

TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING IH 35E Frontage Roads from US 77 South of Waxahachie to US 77 North of Waxahachie CSJ: 0048-04-090; 0048-04-092; 0048-04-093

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2017, for the proposed Phase II improvements to Interstate Highway 35 East (IH 35E) in Waxahachie, Ellis County, Texas. The project limits extend from US 77 South of Waxahachie to US 77 North of Waxahachie.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to present the proposed roadway improvements within this approximately 11-mile long section of IH 35E. The Public Meeting will be an "open house" format and will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at the Waxahachie Civic Center Ballrooms 1 & 2, 1950 S Interstate Highway 35 East Service Rd, Waxahachie, Texas 75165, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. TxDOT staff and its consulting engineers will be available in an informal setting to answer questions during the meeting.

The proposed project includes the addition of one-way frontage roads in both northbound and southbound directions. The proposed project would also include the reconstruction and relocation of exit and entrance ramps. The frontage roads would consist of a 14-foot wide outside lane and a 12-foot wide inside lane. A six-foot wide sidewalk would also be included in both northbound and southbound directions along the back of curb. Three interchanges are planned to be "flipped" with Sterrett Road, Butcher Road and Lofland Drive accommodating a 6-lane configuration, as per the 2007 Waxahachie Thoroughfare Plan. Approximately 24.8 acres of additional ROW and 0.36 acres of drainage easement would be needed to accommodate the proposed roadway improvements. No residential or commercial property displacements or relocations would be required.

The maps and drawings reflecting the project's location and geometric design will be displayed at the Public Meeting. These and other information about the proposed project are available for public inspection and duplication at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150, and online at <u>www.keepitmovingdallas.com</u> under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting to obtain information about the project and to express their views. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Officer at (214) 320-6100. The Public Meeting will be conducted in English. Any request for language interpreters, special communication needs or other accommodations should also be made at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Meeting. Every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs will be made.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Meeting. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and may be presented for a period of 15 calendar days following the meeting. Written comments may be submitted either in person, by mail or emailed to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Mr. Nelson Underwood, P.E., 4777 East US Highway 80 Mesquite, Texas 75150, <u>Nelson.Underwood@TxDOT.gov</u>. All written comments must be postmarked on or before Friday, July 28, 2017 to be included in the official public meeting record.

For additional information please contact Mr. Nelson Underwood, P.E., TxDOT Dallas District, via phone (214) 320-6628, or e-mail: <u>Nelson.Underwood@TxDOT.gov</u>.

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.