



Notice

Public Hearing

DECK PLAZA PROJECT

From Marsalis Avenue to Ewing Avenue

CSJ: 0918-47-177

Dallas County, Texas

The City of Dallas, in conjunction with The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), are proposing to construct a deck plaza over Interstate Highway (I) 35 East (E) from Marsalis Avenue to Ewing Avenue in Dallas County, Texas. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter H, §771.111 and Title 40, Chapter V, §1506, this notice advises the public that environmental studies that support a Categorical Exclusion determination in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, are available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. **The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in the cafeteria at the Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Magnet Center, 1201 East 8th Street, Dallas, Texas 75203.** Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project would consist of constructing a deck within TxDOT right-of-way (ROW), above the I-35E mainlanes, from Marsalis Avenue to Ewing Avenue, for a distance of approximately 0.2 mile. The deck would be constructed to ultimately create an approximate 5.5-acre urban deck plaza, sponsored by the City of Dallas. The deck itself would be constructed at the same level as the existing southbound I-35E frontage roads to provide access to the deck plaza from the frontage roads. Depending on funding, the proposed project may be constructed in phases. The construction of the deck plaza would allow the City of Dallas the opportunity to create various amenities such as parallel parking along the frontage roads, and pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to existing development on Jefferson Boulevard, nearby schools, the Dallas Area Rapid Transit station, and the Dallas Zoo.

The existing ROW width on I-35E in the project area is 340 feet. The proposed project would be constructed within the existing TxDOT ROW; therefore, no additional ROW or easements would be required. The existing ROW within project limits encompasses approximately 8.7 acres. The proposed project is located outside of a 100-year floodplain.

The environmental documentation for the project, maps showing the project location, design, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting. This information will also be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to Ms. Sandra Williams, Texas Department of Transportation Dallas District Office, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150. Comments must be received on or before **Wednesday, May 10, 2017** to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, you may contact the TxDOT Project Manager, Ms. Ceason Clemens, P.E. at (972) 421-2214 or by email at Ceason.Clemens@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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.