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**REQUEST FOR COVERAGE**  
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## **Texas Department of Transportation to Hold the Seventh Task Force Meeting to Review the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study**

**WHO:** The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) San Antonio District is holding monthly meetings to review the findings of the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study.

**WHAT:** The focus of the meeting will be to discuss and review the process used to screen alternatives for the New Braunfels Outer Loop corridor alignment. The New Braunfels Outer Loop Study approach was a “funnel” type process in which a large number of options were narrowed down to a single recommended corridor by analyzing the options utilizing relevant criteria. At each stage in the process, the options were defined in greater detail. Concurrently, the criteria used to evaluate the options also transitioned to more quantitative measures. The meeting will review the process and show how the different screening criteria were applied to allow non-desirable corridors to be dropped from further consideration and analysis, leaving only viable options for the next phase of screening. The study team worked under the assumption that none of the build options were perfect solutions and all had trade-offs that were the result of the balance between addressing needs and minimizing impacts.

**WHEN:** **Monday, October 19, 2009**  
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
New Braunfels Civic Center in the Ballroom  
375 S. Castell Ave., New Braunfels, TX 78130

**WHY:** TxDOT conducted the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study in 2007-2008. The study area was approximately a 40-mile band around the City of New Braunfels and encompassed portions of Comal and Guadalupe counties. The purpose of the study was to conduct the necessary planning and analysis needed to identify a corridor for the possible development of an outer loop. TxDOT staff and consultants presented a recommended corridor to the public at an open house meeting in January of 2008 and again at a Town Hall meeting held by the City of New Braunfels and Comal County in April 2008. Questions and/or concerns by the public have identified a need to reexamine the process and some of the data.

The charge of the Task Force is to review the process used to identify the recommended corridor which was determined through the study efforts, review the data used to evaluate options and ensure that screening and evaluation tools were applied consistently throughout all parts of the study area. Once complete, the Task Force findings and recommendations will be incorporated into the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study Report. The final recommendation will be submitted to the City of New Braunfels, Comal and Guadalupe Counties for further analysis and possible adoption. The cities and counties will then make any changes or adjustments to the recommendation that they see fit to best serve their needs. If it is approved the new recommended corridor would then be incorporated into the respective transportation plans for each city and county.

For more information, please call the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study Hotline at (866) 704-1114 or visit the New Braunfels Outer Loop Study website at [www.nbolstudy.com](http://www.nbolstudy.com).

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