

STATE HIGHWAY 34

FROM AIRPORT ROAD TO HIGH STREET CITY OF TERRELL, KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS

TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in cooperation with Kaufman County and the City of Terrell will conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed State Highway (SH) 34 new roadway location from Airport Road to High Street in the City of Terrell, Kaufman County, Texas. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed roadway within the 1.036 miles section of SH 34. The Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at Herman Furlough Jr. Middle School, located at 1351 Colquitt Road, Terrell, Texas 75160. 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 personnel will be present to answer questions regarding the proposed project during the open house. The Public Hearing will begin with a formal project presentation at 7:00 p.m., followed by a public comment period.

The purpose of the proposed project is to relieve traffic congestion on existing SH 34 in the City of Terrell and to provide an alternate route to the existing SH 34. The existing facility (SH 34) is a four-lane (two lanes in each direction) divided urban roadway within the stated project limits. The proposed project improvements would include a relocation of SH 34 from its current location to a new location approximately 0.10 mile to the east; however, the current roadway would remain open to traffic following the completion of the proposed SH 34 relocation. The proposed SH 34 relocation would turn east from the existing SH 34 at Airport Road, traveling north and adjacent to the Union Pacific railroad spur along its west side. From just south of Grove Street to Nash Street, the proposed SH 34 would transition into a bridge overpass that spans United States Highway (US) 80/Moore Street and a parallel Union Pacific Railroad line. North of US 80/Moore Street, the proposed SH 34 would be centered along the existing Callie Street and would terminate at High Street. The proposed project would be a four-lane (two in each direction) divided urban curb and gutter thoroughfare with a raised median and sidewalks. In addition, the proposed new location SH 34 would have a bridge overpass constructed over the railroad.

The right-of-way width for the existing roadway is 100 feet. The typical right-of-way width for the proposed SH 34 new location would range from 100 to 125 feet with the exception of the overpass right-of-way width of 80 feet. The proposed project would require acquisition of approximately 9.06 acres for new right-of-way. No residences or businesses would be displaced as a result of the proposed improvements. The proposed project area is not within a 100-year floodplain.

The environmental document, maps, and other drawings showing the proposed project's location and geometric design will be displayed at the Public Hearing. This and other information about the proposed project have been placed on file and are available for public inspection and duplication at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150; the TxDOT Kaufman Area Office, 2750 South Washington Street, Kaufman, Texas 75142; and Terrell City Hall, 201 East Nash Street, Terrell, Texas 75160. Information on TxDOT services associated with right-of-way acquisition for affected property owners; as well as, information about the tentative schedules for right-of-way acquisition and construction may be obtained from the TxDOT Dallas District Office.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Persons who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Mr. Christopher Hagar at (214) 638-2888, at least two (2) working days prior to the Hearing. Because the Public Hearing will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters should also be made at least two (2) days prior to the Public Hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Written and verbal comments from the public may be presented at the Public Hearing. Written comments and other exhibits may also be submitted to the following address: PB, 2777 Stemmons Freeway, Suite 1333, Dallas, Texas 75207, Attn: Mr. Christopher Hagar. All written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before Monday, April 9, 2007, in order to be included in the Public Hearing record. For additional information concerning this project, please contact Mr. Hagar at 214-638-2888.