



## **OPEN HOUSE/CITIZEN MEETING**

**Staples St. (FM 2444) and Saratoga Blvd. (SH 357)**  
**Corridor Mobility Studies**

Thursday, October 9, 2008

Kaffie Middle School Cafeteria  
5922 Brockhampton St.

Open House: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Presentation: 6:00 p.m.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) invites the public to an open house/citizen meeting to review and comment on the recommended improvements for two Southside roadways: Saratoga Boulevard (SH 357) from just west of Staples Street (FM 2444) to Rodd Field Road, and Staples Street (FM 2444) from Saratoga Boulevard (SH 357) to Oso Creek.

Input from property/business owners, area residents, and other road users is a critical part of the project. TxDOT staff and consultants will be available to explain the project purpose and scope, answer questions, and listen to project suggestions anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will be a presentation at 6:00 p.m.

### **What Kind of Improvements?**

TxDOT has evaluated a range of potential short-term, intermediate, and long-term improvements in developing the recommendations. The recommendations include installation of raised medians with openings at various locations and other modifications to improve safety and mobility along these high-growth roadways. The recommended improvements would not provide additional through lanes. Minimal amounts of right of way could be required in certain locations. Additional through lanes on these roads, however, could be pursued in the future.

### **Why Are Improvements Needed?**

TxDOT initiated these studies because Staples Street, Saratoga Boulevard, and the surrounding areas have experienced substantial growth, which is anticipated to continue. As traffic and development along these corridors have increased, so have the number of conflict points along these roads. Conflict points are locations on a roadway where two vehicles' paths can cross and where crashes tend to occur. Research and similar improvements in other communities have shown that roadways with fewer vehicular conflict points and adequate spacing between driveways have fewer collisions and better traffic flow.

Congestion and traffic backups have an impact on access to businesses. Improving traffic flow helps reduce congestion and provides smoother, safer access for customers and deliveries. With additional development planned along these roads, safe and uncongested corridors are important to economic growth.

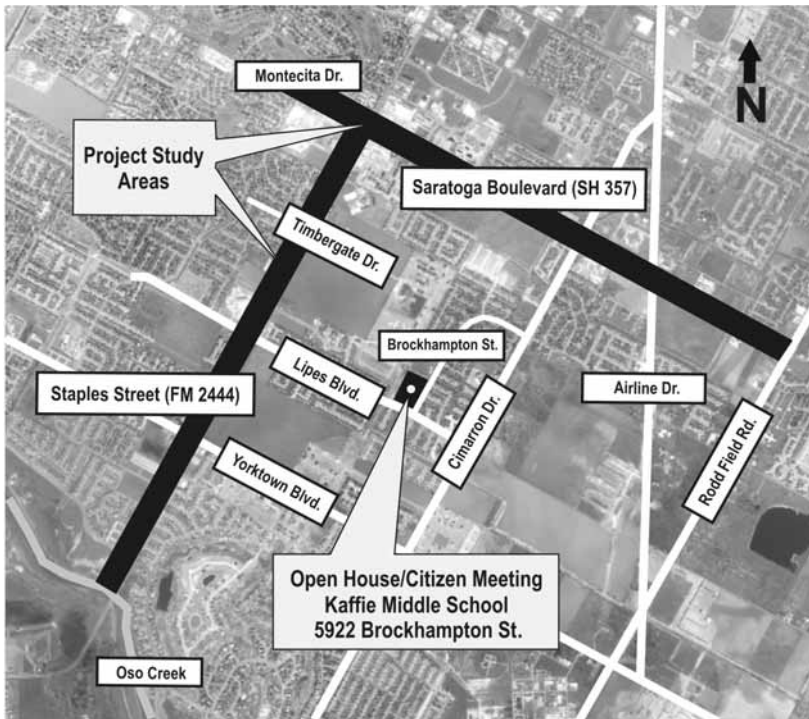
### **For More Information**

Additional project information is available at [www.corpuschristi-mpo.org](http://www.corpuschristi-mpo.org). For additional information about this meeting, please contact (361) 884-5000, ext. 21.

For those unable to attend this open house, written comments may be submitted by October 20, 2008, to: FM 2444 and SH 357 Corridor Mobility Studies, P.O. Box 3706, Corpus Christi, TX 78463-3706, or [projectinfo@olivari.com](mailto:projectinfo@olivari.com).



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