

## Notice Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review and Public Hearing Farm-to-Market (FM) 552 From State Highway (SH) 205 to SH 66 CSJ: 1017-01-015 Rockwall County, Texas

Rockwall County, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) as the lead agency, are proposing to widen FM 552 from SH 205 to SH 66 in Rockwall County, 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 Thursday, May 30, 2019 at J. W. Williams Middle School Cafeteria, located at 625 E. FM 552, 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 hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project would consist of the reconstruction and widening of FM 552 from SH 205 to SH 66 within the cities of Rockwall and Fate in Rockwall County, a total distance of approximately 5.2 miles. The existing FM 552 facility is an undivided, two-lane rural highway within an existing variable right of way (ROW) between 80 and 130 feet in width. The proposed improvements would include two travel lanes in each direction; a raised median from SH 205 to John King Boulevard and from Dismore Lane to SH 66; a 20-foot flush median between John King Boulevard and Dismore Lane; a 14-foot shared-use lane; and continuous sidewalks. The proposed ROW is variable in width, ranging from 130 to 197 feet. Approximately 40 acres of additional ROW and 2.75 acres of permanent easements would be required for the proposed improvements. The proposed project would displace one residence, a metal building structure, and a metal barn structure. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons.

The proposed project is located within the 100-year floodplain associated with Thompson Branch and Camp Creek. The hydraulic design for the proposed project would be in accordance with current TxDOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) design policies and standards. The proposed improvements would result in impacts to 11 waters of the U.S. These impacts would be authorized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14 with a pre-construction notification.

The Draft EA, maps showing the proposed 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 the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and the TxDOT Kaufman/Rockwall Area Office located at 2750 S. Washington Street, Kaufman, Texas 75142. This information will also be available online at <a href="https://www.keepitmovingdallas.com">www.keepitmovingdallas.com</a> 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 the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention: Mr. Vik Raha, P.E., 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643, or by email to <a href="mailto:vik.raha@txdot.gov">vik.raha@txdot.gov</a>. Comments must be received on or before **Friday, June 14**, **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. Vik Raha, P.E., at (214) 320-6696 or by email at vik.raha@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.