

TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF STATE HIGHWAY (SH) 66
FROM: SH 205 (GOLIAD STREET)
TO: FARM TO MARKET (FM) 1777
CSJ: 0009-04-060, etc.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2013, for the proposed reconstruction and widening of SH 66 from SH 205 (Goliad Street in Rockwall) to FM 1777 (east of Royse City) in Rockwall County, Texas. The Public Meeting will be held at Herndon Intermediate School addressed 300 Blackland Road, Royse City, Texas 75189 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to present the proposed project to the public and receive comments. It will be conducted in an informal open house format. Representatives from TxDOT and project consultants will be available to answer questions about the proposed project.

The proposed project includes reconstructing and widening existing SH 66 from a two lane to a four to six lane divided roadway from the City of Rockwall through Royse City, a distance of approximately 10 miles. From SH 205 to Clark Street in Rockwall, SH 66 would be realigned as two-lane, one-way couplets along Washington Street and Rusk Street. From Clark Street to John King Boulevard, SH 66 would be realigned as a four-lane divided roadway located south and east of Harry Myers Park. From John King Boulevard to Erby Campbell Boulevard, SH 66 would be widened to a six-lane divided roadway. From Erby Campbell Boulevard to Josephine Street in Royse City, SH 66 would be realigned and converted to two-lane, one-way couplets located along Main Street and Church Street. From Josephine Street to FM 1777, SH 66 would be widened to a four-lane divided roadway. Approximately 97 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW) and approximately 7 acres of drainage easements are anticipated to be needed throughout the entire proposed project. ROW acquisition would impact undeveloped property, commercial property, residential property, place of worship property, and Harry Myers Park property. The proposed project would impact the FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain.

Maps showing the proposed project's location and geometric design will be available for viewing at the Public Meeting. This information will also be available for public inspection at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150; City of Rockwall located at 385 South Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087; City of Fate located at 104 East Fate Main Place, Fate, Texas 75132; and City of Royse City located at 305 North Arch Street, Royse City, Texas 75189. Information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction may be obtained at the Public Meeting or from the TxDOT Dallas District Office.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting to obtain information about the proposed project and to express their views. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-6100 at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made. Because the Public Meeting will be conducted in English, any request for language interpretation or other special communication needs should also be made at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the proposed SH 66 reconstruction and widening project will be accepted at the meeting. Written comments can also be submitted to: Kathy Kleinschmidt P.E., TxDOT Dallas District APD, 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150.

Written comments will be accepted for a period of 10 days after the meeting and must be postmarked by Monday, March 11, 2013. For additional information please contact Kathy Kleinschmidt P.E. 214-320-6257 or e-mail at: Kathy.Kleinschmidt@txdot.gov.