

Notice Virtual Public Meeting FM 1385 From US 380 to FM 455 CSJ: 1315-01-030 Denton County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing reconstruction improvements to Farm to Market (FM) 1385 from United States (US) 380 to FM 455 in Denton County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project. The virtual meeting will be held beginning on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. The virtual public meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation explaining the proposed project, which includes both audio and video components, along with other exhibits and materials for your review. The virtual public meeting materials will be posted to www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385 on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 and will remain available online through the comment period deadline of Wednesday, September 30, 2020. If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6651 between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to ask questions about the project and access project materials during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail, email, or voicemail as explained below. Please note that the materials will not be available until September 15, 2020.

The FM 1385 reconstruction project includes widening an approximately 12-mile section of FM 1385 from US 380 to FM 455. The existing FM 1385 is a two-lane rural highway with 12-foot wide shoulders within the existing right-of-way varying from 80 to 120 feet wide. The proposed FM 1385 would be reconstructed as a six-lane divided urban facility. In addition, a potential reroute of the central portion of FM 1385 is being evaluated. The 0.9-mile long potential reroute is located south of Mustang Road and would directly connect FM 1385 to the north and south without requiring vehicles to travel along the Mustang Road portion of the existing FM 1385. The proposed project will affect the cities of Little Elm, Pilot Point, Aubrey, and Denton County.

The proposed project, subject to final design considerations, is currently determining the proposed right-of-way and would potentially have several displacements to residential, non-residential, and other secondary structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for displaces and other affected property owners, as well as information about the construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (214) 320-6651 or by visiting www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385.

The proposed project will be evaluated for impacts to properties protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1996. No public owned parks or land, wildlife or waterfowl refuges, or historic sites protected by Section 4(f) are known to occur adjacent to the FM 1385 project area; however, once designs are finalized further analysis will be completed to document compliance with this regulation. Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of the potential displacements may be submitted as described below.

Maps and drawings showing the proposed project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project will be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385.

TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The virtual public meeting will be conducted in English. If you have a special communication accommodation or need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please call (214) 320-4485 no later than Thursday, September 10, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written, electronic, and voicemail comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention Edra Brashear, P.E., 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 or via email to edra.brashear@txdot.gov. An online comment form option will also be made available during the virtual public meeting. Verbal comments will also be accepted by calling (833) 933-0432 and leaving a voicemail. Responses to written and verbal comments received will be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385 once they have been prepared. All comments must be received on or before September 30, 2020.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact Edra Brashear, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, at (214) 320-6651 or by email at edra.brashear@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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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