

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Proposed Widening of Farm to Market (FM) 664 From Interstate Highway (IH) 35 East (E) to IH 45 Ellis County CSJs: 1051-01-051, 0442-03-042, and 0092-03-053

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Dallas District will conduct a Public Meeting for the purpose of soliciting comments on the proposed widening of FM 664 from IH 35E in Red Oak to IH 45 south of Ferris, in Ellis County, Texas, a distance of approximately 12.90 miles. More specially, the proposed FM 664 project would consist of improvements to 9.96 miles of FM 664; 1.70 miles of Interstate Highway (IH) 35 East (E); and 1.24 miles of IH 45. The meeting will be held at **Live Oak Professional Development Center, 200 Live Oak Street, Red Oak, Texas 75154, on Thursday, November 15, 2018**. Representatives from TxDOT and project consultants will be available to answer questions about the proposed project. The Public Meeting will be held in an Open House format from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm with no formal presentation.

The proposed FM 664 project improvements would consist of widening the existing FM 664 from a two-lane undivided rural roadway to a six-lane rural, curb and gutter divided facility with a raised median. A 2.5-mile bypass south of the City of Ferris would be constructed on new location to connect to a new interchange at IH 45. Major interchanges are proposed at IH 35 on the western terminus and at IH 45 on the eastern terminus. The project would be both within the existing right-of-way (ROW) and within new ROW.

Maps showing the proposed project's location and geometric design will be available for viewing at the public meeting. This information is also available for public 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, TX 75150. This information is also available online at <u>www.keepitmovingdallas.com</u> under "Public Hearings/Meetings," and <u>www.txdot.gov</u> under "Hearing and Meetings Schedule."

All interested persons are invited to attend this public meeting and express their views on this proposed project. Written or electronic comments from the public are requested and will be accepted for a period of 15 calendar days following the meeting. Written comments may be submitted either in person at the public meeting, online, or by mail to: Ms. Rakhshanda Mahar, P.E., TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643 or by e-mail addressed to Rakhshanda.Mahar@txdot.gov. Written comments must be postmarked on or before Friday, November 30, 2018 to be included in the documentation of the public meeting.

The meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communications or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480 at least two days prior to the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may 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.