



PUBLIC MEETINGS

TOWER 55

Tower 55 is the busiest at-grade railroad intersection in the country, and it is located below the I.H. 30/I.H. 35W interchange between downtown Fort Worth and the Fort Worth Southside medical district. The average wait time for trains to travel through the rail intersection is 90 minutes. More than 100 freight trains and 70 passenger trains daily pass through and adjacent to Tower 55.



The public is invited to learn about potential railroad and roadway improvements associated with Tower 55 which is the area in downtown Fort Worth where BNSF Railway, Union Pacific Railroad, Fort Worth & Western Railroad, Amtrak and Trinity Railway Express rail operations converge at the busiest at-grade railroad intersection in the country.

To improve air quality, safety and movement at Tower 55, an environmental assessment study is underway to evaluate potential solutions. The North-South Trench and East-West Trench solution alternatives will be the focus of the meetings, but study progress to date will also be summarized.

The study team will discuss Tower 55 issues and present project concepts as well as potential environmental impacts.

More than 100 freight trains and 70 passenger trains travel daily through and adjacent to Tower 55, and many trains must come to a complete stop before proceeding. The average wait time for trains is 90 minutes.

Rail is the primary mode of moving goods to and through the region. If the rate of rail traffic at Tower 55 continues to grow, by 2010 all trains needing access will not be able to pass through Tower 55 in an average 24-hour period. Increasing regional economic activity, changes to the national freight rail network and international trade are expected to increase the travel demand through Tower 55.

The goal of the study is to find solutions to the rail bottleneck at Tower 55.

For special accommodations due to a disability or for language translation, contact Jahnae Stout at (817) 608-2335 or jstout@nctcog.org at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made.

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DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS:
Thursday, August 13, 2009

To submit comments or questions by mail, fax, or e-mail, please send to:
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Monday, August 3, 2009

Fort Worth Intermodal Transportation Center
1001 Jones Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

12 p.m. **Brown Bag Lunch Public Meeting**

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. **Open House**

6:30 p.m. **Public Meeting**

Details

The same information will be presented at both public meetings.

Attendees of the noon meeting may bring a lunch if they choose.

Displays and maps will be available for review at all meetings as well as at an open house from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Staff will be at the open house to answer questions and provide additional information.



For additional information, visit:
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