

Notice Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option UNITED STATES HIGHWAY (US) 67 At Lake Ridge Parkway CSJ: 0261-01-041

Dallas and Ellis Counties, Texas

Project website: www.keepitmovingdallas.com/US67

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to construct a grade separated interchange at Lake Ridge Parkway with an overpass at US 67 in Dallas and Ellis Counties, Texas. This notice advises the public that the environmental Technical Reports and approved roadway schematics are available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting an on-line virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. The pre-recorded virtual hearing will begin on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 6 p.m. and remain available online for viewing through December 30, 2020. To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to the project website at the date and time indicated above. Project staff will give a presentation which will be a pre-recorded video and will include both audio and visual components. Following the virtual public hearing, the presentation will remain available for viewing on the project website. Please note that the hearing materials will not be available on the project website until the time and date listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6696 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in-person instead of on-line. Attendees at the in-person option will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the on-line public hearing, review hard copies of project materials, and leave written comments. The in-person option will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the TxDOT Cedar Hill Maintenance Facility, located at 1424 High Meadows Way, Cedar Hill, Texas 75104. **Attendance at the in-person option will be by appointment only.** Individuals wishing to attend the in-person option may call (832) 260-3712 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make an appointment and receive further instructions regarding the in-person option. In recognition of COVID-19, enhanced safety measures will be applied at the in-person option, including a requirement to wear a face mask, submit to a temperature check prior to entry, have an appointment and follow social distancing practices. If anyone arrives without an appointment they may be asked to wait outside to ensure we maintain appropriate occupancy within the hearing room.

The proposed US 67 project improvements would consist of the construction of a grade-separated interchange at Lake Ridge Parkway with an overpass at US 67 and would include six 12-foot lanes (three in each direction), 10-foot raised median, curb and gutter, and Texas U-turns. The existing ramps within the project area would be converted to an X-ramp pattern design for Lake Ridge Parkway. The proposed improvements would also include reconstruction of US 67 mainlanes and frontage roads, from north of Shiloh Road to south of Mt. Lebanon Road. The proposed US 67 mainlanes would consist of four 12-foot lanes (two in each direction), 22-foot inside shoulder, and 10- foot outside shoulders. Twenty six-foot wide inside grassy median separates the northbound and southbound mainlanes. The 22-foot inside shoulder would be restriped in the future to add one additional travel lane in each direction. The proposed northbound and southbound frontage roads would consist of two 12-foot lanes and 8-foot inside and outside shoulders. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce traffic congestion, enhance connectivity, and improve mobility and safety.

The proposed project would require approximately 60.38 acres of new right-of-way along US 67 from north of Shiloh Road to south of Mount Lebanon Road, to accommodate the Phase I interchange project improvements, staging area for construction and ROW preservation for future construction of the ultimate interchange facility (final phase). The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, displace one non-residential structure. No residential displacements are anticipated. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right of way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling Dan Peden, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager at (214) 320-6696, or by visiting the project website.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are available online at the project website. These materials will also be available in hard copy form at the in-person option.

TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The virtual public hearing will be in English. If you have a special communication accommodation or need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please call (214) 320-4480 no later than Monday December 7, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention Dan Peden, P.E., 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Dan.Peden@txdot.gov. An online comment form option will also be made available during the virtual public hearing. Additionally, members of the public may call (833) 933-0434 and leave a verbal comment from 6 p.m. on December 10, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on December 30, 2020. All comments must be received on or before December 30, 2020. Responses to written comments received and public testimony provided will be available online at the project website once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Dan Peden, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, at (214) 320-6696 or by email at Dan.Peden@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.