll 49, Segment 6 Project is an initiative of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) to explore potential route options for a proposed extension of Toll 49 north to US 271. The limits of the proposed Toll 49 Segment 6 are from the Toll 49 Segment 5 eastern terminus at SH 110 to US 271 in Smith County, Texas. The intent of the project is to identify a route that improves the efficiency of the regional transportation network and enhances mobility throughout Northeast Texas. A feasibility study was conducted from Fall



2018 to Fall 2019 to evaluate route options and identify the three, final route options to carry forward into the EIS.

As currently proposed, Toll 49 Segment 6 would consist of the design and construction of an interim two-lane (one lane in each direction) roadway with intermittent passing lanes. The ultimate design includes four lanes (two in each direction) with a grassy median. Following the meeting, the project team will evaluate the public input and include the data with the research moving forward. The NET RMA will be evaluating alternatives and conducting an environmental study to document potential impacts to the natural and human environment, and public involvement is a critical component to this effort.

## About the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA)

The NET RMA is an independent government agency created to accelerate the development of transportation projects in Northeast Texas. The agency's mission is in cooperation with its regional partners to provide solutions to expedite infrastructure and mobility projects that will improve the quality of life, enhance the regional economy and assure efficient mobility in the North East Texas Region. The NET RMA is governed by a 21-member board of directors that represents each of the 14-member counties: Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Kaufman, Panola, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood. Texas RMAs were made possible through an initiative passed by the State Legislature in 2001. The NET RMA was established in October 2004. For more information, visit NETRMA.org.

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