

Notice Virtual Public Meeting PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO FM 1387 From North Midlothian Parkway to FM 664 Ellis County, Texas CSJ No. 1394-02-027

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to improve Farm-to-Market (FM) 1387 from North Midlothian Parkway to FM 664 in Ellis County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an on-line virtual public meeting on the proposed project. The virtual meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following project web address at the date and time indicated above: www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1387. Project staff will give a presentation which will be a pre-recorded video and will include both audio and visual components. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the project web address until Friday September 25th, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6628 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions about the project and access project materials during the project development process. Formal comments may also be provided by mail or email as explained below.

TxDOT is proposing to improve 5.7 miles of FM 1387 from North Midlothian Parkway to FM 664 in Ellis County, Texas, which includes two alternative alignments starting at Longbranch Road and ending at FM 664. Improvements would involve the expansion of the current two-lane rural roadway to an urban interim four-lane roadway to provide additional capacity and improve safety. The proposed improvements include one 12-foot-wide travel lane and one 14-foot-wide outside shared-use lane in each direction, five-foot sidewalks in each direction, a variable width median to accommodate an additional future lane in each direction, and turn lanes, where applicable at side streets and intersections along the corridor. From Longbranch Road to FM 664, a North and South alternative alignment are under consideration.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace ten (10) residences along the FM 1387 corridor with an additional residential displacement for the proposed north alternative. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (214) 320-6628 or visiting the project website.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands. The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1387.

The virtual public meeting will be in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting, please contact Danielle Boyd, the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480 no later than 4:00 p.m. central time on Monday September 7th, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written, electronic, and voicemail comments from the public are requested. Mail may be submitted to TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention: Nelson Underwood, P.E., 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643. Comments may be submitted by email to Nelson.Underwood@txdot.gov and an online comment form option will also be available during the comment period ending on September 25, 2020. Verbal comments will be accepted by calling (817) 381-2473 and leaving a voicemail. All comments must be received on or before Friday, September 25, 2020.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact the TxDOT project manager, Nelson Underwood, P.E., by phone at (214) 320-6628, or by email 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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.