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TxDOT meeting to focus on truck traffic in Barnett Shale

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Heavy trucks and traffic are common concerns for residents of energy producing regions like the Barnett Shale.

Residents and businesses of North Texas will have an opportunity to discuss the issue with the **Texas Department of Transportation** next week at a Cleburne meeting of its new task force formed to study the issue of heavy trucks and related infrastructure concerns.

The Energy Sector Impacts Task Force will meet from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 2, in Cleburne at the Cleburne Conference Center, 1501 W. Henderson St. An open house will follow at 4 p.m. in the lobby of the conference center.

"This is the first time the task force has assembled outside Austin and the first time to include an open house-style public meeting," the department said in a news release.

"Scheduling meetings around the state gives task force members an opportunity to interact with Texans most affected by the increase in traffic. And, the open house format provides a forum for gathering public input on key issues such as safety, funding and roadway maintenance."

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