



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 549
From State Highway (SH) 205
To SH 276
Rockwall County, Texas**

CSJ: 1015-01-024

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing regarding the proposed roadway improvements to FM 549, from SH 205 to SH 276 in the City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas. **The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at the Liberty Hall Jury Room located inside the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 East Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall, Texas 75087.** 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 public hearing is to present the proposed project to the public and receive comments.

The proposed project would widen approximately 2.08 miles of FM 549 to a four-lane roadway with a 20-foot center turn lane median from SH 205 to SH 276, in Rockwall, within Rockwall County, Texas. In addition to widening, the project will create a new segment of FM 549 extending from south of FM 1139 to SH 205. Expansion would consist of four, 12 to 14-foot wide lanes with 2-foot wide shoulders. FM 549 would also have 5-foot wide sidewalks on both sides of the road. At specific locations, 12-foot wide turn lanes will be added as well. A bridge would be constructed for the crossing of Long Branch. The proposed project would require approximately 11.61 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW) to expand the roadway. No residential or non-residential structures would be displaced.

One property determined as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places would experience direct effects by the proposed project. Because the project would take ROW from a property that is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, the project is subject to Section 4(f) coordination pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Effects to the resource are minimal and resulted in a finding of No Adverse Effect; however, the total property take constitutes a *de minimis* use of the property under Section 4(f).

Environmental documentation, maps showing the project location, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for public inspection at the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150. This information will also be available for inspection at the public hearing. A copy of the approved schematic and of this hearing notice is available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting.

Written comments from the public are requested and may be submitted at the hearing and by mail for a period of 15 calendar days following the hearing to the following address: Texas Department of Transportation, Attention: Mr. Nelson Underwood, P.E., 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150. Comments may also be emailed to nelson.underwood@txdot.gov. **Written comments must be received or postmarked on or before Wednesday May 15, 2019 to be included in the documentation of the public hearing.**

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 at least 2 working 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, please contact the TxDOT project manager, Nelson Underwood, P.E. at (214) 320-6628 or by e-mail at nelson.underwood@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 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT.