

STATE HIGHWAY 183
STAKEHOLDER COALITION

State Highway 183 is a regionally significant east-west thoroughfare, that serves as the southern entry to DFW airport and as a gateway to Dallas where it merges with the Stemmons Corridor. The SH 183 Stakeholder Coalition will serve as the public face of this project.

The reconstruction and improvement of SH 183 is a project that has been on the drawing board for well over a decade. The cost of the necessary upgrades will exceed \$1.4 billion.

SH 183 is not only a vital link in the region's transportation system, but is also critical for the timely movement of goods, business logistic plans, and access to employment centers. Major projects in the metroplex – such as SH 183 – need an interface with business, public and governmental interests that will be effected. The SH 183 Stakeholder Coalition is designed to fill that role.

Prior to the 82nd Session of the Texas Legislature business leaders, chambers of commerce, citizens, and cities and counties were asked to, and did, support resolutions of endorsement to authorize the use of public private partnership to help fund the project. The needed legislation was passed.

Now, the next phases of the project are underway. The Stakeholder Coalition will be called on to announce major milestones of achievement during the procurement and implementation phases. As with any project of this size and importance, there may be times when changes or modifications may be necessary to the scope, timing or funding.

The Stakeholder Coalition will be briefed on the circumstances and will be asked to review and advise what acceptable solutions might be. Communication with the businesses and occupants adjacent to the corridor or impacted by it will be critical to project acceptance. It is not anticipated the members of the Stakeholder Coalition will be called upon to dedicate significant time to it's efforts (2-3 meetings a year), but the ability to demonstrate continued business and public support at critical moments is crucial to delivering the project and meeting expectations. Thank you in advance for considering an important role as a Stakeholder member.