

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**United States Highway (US) 287: From: State Highway (SH) 34 to Interstate Highway (IH) 45
CSJ: 0172-08-053**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing to discuss proposed improvements to US 287 in the City of Ennis, Ellis County, Texas. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at the Ennis High School, 2301 Ensign Road, Ennis, TX 75119. An open house will be held from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. The public hearing presentation will begin at 7:00 P.M.

The proposed project would involve the reconstruction and widening of US 287 to accommodate the addition of mainlanes, ramps, and frontage road lanes. The project limits would extend from SH 34 to IH 45, a distance of approximately 4.5 miles. Proposed improvements include widening US 287 to a four-lane divided roadway and providing continuous two-lane frontage roads in each direction from SH 34 to Old Alma Rd. Six-foot sidewalks would be provided along the proposed frontage roads from SH 34 to Old Alma Road. Grade-separated intersections would be constructed at Ensign Road, FM 1183 (Oak Grove Road), and Sterilite Drive (Rudd Road). The proposed project would require approximately 57.6 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW) and approximately 2.0 acres for drainage easements. One carport would be displaced at the intersection of Ensign Road and US 287 due to this project. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction will be available at the public hearing and can also be obtained from the TxDOT Dallas District Office. Portions of the proposed project are located within the 100-year floodplain. The proposed project would impact four jurisdictional waters of the U.S., including wetlands.

Maps showing the proposed project's location and geometric design will be available for viewing at the public hearing. This and other public information is also on file and available for public inspection at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150; the TxDOT Ellis County Area Office located at 124 FM 876, Waxahachie, TX 75167; and the City of Ennis located at 115 West Brown Street, Ennis, TX 75119. This information will also be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing. Written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and will be accepted for a period of 10 calendar days following the hearing. Written comments may be submitted either in person or mail to Sandra J. Williams, TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643. Written comments must be postmarked by Monday, November 10, 2014 to be included as part of the official public record.

The public hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need 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 public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Bruce Nolley P.E. at (214) 320-6156 or by email at Bruce.Nolley@txdot.gov.