



Notice

Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review and Public Hearing

FARM TO MARKET ROAD (FM) 148 BYPASS

From south of FM 3039 to United States Highway (US) 175

CSJ: 0751-02-027

Kaufman County, Texas

Kaufman County, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) as the lead agency, is proposing to construct a new location bypass for FM 148 from south of FM 3039 to US 175 in the City of Crandall, Kaufman County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a Public Hearing on the proposed project. **The hearing will be held on Thursday, August 23, 2018 in the L.F. Raynes Board Room, Crandall Independent School District, 400 West Lewis Street, Crandall, TX 75114.** Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed FM 148 Bypass would construct a new location rural roadway connecting FM 148 with US 175 that would bypass the urban center of the City of Crandall. This bypass would be 1.6 miles long and would consist of two 12-foot wide travel lanes (one lane in each direction) with 8-foot wide outside shoulders, and turn lanes. At the northern terminus, the proposed project would have at-grade connections with US 175 frontage roads, improvements to which have been proposed by others.

The existing FM 148 facility consists of two 11-foot wide main lanes (one lane in each direction) with 3-foot outside shoulders. Currently, FM 148 connects to US 175 approximately 1.3 miles northwest of the proposed bypass through the City of Crandall's downtown area. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width varies from 80 feet to 90 feet wide. Proposed ROW width would vary from 164 feet to 230 feet wide to incorporate a left turn lane. The proposed project would potentially displace two single-family residences including a detached garage and two carports, and one commercial business, impacting a total of five structures. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

Portions of the proposed project area and construction work would occur in the Federal Emergency Management Agency designated 100-year floodplain for Anthony Branch. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT design policies. Approximately 0.16 acre of a wetland area, a water of the U.S., would be permanently filled after receiving Nationwide Permit 14 authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and is available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting. This information will also be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention Ms. Rakhshanda Mahar, P.E., 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150. Comments must be received on or before **Friday, September 7, 2018** to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for 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 hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact the TxDOT Project Manager, Ms. Rakhshanda Mahar, P.E. at (214) 320-6244 or by e-mail at Rakhshanda.Mahar@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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.