



Notice of Public Meeting FM 546 Phase II Corridor Study From Airport Drive in McKinney, Texas to County Road 393 in Lowry Crossing, Texas Collin County, Texas CSJ: 1013-01-040

Collin County in collaboration with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to reconstruct and widen Farm to Market (FM) 546 from Airport Drive in McKinney to County Road (CR) 393 in Lowry Crossing. This notice advises the public that Collin County and TxDOT will conduct an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. The same information will be available at both the in-person and virtual meetings.

In-Person Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sheraton McKinney Hotel Throckmorton Ballroom 1900 Gateway Boulevard, McKinney, TX 75070

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. through Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Bit.ly/FM546West

The in-person meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be an open house format where the public may come and go at their convenience. The virtual public meeting can be viewed beginning on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. and will remain online through the comment period deadline of Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. The virtual public meeting is not a live event, and the materials can be viewed at your convenience. The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the project website: **bit.ly/FM546West**. If you do not have internet access, you may call Brian Reinhardt, P.E., Consultant Project Manager, at (972) 464-4800 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process. **Please note the materials will not be available until April 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**

The improvements along FM 546 include constructing a 4-lane divided urban arterial roadway with pedestrian accommodations. The median would allow for future expansion to a 6-lane roadway. The eastern portion of the project would reconstruct the existing FM 546, a 2-lane rural arterial roadway. The western portion of the project would realign and construct a new FM 546 corridor. This corridor was established in the 2014 Update of the Collin County Mobility Plan to improve future mobility in central Collin County and to improve the east-west connectivity to US 380. The FM 546 corridor was divided into two parts, the eastern segment (FM 546/CR 400 Phase I) from CR 393 to US 380 and the western segment (FM 546 Phase II) from Airport Drive to CR 393. This public meeting will focus on FM 546 Phase II from Airport Drive to CR 393.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require an additional 29 to 47 acres of right of way and potentially displace four to six structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about 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 Collin County Engineering Department at (972) 548-3727 or by visiting the project website.

The proposed project is anticipated to impact Lavon Lake, protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. The proposed project would require reconstructing the existing FM 546 bridge and retaining walls across Lavon Lake. Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of Lake Lavon may be submitted as described below.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain and construction in wetlands.

Beginning April 12, 2022, any environmental documentation or studies, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project will be on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Collin County Engineering Department, 4690 Community Avenue, Suite 200, McKinney, TX 75071. Project materials are also available online at <u>bit.ly/FM546West</u>. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The in-person public meeting and virtual public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact Leigh Hornsby, Project Public Involvement, at (214) 551-5401 no later than 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for Collin County and TxDOT to arrange.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to FM 546, P.O. Box 570, Allen, TX 75013 or by email to FM546@piacommunications.com. Verbal comments may be submitted by leaving a voicemail at (817) 381-2473. All comments must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Responses to comments received will be available online at <u>bit.ly/FM546West</u> once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or inperson option, please contact Brian Reinhardt, P.E., Consultant Project Manager, at **FM546@piacommunications.com**.

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.