

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
S.M. Wright Project (US 175, SH 310 and IH 45) Proposed Improvements
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) propose to construct improvements to the S.M. Wright Freeway, and will conduct a Public Hearing on **Thursday, January 31, 2013**. The Public Hearing will address the proposed improvements to the S.M. Wright Freeway/US 175, CF Hawn Freeway (US 175), and IH 45, near downtown Dallas in Dallas County, Texas.

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 **Park South YMCA, 2500 Romine Ave., Dallas, TX 75215**. Prior to the Public Hearing, an Open House will be held from **5:00 p.m. to 6:30 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 **6:30 p.m.** followed by a public comment period.

The existing design of US 175 does not meet current urban freeway design standards, nor does it adequately accommodate current traffic demand. The proposed project would satisfy these deficiencies and future travel demand in the area. The purposes of the proposed project are to improve safety, operability, connections, and mobility; be compatible with local and regional needs and plans; and minimize social, economic, and environmental effects.

The proposed S.M. Wright Project limits include the following: existing S.M. Wright Freeway/US 175 from IH 45 to north of Budd Street, CF Hawn Freeway (US 175) from east of Bexar Street to IH 45, and IH 45 from south of Lamar Street to S.M. Wright Freeway/US 175. The existing S.M. Wright Freeway segment of US 175 would be reconstructed as a six-lane, low speed urban arterial with at-grade intersections and proposed landscaping enhancements. The CF Hawn Freeway segment of US 175 would be reconstructed and realigned to provide direct connecting (DC) ramps to IH 45.

Approximately 31 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW) would be required for the proposed project. The ROW widths would vary from approximately 165 to 450 feet on the proposed S.M. Wright Freeway (unchanged from existing), 302 to 500 feet on CF Hawn Freeway/US 175, and 181 to 658 feet on IH 45. The proposed project would involve the displacement of six residential and nine commercial structures.

Information concerning the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for affected residential and commercial property owners, and information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction will be available at the Public Hearing and can also be obtained from the TxDOT Dallas District Office. TxDOT commits to utilizing Workforce Solutions to help minimize or mitigate for adverse impacts to individual employees as a result of the proposed project's implementation. Representatives from Texas Workforce Commission will attend the Open House/Public Hearing to answer questions and provide information on behalf of Workforce Solutions.

The proposed project would impact approximately three acres of the Federal Emergency Management Agency 100-year floodplain. No wetlands would be impacted by the proposed project.

The proposed project would not require the use of nor substantially impair the purposes of any publicly owned land from a public park, recreation area, wildlife/waterfowl refuge, or any historic sites of national, state, or local significance.

The environmental document, maps, and other drawings depicting the project location and proposed improvements will be available at the Public Hearing. This and other public information is also on file and available for public inspection at the City of Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street, Room 6BS, Dallas, Texas 75201; the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150; and the Martin Luther King Branch Library, 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75215. This information is also posted on the TxDOT web site, www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Public Hearing. The tentative construction schedule can also be obtained at the TXDOT Dallas District Office.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Persons interested in attending the Public Hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Officer at (214) 320-6100 at least two (2) 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.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the S.M. Wright Project can be presented at the Public Hearing. Written comments can also be submitted to **Robert Hall, 4777 E. U.S. Highway 80 Mesquite, TX 75150-6643**. Comments may be presented for a period of 10 days after the hearing and must be postmarked by **February 11, 2013** to be included as part of the official public record. For additional information, please contact Robert Hall, TxDOT Dallas District, via phone (214) 320-6157, or e-mail: Robert.Hall@txdot.gov.