



# FM 1378

## Public Meeting Script

### SLIDE 1 – Welcome Slide

Hello and welcome to the Public Meeting for FM 1378 from FM 2514 (Parker Road) north to FM 2786 (East Stacy Road). We appreciate your interest in the FM 1378 project and thank you for your participation.

Please note, you can pause this presentation at any point to allow more time to review the information.

### SLIDE 2 –Public Meeting Purpose

This public meeting has been convened by TxDOT and is being held to receive and consider comments from the public regarding studies and evaluations of FM 1378.

You may have attended previous public meetings conducted by TxDOT. However, for the benefit of those who have never attended one, we will explain why and how the Department conducts a public meeting.

A public meeting has four essential purposes:

1. To inform the public of the status of planning efforts on the project and to present the recommendations based on technical analysis performed to date.
2. To describe the project to the public including known potential project impacts to the human and natural environment.
3. To provide the public an opportunity to view information and express their ideas and concerns at this stage in the planning process when there is still flexibility to respond to comments and location and design decisions have not been finalized.
4. And finally, to develop a record of public views and participation to accompany recommendations for subsequent decisions.

This public meeting is being held in compliance with both federal and state laws. Documentation of this meeting will be made available for the official record.

### SLIDE 3 – Viewing Feasibility Study and Project Information

The design schematic and other project information for FM 1378 may be viewed at [www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1378](http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1378). The information on this website is the same information being shown in this presentation.

### Slide 4– Study Area

The FM 1378 study limits are from FM 2514 (Parker Road) north to FM 2786 (East Stacy Road), approximately 6.4 miles located in Collin County, Texas. The study is located within the cities of Lucas and Allen, and adjacent to the city of Wylie and the Town of Fairview.

### SLIDE 5 – Study Details



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This public meeting will cover two concurrent efforts on FM 1378.

First, TxDOT is preparing a feasibility study to evaluate possibilities for widening and realigning FM 1378 from FM 2514 (Parker Road) north to FM 2786 (East Stacy Road) for a distance of approximately 6.4 miles.

### SLIDE 6 – Study Details Continued

Second, the feasibility study will lead into further project development for the east-west section along West Lucas Road from FM 3286 to West Lucas Road/FM 1378, for approximately 0.8 miles where TxDOT is developing a geometric schematic and preparing environmental studies. Any widening done on this section of roadway will align with future plans for West Lucas Road and FM 3286.

### SLIDE 7 – Study Goals

Study goals for the FM 1378 corridor include improved roadway capacity for existing and future traffic, address increased crashes along the corridor due to continued population growth, provide safer access to adjacent properties including neighborhoods, schools, churches, fire and EMS, and to balance regional and local needs.

### SLIDE 8 – Project Purpose and Need

The project's purpose is to improve safety and mobility.

Improvements for FM 1378 were first identified by both the **North Texas Council of Governments' *Mobility 2045: Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Collin County's Major Thoroughfare Plan***. By the year 2045, population growth and traffic volumes will greatly increase, creating a need for more lanes and intersection capacity to get to and from places safely and efficiently, and also improve emergency response and product delivery times.

The proposed project is needed to improve safety and meet future travel demands from projected population growth and traffic volumes.

### SLIDE 9 –Typical Sections

The existing typical section is a two-lane, undivided roadway with minimal shoulders. Existing right of way varies but is typically 90 feet wide. There are no existing sidewalks or shared use paths.

The proposed typical section would be a four-lane divided roadway with a raised median and shared use paths on both sides. These features provide a safer roadway for the traveling public, recreational opportunities for residents, and allows for the public to reach local community facilities safely. This



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proposed section right of way would vary but will be a minimum of 125 feet and will require additional right of way.

### **SLIDE 10 – Environmental Review – Right-of-Way**

Approximately 6.46 acres of new ROW would be required for the Schematic and Environmental section. Potential displacements include four residences and one non-residential structure. All ROW acquisition would be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

### **SLIDE 11 – Projected Cost**

The estimated project cost for the north section of the Feasibility Study is \$57 million and the estimated project cost for the south section is \$31 million. The Schematic and Environmental section has an estimated cost of \$15.3 million dollars. No funding has been identified and the costs are subject to change.

### **SLIDE 12 – NEPA**

Prior to December 16, 2014, the Federal Highway Administration, or FHWA, reviewed and approved documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act, known as NEPA; however, on December 16, 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation assumed responsibility from FHWA through a Memorandum of Understanding to review and approve certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. This Memorandum of Understanding between TxDOT and FHWA was updated on December 9, 2019. The review and approval process applies to this project.

Environmental studies are being conducted for the proposed FM 1378 project from FM 3286 to West Lucas Road to support an environmental clearance in accordance with NEPA. These environmental analyses are necessary to identify, avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to the human and natural environment.

Notices for this public meeting were advertised in *Allen American* and on [www.keepitmovingdallas.com](http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com) under “Public Hearings and Meetings.” The TxDOT Public Information Office also prepared a news media release to advertise the public meeting. The TxDOT roadway design schematics are available on the project website at [www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1378](http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1378).

### **SLIDE 13 – Environmental Constraints**

The study’s Environmental Constraints Map is used to help planners and engineers determine the least impactful method to fulfill the purpose of the study. Some environmental constraints along the corridor include residential structures, businesses, waterways, schools, cemeteries, faith-based organizations,



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historical markers, the 100-year floodplain, hazardous materials sites, parks, and fire stations. Environmental studies are ongoing. This map can be viewed at full size on the project website.

### **SLIDE 14 – Next Steps and Timeline**

The overall feasibility study is anticipated to take 1-2 years for completion. The geometric schematics and environmental studies are anticipated to take 2 years to develop and will overlap with the preparation for the feasibility study. A detailed timeline is shown on the screen and can also be viewed on the project website. The schematic and environmental section of the project is anticipated to be ready to let in 2025, contingent on funding.

### **SLIDE 15 – We Request Your Feedback**

Following this public meeting, the study team will proceed with the preparation of the final environmental documentation. Your comments will be addressed in this document and will be given full consideration in the preparation of the final recommendations and design for FM 1378.

Comments will be accepted in several ways. You may fill out an online comment form, submit a written comment via email to [Liang.Ding@txdot.gov](mailto:Liang.Ding@txdot.gov), submit a written comment via US mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention Liang Ding, P.E., 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150, or submit a verbal comment at (833) 933-0442.

Comments must be received or postmarked within 15 days of the meeting date, which is April 20, 2022, to be part of the official virtual public meeting record.

### **SLIDE 16 – Thank You**

We sincerely appreciate your participation and interest concerning FM 1378. Your questions, comments, and concerns will receive careful consideration. Thank you, this concludes the presentation.