

Notice of Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option FARM TO MARKET ROAD (FM) 548 From SH 66 to Crenshaw Road CSJ: 1014-02-048 Rockwall County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to improve Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 548 from State Highway (SH) 66 to South of Crenshaw Road in Royse City in Rockwall County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. The same information will be available at both the in-person and virtual meeting, including a pre-recorded video presentation with audio and visual components.

In-Person Meeting (Open house format)
Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Ouida Baley Middle School
1310 SH-66, Royse City, TX 75189

Virtual Meeting (*Not a live event)

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 5:30 p.m. through

Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

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The in-person meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be an open house format where the public may come and go at their convenience. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public meeting which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. The virtual meeting can be viewed beginning Tuesday, May 21, 2024, starting at 5:30 p.m. through Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. The virtual public meeting materials will be posted to the project website listed above and will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation that includes both audio and video components, along with other exhibits. **The virtual public meeting is not a live event.** If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6628 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access study materials. Please note the materials will not be available until Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance the various mobility, access management and roadway safety aspects along FM 548. The proposed project reconstructs and widens FM 548 from a two-lane rural roadway to a four-lane divided urban roadway. The proposed project would include accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists. The project would extend for a length of approximately 2.97 miles along FM 548 from SH 66 in Royse City to south of Crenshaw Road in Rockwall County, Texas. The existing Right-of-Way width (ROW) varies from 60 feet-wide to 100 feet-wide and the proposed Right-of-Way width (ROW) varies from 70 feet-wide to 145 feet-wide along the project corridor.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional ROW and have a potential displacement or relocation of two business locations and one residential location. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. The proposed ROW is approximately 13.24 acres. 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 ROW acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (214) 320-6675 or on the project website.

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

Any maps and drawings showing the study area and preliminary alternatives, tentative schedule, and other information regarding the proposed study are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150, or by calling. Study materials are also available online at the project website and in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public meeting and in-person option will be conducted 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 or in-person option, please contact the TxDOT Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480 no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, May 16, 2024. Advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, c/o Nelson Underwood, P.E., RE: FM 548, 4777 E. U.S. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 or by email to Nelson.Underwood@txdot.gov. Verbal comments may be submitted by leaving a voicemail at (913) 845-5038. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, June 5, 2024. Responses to comments received will be available online at the project website once they have been prepared. If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the project or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact the TxDOT Project Manager Nelson Underwood, P.E., 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.