

Road Projects & Regional Impacts

Short Presentation posted on Members page of www.pasadenacac.org

Speakers from TxDOT, Harris County Pct. 2, and Harris County Toll Road Authority presented updates on current and planned construction projects. Jamal Elahi, Transportation Engineer at TxDOT, provided an update on current and upcoming TxDOT construction projects along State Highway 225 and nearby corridors, focusing on what residents can expect in the near term. Elahi emphasized that TxDOT is working to minimize traffic impacts and keep the public informed as work progresses. Mike Rudd, an engineering consultant from Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering (IC&E), a contract firm working with area TxDOT projects, explained that his team is moving forward with improvements along SH 225 and SH 146, building on work that began several years ago with a Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) study. Rudd emphasized that community input remains critical and said the team plans to hold workshops during the fall to hear what residents have observed and what improvements they want to see.

Jorge Bustamante, Senior Planning Manager for Harris County Pct. 2, discussed projects in and around Pasadena, highlighting transparency and community engagement through the county's online project dashboard. Bustamante said that community meetings are ongoing and that public input is shaping how these corridors are redesigned for safety and usability. Leilany Thielen, Deputy Director, Capital Projects & Infrastructure with the Harris County Toll Road Authority, shared updates about the Beltway 8 project. Thielen gave a comprehensive update on the Ship Channel Bridge replacement and direct connector projects linking SH 225 and the Sam Houston Tollway. Thielen also described the phased construction approach, which allows traffic to continue using existing and newly completed bridge segments while older structures are demolished and replaced. The speakers said they would keep PCAC Facilitator Emily Morris informed about public meetings, and Morris said she would pass that information to the PCAC.