

Notice Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review and Public Hearing

CONFLANS ROAD From Valley View Lane to State Highway (SH) 161 CSJ: 0918-45-812 Dallas County, Texas

The City of Irving, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) as the lead agency, proposes the extension of existing Conflans Road, on new location, from Valley View Lane to SH 161, in Dallas 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 **Tuesday, May 15, 2018**, at the **City of Irving City Hall, City Council Chambers, 825 W. Irving Boulevard, Irving, TX 75060**. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 7 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The existing Conflans Road is a major collector in the westernmost southwest portion of Irving, which terminates at SH 161. The proposed improvements would extend existing Conflans Road on new location roadway and bridge structure. The total distance of the project is 0.881 mile. The proposed bridge structure would cross over Bear Creek. The proposed roadway would consist of a four-lane divided facility within a variable right-of-way (ROW) width of approximately 116 feet to 310 feet. The westbound section of the roadway would consist of a 12-foot wide inside lane, a 14-foot wide outside shared use lane, and a five-foot wide sidewalk. The eastbound section of the roadway would consist of a 12-foot wide inside lane, a 14-foot wide outside shared use lane, a five-foot wide buffer, and a 12-foot wide shared use path. A 17-foot wide raised median is proposed. The proposed bridge would consist of a four-lane divided facility within a ROW width of approximately 116 feet with an overall bridge width of approximately 96 feet. The westbound section of the bridge would consist of a 12-foot wide travel lane, a 14-foot wide shared use lane, a six-foot wide sidewalk directly behind curb and a one-foot traffic rail. The eastbound section of the bridge would consist of a 12-foot wide inside lane, a 14-foot wide outside shared use lane, and one-foot wide railings on each side of the 10-foot wide shared use path. Although additional ROW is required, no residential or non-residential structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition may be obtained from the district office at the address listed below.

The proposed project crosses the 100-year floodplain associated with Bear Creek and its tributary. The proposed project would permanently impact 1,085 linear feet (0.24 acre) of the intermittent tributary to Bear Creek and approximately 7.86 acres of Crosstimbers Woodland and Forest and 1.32 acres of Riparian vegetation.

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 TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 [(214) 320-6244] and online at <u>www.keepitmovingdallas.com</u> under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting. This information also will 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 Ms. Rakhshanda Mahar, P.E. at 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150. Comments must be received on or before Wednesday, May 30, 2018 to be part of the official hearing record.

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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 Ms. Rakhshanda Mahar, P.E. at (214) 320-6244 or email at <u>Rakhshanda.Mahar@txdot.gov</u>.

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.