



Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review
and
Public Hearing
Farm-to-Market (FM) 664
From Interstate Highway (IH) 35 East (E) to IH 45
CSJs: 1051-01-051, 1051-03-001, 0442-03-042, and 0092-03-053
Ellis County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Dallas District will hold a Public Hearing regarding 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. 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. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and §2.108, 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 at **Ferris High School, 1025 East 8th Street, Ferris, Texas, 75125 on Thursday, June 27, 2019**. 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 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.

The proposed FM 664 project improvements would consist of reconstruct and widening the existing FM 664 from a two/four-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 (zero to six lane urban roadway) 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 existing FM 664 ROW width is approximately 100 feet. The FM 664 ROW would be widened to a varying width from 125 feet to 295 feet, the IH 35E ROW would vary between 300 feet to 324 feet; and the IH 45 ROW would vary between 350 feet to 462 feet. The project would be both within the existing right-of-way (ROW) and within new ROW.

The proposed project would require approximately 164 acres of additional ROW and 8 acres of permanent easements from adjacent properties. The proposed project would potentially displace 17 residential structures and 10 commercial properties. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the 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.

Waters of the U.S. (WOUS) and wetlands are located within the proposed project area and may be impacted by the proposed project. Impacts to WOUS and wetlands would be authorized under a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 404 Permit. Permanent impacts have been minimized to the greatest extent possible and all permanent fills would comply with conditions of Section 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act. The proposed project would impact the FEMA designated 100-year floodway and the FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current FHWA and TxDOT design policies.

The draft EA, maps showing the proposed project's location and geometric design will be available for viewing at the public hearing. This and other public information is also on file and 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. Project information is also available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under "Public Hearings/Meetings," and www.txdot.gov under "Hearing and Meetings Schedule."

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing 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 hearing. Written comments may be submitted either in person at the public hearing, online, or by mail to: Mr. Charles Tapp, P.E., TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643 or by e-mail addressed to Charles.Tapp@txdot.gov. **Written comments must be postmarked on or before Friday, July 12, 2019 to be included in the documentation of the public hearing.**

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing 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. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the public hearing. 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, Mr. Charles Tapp, P.E., at (214) 320-6252 or by e-mail at Charles.Tapp@txdot.gov.