



**NOTICE
OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING**

**FM 1515
From Masch Branch Street to Bonnie Brae Street
Denton County, Texas
CSJ: 1951-01-011**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in conjunction with Denton County, is proposing the reconstruction and widening of Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 1515 from Masch Branch Street to Bonnie Brae Street within the city of Denton in Denton County, a distance of approximately 2.1 miles. This notice advises the public that TxDOT is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project.

The proposed improvements to FM 1515 would consist of the reconstruction and widening to mostly six travel lanes (three in each direction) from Masch Branch Street to Bonnie Brae Street within the city of Denton in Denton County. FM 1515 is an undivided, minor arterial consisting of two 12-foot-wide lanes, 4-foot-wide shoulders and 12-foot-wide turning lanes within an existing right of way (ROW) of approximately 90 feet. The proposed improvements would include two 12-foot wide inside travel lanes and a 14-foot wide outside travel lane to accommodate shared-use of bicycles and vehicles. The proposed number of lanes between Westcourt Road and Western Boulevard along the eastbound would be four (two lanes in each direction), a distance of approximately 1,500 feet, to accommodate entrance to a proposed roundabout at Western Boulevard. The proposed facility would include a raised median, curb and gutter in each direction, and continuous 5-foot-wide sidewalks within a proposed ROW of approximately 140 feet. Additional improvements to FM 1515 would include drainage, cross streets, and driveways improvements. Other improvements include the replacement of the existing bridge structures over Dry Fork Hickory Creek, the Kansas City Southern Railroad and Interstate Highway 35W (IH 35W); and improvements to the southbound IH 35W frontage road.

Approximately 14 acres of ROW and 0.04 acre of easement would be required for the proposed project. Although additional ROW would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT Dallas district office by calling (214) 320-6100.

The proposed project would involve an action in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated 100-year floodplain. The proposed project would impact approximately 0.09 acre (382 linear feet) of waters of the U.S. at four stream crossings. The placement of temporary or permanent dredge or fill material into potentially jurisdictional waters of the U.S. would be authorized under Nationwide Permit 14 for Linear Transportation Projects without a Pre-Construction Notification. The proposed project would not encroach on any waters or wetlands.

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 under "Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting." If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6100 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the project development process.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing on this project. Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are also requested. Written hearing requests and comments may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, ATTN: Mr. Nelson Underwood, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643, or by email to Nelson.Underwood@txdot.gov. All hearing requests and comments must be received on or before **Thursday, July 9, 2020**. A hearing will be held if ten or more individuals submit timely written requests for a hearing, or if an agency with jurisdiction over the project submits a timely written request for a hearing that is supported by reasons why a hearing will be helpful. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, please contact Mr. Nelson Underwood, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, by phone at (214) 320-6628 or by via email to 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.