

TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in cooperation with Denton County and the City of Denton will conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed Farm to Market (FM) Road 426 roadway improvements from 1.4 miles west of Loop 288 to 1.1 miles east of Loop 288 within Denton County. The purpose of the Hearing is to discuss the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed roadway improvements within this 2.5 mile section of FM 426. The Hearing will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at the Denton Civic Center, 321 East McKinney Street, Denton, Texas 76201. Prior to the Public Hearing an Open House will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions during the Open House. The Public Hearing will begin with a formal presentation at 7:00 p.m., followed by a public comment period.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide transportation improvements to enhance the regional transportation system by increasing capacity, reducing traffic congestion, and improving mobility on FM 426. The existing facility (FM 426) is a two-lane rural roadway. The proposed project would modify the existing FM 426 to a four-lane (two in each direction) divided urban curb and gutter roadway with raised median and left-turn lanes at various intersections. The proposed project is located within the City of Denton in Denton County, and would be built on the existing roadway alignment.

The right-of-way width for the existing roadway is 100 feet. All of the proposed FM 426 improvements would occur in the existing right-of-way. No additional right-of-way would be acquired, and thus no commercial or residential displacements would be anticipated. Furthermore, none of the proposed improvements would occur within the floodplain.

Environmental document, maps, and drawings reflecting the project's location and geometric design will be displayed at the Public Hearing. This and other information about the proposed project are available for public inspection and duplication at the Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and at the TxDOT Denton Area Office located at 2624 West Prairie Street, Denton, Texas 76201. The drawings are also on file at the Denton County Department of Public Works Engineering, 1505 East McKinney Street, Suite 175, Denton, Texas 76209. Information about the tentative construction schedule may be obtained from the TxDOT Dallas District Office.

All interested persons are invited to attend this 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. Because the Public Hearing will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters 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.

Written and verbal 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 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, March 12, 2007, in order to be included in the Public Hearing record. For additional information please contact Naser Abusaad, Civil Associates, Inc., (214) 570-9454.