

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED WIDENING OF INTERSTATE 35E (I-35E) FROM: 2.17 MILES SOUTH OF FARM-TO-MARKET (FM) 566 (HILL/ELLIS COUNTY LINE) TO: U.S. HIGHWAY 77 (US 77) SOUTH OF WAXAHACHIE CSJ: 0048-08-049

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed widening of I-35E from 2.17 miles south of FM 566 (Hill/Ellis County Line) to US 77 south of Waxahachie. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at the Italy High School Cafeteria, 300 College Street, Italy, Texas 76651. The meeting will be held in an open house format from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to present the proposed project to the public and receive comments. The proposed project would widen approximately 18.8 miles of I-35E from four to six lanes by converting the existing 12-foot outside shoulder to a third mainlane with the addition of a new 10-foot outside shoulder, which will include minor ramp alignment modifications at various locations along I-35E. The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion and enhance safety by accommodating traffic volumes along this section of I-35E. The proposed improvements would not require additional right-of-way or drainage easements. No displacements would be required as a result of the proposed project.

Maps showing the proposed project's location and geometric design will be available for viewing at the Public Meeting. This information will also be available for public inspection at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 477 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and may be presented for a period of 10 calendar days following the meeting. Written comments may be submitted either in person or by mail to Mr. Nelson L. Underwood, P.E. at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643. Written comments must be postmarked by Friday, November 7, 2014 to be included in the Public Meeting Summary.

The public meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Mr. Nelson L. Underwood, P.E. at (214) 320-6628.