

## Public Hearing Notice

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in cooperation with the City of The Colony, the City of Frisco, and Denton County will conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed reconstruction and widening of Farm to Market Road (FM) 423 from Stewarts Creek Road to State Highway (SH) 121 for a length of 3.8 miles in the Cities of Frisco and The Colony in Denton County, Texas. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed roadway improvements. The Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, January 8, 2008** at The Colony High School Auditorium, 4301 Blair Oaks, The Colony, Texas 75056. Prior to the Public Hearing, an Open House will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. Project personnel will be present to answer questions regarding the proposed project at 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 improve traffic operations, travel times, and reduce traffic delay along FM 423. The proposed project would convert the existing four-lane, divided roadway into a six-lane, divided, urban, concrete paved roadway with curb and gutter. The southern section of the proposed project between Cougar Alley/Ridgepointe Drive and SH 121 would also contain two auxiliary lanes. In addition, the project would include improvements to the various major intersections throughout the project corridor and the reconstruction of the Stewarts Creek Bridge.

The existing right-of-way width for FM 423 is typically 100 feet. The proposed minimum right-of-way width for the proposed FM 423 project is 140 feet. This would require the acquisition of approximately 16.5 acres of additional right-of-way. Potential right-of-way displacements would include 26 residential structures containing 32 residential units and ten commercial properties containing 17 businesses and one place of worship. In addition, one business would need to relocate a structure on their property. Information concerning the benefits and services for displacees and the Relocation and Assistance Program will be discussed at the Public Hearing.

Some of the FM 423 proposed improvements would occur within the floodplain; however, the proposed improvements would not increase the base flood elevation to a level which would violate applicable floodplain regulations or ordinances. A wetland investigation identified one wetland within the proposed right-of-way. Appropriate mitigation would be developed for any wetland impact prior to construction of the proposed project.

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 Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas, 75150 and the TxDOT Northwest Area Office located at 12000 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75243. These drawings are also on file with the City of The Colony, 6800 Main Street, The Colony, Texas 75056. 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 affected property owners may be obtained from the TxDOT Dallas District Office.

All interested persons are invited to attend the Public Hearing. Persons interested in attending this Public Hearing that have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Lynn Pipkin, P.E., at (214) 638-0145 at least two working days prior to the Public Hearing. Because the Public Hearing will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two days prior to the Public Hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the Public Hearing or in writing after the Public Hearing. Written statements and other exhibits may be mailed to Lynn Pipkin, P.E., Project Director at: Jacobs Carter Burgess, 7950 Elmbrook Drive, Dallas, Texas 75247. Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before **Friday, January 18, 2008**. For additional information concerning this project, please contact Lynn Pipkin, P.E. at (214) 638-0145.