

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO UNITED STATES HIGHWAY (US) 287 FROM STATE HIGHWAY (SH) 360 TO WEST LAMPASAS STREET ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS

CSJS: 0172-04-047, 0172-13-006, 0172-05-123, 0172-07-030, AND 0172-08-101

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is conducting a feasibility study for improvements to US 287 through Ellis County, a distance of approximately 32 miles. This notice advices the public that TxDOT will be conducting an on-line virtual public meeting on the proposed project. The virtual public meeting will be held beginning on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. The virtual public meeting will consist of a video presentation explaining the proposed project, which includes both audio and video components, along with other exhibits and materials for your review. The virtual public meeting materials will be posted to http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/us-highways/us-287-frontage-road-improvements-feasibility-study on April 21, 2020 and will remain available online through the comment period deadline of May 6, 2020. If you do not have internet access, you may call the TxDOT project manager, Elizabeth "Libby" Russell, P.E. at (214) 320-4418 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail, email, or voicemail as explained below.

The purpose of this feasibility study is to identify and evaluate the potential construction of continuous, one-way frontage roads, including grade separations and access control, along US Highway 287 from SH 360 in the City of Mansfield to West Lampasas Street in the City of Ennis. Project alternatives could require additional right-of-way to accommodate the project.

Maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are available online at the website listed above.

TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The virtual public meeting will be in English. If you have a special communication accommodation or need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please call the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480 at least two working days prior to the virtual meeting. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written, electronic, and voicemail comments from the public are requested and may be submitted by mail to: Attention: Libby Russell, P.E., TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Libby.Russell@txdot.gov. An online comment form option will also be made available during the virtual public meeting. Verbal comments will also be accepted by calling 469-708-3179 and leaving a voicemail. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact the TxDOT project manager, Elizabeth "Libby" Russell, P.E., by phone at (214) 320-4418, or by email at Libby.Russell@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.