

**TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FARM TO MARKET (FM) 664
FROM: WESTMORELAND ROAD TO IH 35E
CSJs: 1051-01-037**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 16, 2014, for the proposed improvements to Farm-to-Market Road 664 (FM 664)/Ovilla Road from Westmoreland Rd. in Ovilla to Interstate Highway 35E (IH-35E) in Red Oak, Ellis County, Texas.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the anticipated social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed project. The Public Hearing will be held Red Oak Intermediate School, (401 E. Ovilla Road, Glenn Heights, Texas, 75154). Prior to the Public Hearing, an Open House will be held from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT and project consultants will be available to answer questions during the Open House. The formal Public Hearing presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a public comment period.

The proposed improvements would consist of reconstructing and widening existing FM 664/Ovilla Road from a two-lane, undivided, rural roadway to a six-lane divided, urban roadway for a distance of approximately 3.13 miles. A 14-foot wide outside lane (to accommodate bicyclists) and a 5-foot wide sidewalk in each direction are also proposed. Approximately 19.3 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW) is anticipated to be needed for the proposed project. ROW acquisition would impact undeveloped, agricultural, commercial, and residential properties. Eleven commercial structures on six parcels would be displaced as a result of the proposed project. The proposed project crosses approximately 0.2 acres of floodplain. The proposed project would result in modifications to existing crossings of Little Creek and its tributaries.

The proposed project's environmental document and drawings showing the location and geometric design will be presented at the Public Hearing. Project information will also be available for public inspection at the TxDOT Dallas District Office (4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150), the TxDOT Ellis County Area Office, (124 FM 876, Waxahachie, Texas, 75167-0691) and on-line at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting. Information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction may be obtained at the Public Hearing or from the TxDOT offices listed above.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the proposed project may be presented at the Public Hearing. Written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and will be accepted for a period of 10 calendar days following the hearing. Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing may be presented either in person or by mail to Sandra J. Williams, TxDOT Dallas District Office – APD, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643. Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be postmarked on or before Monday, October 26, 2014, in order to become part of the official hearing record.

The public hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need 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 public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Michael A. Renfrow, P.E. at 214 320-4472 or by email at Mike.Renfrow@txdot.gov.