



Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review
and
Public Hearing

FARM-TO-MARKET (FM) 548
From North of United States (US) 80 to State Highway (SH) 205
CSJs: 2588-01-017 and 2588-02-008
Kaufman and Rockwall Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) as the lead agency, proposes to widen FM 548 from north of US 80 to SH 205, in Kaufman and Rockwall Counties, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, May 28, 2019**, at the **North Forney High School, 6170 Falcon Way, Forney, TX 75126**. 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.

There are two segments to the proposed project. Segment 1 would involve the expansion from a two-lane roadway to a six-lane divided urban minor arterial from US 80 to Windmill Farms Boulevard. Segment 2 would involve the expansion from a two-lane rural roadway to a four-lane divided urban arterial (six-lane ultimate) from Windmill Farms Boulevard to SH 205. The proposed roadway at Segment 1 would include a 16-foot wide median, six total lanes (two 11-foot wide inside lanes and one 14-foot wide outside shared use lane for each direction of traffic) with one-foot wide curb offsets and six-foot wide sidewalks on each side back of curb for the length of the project. The proposed roadway at Segment 2 would include four total lanes (one 12-foot wide inside lane and one 14-foot wide outside shared use lane for each direction of traffic) with two-foot wide curb offsets and five-foot wide sidewalks on each side back of curb for the length of the project. The proposed 40-foot wide median would accommodate the future two 12-foot wide lanes for the proposed ultimate six-lane divided roadway. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width is approximately 100 feet wide. The proposed project ROW width is approximately 122 feet and would require approximately 63.4 acres of new ROW and 8.01 acres of proposed permanent drainage easements for the proposed improvements. One vacant non-residential structure would potentially be displaced. ROW acquisition would be conducted in accordance with the Federal Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policy Act of 1970. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition may be obtained from the district office at the address listed below.

Portions of the proposed project area and construction work would occur in the FEMA designated 100-year floodplains adjacent to the project, therefore coordination with the local FEMA floodplain administrator would be required. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current FHWA and TxDOT design policies.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, 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 TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 and online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting. This information also will 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 Mr. Matthew Atkinson, P.E. at 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150. **Comments must be received on or before Wednesday, June 12, 2019 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, please contact Mr. Matthew Atkinson, P.E. at (214) 320-6154 or email at Matthew.Atkinson@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.

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