



**TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FM 3097 CSJ: 3148-01-006**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, for the proposed improvements to Farm to Market Highway (FM) 3097 (Horizon Road) in Rockwall County, Texas. The proposed project limits extend from FM 740 (Ridge Road) to Tubbs Road.

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 Dorothy Pullen Smith Elementary School cafeteria located at 6492 FM 3097, Rockwall, TX 75032. Prior to the Public Hearing, 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. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions during the Open House. The formal Public Hearing presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a public comment period.

The proposed improvements would consist of the widening of FM 3097 from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided roadway from FM 740 to Tubbs Road. The existing usual right-of-way (ROW) width of FM 3097 is 100 feet. The proposed ROW width will vary from 100 feet to 125 feet requiring approximately 1.03 acres of additional ROW. Approximately 0.20 acres and 0.71 acres of drainage easements and small temporary construction easements will be required, respectively. 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 on-line at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing. 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 Hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made. Because the 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 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. Robert Hall, P.W.S., C.F.M.
TxDOT Dallas District Environmental Coordinator
4777 E. Highway 80
Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643

Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be postmarked on or before Friday, August 31, 2012, to be included in the Public Hearing record. For additional information please contact Mr. Robert Hall at 214-320-6157.