

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
State Highway 114
From: 0.22 Mile West of County Line Road
To: 0.45 Mile West of FM 156
Denton County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with Denton County and the City of Fort Worth, will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 29, 2006 in the Northwest Independent School District's Administration Building, 2001 Texan Drive, Justin, TX, 76247. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the proposed improvements to State Highway (SH) 114 from 0.22 mile west of County Line Road to 0.45 mile west of Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 156 in Denton County. An Open House will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. prior to the Public Hearing to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT personnel will be present to answer questions regarding the proposed project. The formal Public Hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a public comment period.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide transportation improvements that are needed to increase mobility and reduce congestion in southwestern Denton County. The proposed project would widen SH 114's existing two-lane rural-type roadway along the above-described segment for a distance of approximately 4.56 miles, located primarily in unincorporated Denton County, and partially in the City of Fort Worth. The proposed typical cross-section for SH 114 along this route would be a four-lane, divided rural highway with two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, ten-foot outside shoulders, and a 68-foot median. Turn lanes would be added at selected intersections. The project would also add a 130-foot bridge over an unnamed tributary of Elizabeth Creek, located approximately 400 feet east of John Day Road, and would reconstruct the BNSF bridge near FM 156.

The existing right-of-way for SH 114 is generally 100 feet wide. The proposed right-of-way would generally be 240 feet wide and would contain the proposed reconstructed roadway. The proposed project would require additional right-of-way of approximately 61.07 acres, and would require approximately 4.67 acres of drainage easements. The proposed project would require the displacement of one commercial structure located approximately 550 feet east of County Line Road on the north side of SH 114. As approximately 0.56 mile of the roadway would be within a flood plain, it will be designed not to increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances. Culvert extensions and channel realignments for four tributaries of Elizabeth Creek would each impact less than 0.10 acre of waters of the U.S., and would be subject to federal permit requirements; no wetlands are located in the project area.

The environmental document, maps, and other drawings showing the project's location and geometric design will be displayed at the Public Hearing. This and other information about the project are on file and available for inspection and copying at the TxDOT-Denton County Area Office, 2624 West Prairie, Denton, Texas 76201 (phone 940-387-1414), and at the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 (phone 214-320-6100). These drawings are also on file at the Denton County Department of Public Works-Engineering, 1505 East McKinney Street, Suite 175, Denton, Texas 76209. A tentative construction schedule, right-of-way acquisition schedule, and information concerning the Relocation and Assistance Program, as well as, services and benefits available to displacees and affected property owners can be obtained from either of the TxDOT offices.

Persons interested in attending the Public Hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Denton County Area Office public information officer at (940) 387-1414 at least two work days prior to the Public Hearing. Because the Public Hearing will be conducted in English, requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two work days prior to the Public Hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Both verbal and written comments may be presented at the Public Hearing. Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing may be presented either in person to the TxDOT Denton County Area Office or by mail to:

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Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before Monday, July 10, 2006, in order to be included in the Public Hearing record. For additional information please contact Rich Jaynes, Half Associates, (214) 346-6397.