

Notice

Draft Environmental Assessment and Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option

FARM-TO-MARKET (FM) 6 ROADWAY WIDENING From State Highway (SH) 78 to east of FM 1777 CSJ: 0619-01-027 COLLIN County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to reconstruct Farm-to-Market (FM) 6 from State Highway (SH) 78 to east of FM 1777, a distance of approximately 7.9 miles, in Collin County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. The same information will be available at the in-person and virtual hearing.

In-Person Hearing	Virtual Hearing*
Thursday, May 9, 2024	Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. through
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Open House)	Friday, May 24, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.
Presentation at 6 p.m.	www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/fm-roads/fm6
Leland Edge Middle School Cafeteria	*This is not a live event.
620 N FM 1138, Nevada, TX 75173	

The in-person hearing will be held in an open house format with one formal presentation at 6 p.m. Representatives from TxDOT and project consultants will be available to answer questions about the project. The virtual hearing can be viewed Thursday, May 9, 2024, starting at 5:30 p.m. through the end of the comment deadline on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. Materials will be posted to the project website at <u>www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/fm-roads/fm6</u> and will include a pre-recorded presentation with audio and video components, along with exhibits and other information. **Please note, the virtual public hearing is not a live event. The materials can be viewed at your convenience.** If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6244 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials. **Please note that meeting materials will not be available until Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.**

The proposed project involves the reconstruction and widening of the existing two-lane rural roadway to a four (ultimate six) lane divided highway with raised median. A continuous 10-foot shared use path would be constructed on the east and west sides of the proposed roadway alignment. The roadway passes through the cities of Lavon, Nevada, and Josephine. The existing FM 6 right-of-way (ROW) width ranges from 60-feet to 100-feet wide throughout the length of the project. The proposed ROW width is 140-feet to 220-feet-wide.

The proposed project would, subject to final design consideration, require approximately 53 acres of additional ROW and potentially displace 20 residences and one non-residential structure. 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 ROW acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT Dallas District office by calling (214) 320-6675 or online at the project website.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands. The proposed project would involve an action in the floodplain. The draft EA, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project 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 at 4777 East Highway 80 Mesquite, Texas 75150. Project materials will also be available online at <u>www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/fm-roads/fm6</u> or in hard copy form for review at the in-person hearing.

The virtual public hearing 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 public hearing, please contact the Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480 no later than 4 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attn: Kibru Andargie, P.E., 4777 East Highway 80 Mesquite, Texas 75150 or by email to Kibru.Andargie@txdot.gov. You may also call (945) 766-0668 to provide a verbal comment. All comments must be received on or before Friday, May 24, 2024. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/fm-roads/fm6 once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact the TxDOT project manager, Kibru Andargie, P.E., by phone at (214) 320-6244, or by email at <u>Kibru.Andargie@TxDOT.gov</u>.

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.