

TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
WINDHAVEN PARKWAY FROM 220 FEET WEST OF GENTLE WAY TO SPRING CREEK PARKWAY
CSJ: 0918-24-143

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm, for the proposed improvements to widen an approximately 2.1 mile segment of Windhaven Parkway from a four to a six-lane divided roadway with dedicated turn lanes from approximately 220 feet west of Gentle Way to Parkwood Boulevard, and widen from a two to a four-lane divided roadway with dedicated turn lanes from Parkwood Boulevard to West Spring Creek Parkway in Plano, Collin County, Texas.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the anticipated social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed project. The Public Hearing will be held at the Tom Muehlenbeck Recreation Center, 5801 W Parker Road, Plano, Texas, 75093. Prior to the Public Hearing, an Open House will be held starting at 6:00 pm to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions during the Open House. The formal Public Hearing presentation will begin at 7:00 pm followed by a public comment period.

The proposed improvements would include widening of the existing Windhaven Parkway roadway facility as follows: 1) From approximately 220 feet west of Gentle Way to approximately 500 feet east of Parkwood Boulevard, the proposed roadway would consist of three 11-foot lanes in each direction with a typical median width of 19.5-feet and a minimum 6-foot median storage for pedestrians; 2) From approximately 500 feet east of Parkwood Boulevard to Goff Drive, the proposed roadway would consist of one 11-foot lane with one 15-foot shared use lane on the westbound side and two 12-foot lanes on the eastbound side, separated by a 35-foot wide median and a minimum 6-foot median storage for pedestrians; 3) From Willow Bend Drive to West Spring Creek Parkway, the proposed roadway would consist of one 11-foot lane with one 15-foot shared use lane on the eastbound side and two 12-foot lanes on the westbound side, separated by a 35-foot wide median and a minimum 6-foot median storage for pedestrians; and, 4) Ten-foot wide left turn lanes would be located at the median breaks. The 15-foot shared use lanes are planned in accordance with the 1999 AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities and are in accordance with the City of Plano's Comprehensive Bicycle Plan.

The typical existing right-of-way (ROW) width of Windhaven Parkway varies from 110 to 140 feet. The proposed improvements would be constructed within the existing ROW, with the exception of 0.55 acre of new ROW required on the north side of Windhaven Parkway just west of Parkwood Boulevard. Two temporary construction easements totaling 1.92 acres are also proposed: 1) north side of the roadway just west of Parkwood Boulevard; and, 2) north side of the roadway extending eastward from Parkwood Boulevard to just west of Goff Drive. No residential or commercial property displacements or relocations would be required. The proposed project would not adversely affect wetlands or the 100-year floodplain.

The proposed project's environmental document, along with maps and drawings showing the location and geometric design, will be presented at the Public Hearing. This information is also available for public inspection and reproduction at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and at the TxDOT Collin County Area Office located at 2205 South SH 5, McKinney, Texas, 75069. Information concerning the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacements, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction may be obtained from the TxDOT Dallas District Office.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing. 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 Hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made. Because the Public Hearing 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 Hearing. Every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs will be made.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the proposed project may be presented at the Public Hearing. Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing may be presented either in person or by mail to:

Mr. Tim Wright
TxDOT Dallas District Environmental Specialist
4777 E. Highway 80
Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643

Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be postmarked on or before February 28, 2014 to be included in the Public Hearing record. For additional information please contact Ms. Sandra Williams at 214-320-6686 or email at: Sandra.Williams2@txdot.gov.