TXDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FM 552 - ROCKWALL COUNTY CSJ: 1017-01-015

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Rockwall County will conduct a Public Meeting on **Thursday, April 10, 2014** for the proposed improvements to Farm-to-Market (FM) 552 in Rockwall County, Texas. The project limits extend from State Highway (SH) 205 to SH 66.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to present proposed roadway improvements within this 5.2-mile long section of FM 552. The Public Meeting will be an "open house" format and will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at **Williams Middle School, 625 E. FM 552, Rockwall, Texas 75087** from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** TxDOT staff and its consulting engineers will be available in an informal setting to answer questions during the meeting.

The proposed project is needed to address an expected increase in traffic, to conform to local planning efforts, and to provide safer geometric and operating conditions. Upon completion, FM 552 would accommodate two 11 to 12 foot wide inside lanes and one 14-foot-wide outside shared use lane in each direction, an 18-foot-wide median with 1-foot to 2-foot curb offsets, a 6-foot to 10-foot-wide sidewalk with minimum of 9-foot offset from face of curb. Dedicated left and right turn lanes are provided along FM 552 at major intersections with SH 205, John King Blvd, FM 1141, and FM 3549. At various cross streets, a 10-foot-wide left-turn bay would be provided in the median. The horizontal and vertical alignment has been improved to satisfy a 40 mile-per-hour (mph) design for an urban arterial facility along FM 552. Major cross street connection design speeds vary between 40 mph and 45 mph. Drainage improvements include replacing the existing side ditches with a curb and gutter section. Approximately 52 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW) and easements would be needed to accommodate the proposed roadway and drainage improvements. One residential property displacement would be required. No commercial property displacements or relocations would be required.

The maps and drawings reflecting the project's location and geometric design will be displayed at the Public Meeting. This and other information about the proposed project are available for public inspection and duplication at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150, the TxDOT Rockwall/Kaufman County Area Office located at 2750 S. Washington, Kaufman, Texas 75142, and on-line at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Meeting.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting to obtain information about the project and to express their views. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact the TxDOT Dallas District public information officer at (214) 320-6100 at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Meeting. Because the Public Meeting will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Meeting. Every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs will be made.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project may be presented at the Public Meeting. Comments may be presented for a period of 10 days after the meeting. Written comments can be submitted to:

Ms. Nancy Peron, P.E.TxDOT Dallas District Project Manager 4777 E. US Highway 80 Mesquite, TX 75150-6643

Written comments submitted after the Public Meeting must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before **Monday**, **April 21**, **2014**, in order to be included in the public record. For additional information please contact Nancy Peron, P.E., TxDOT Dallas District, via phone (214) 320-6245, or e-mail: Nancy.Peron@TxDOT.gov.