



# Public Meeting Script

**FM 1378**  
**From west of FM 3286 to West Lucas Road**  
**Collin County**  
**CSJ: 1392-01-048**

**May 25, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Willow Springs Middle School**  
**1101 W. Lucas Road, Lucas, Texas 75002**  
[www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1378](http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1378)

## **SLIDE 1 – Title Slide**

Hello and welcome to the Public Meeting for FM 1378 from west of FM 3286 to West Lucas Road. This meeting has been convened by the Texas Department of Transportation and is being held to receive and consider comments from the public.

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

## **SLIDE 2 – End the Streak**

November 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. That means for over 22 years, at least one person has died every single day. We all have a part to play to change that. This message is that reminder – to End the Streak of deaths on Texas highways. We need drivers and passengers to act more responsibly and help us reach our goal of zero deaths by 2050. Texans can play a major role in ending fatal crashes with a few simple driving habits: wear seatbelts, drive the speed limit, put away the phone and other distractions, and never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. So please do your part and share this message with your friends and family.

## **SLIDE 3 – Public Meeting Purpose**

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.
4. And finally, to develop a record of public views and participation to accompany recommendations for subsequent decisions.



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Following this meeting, the Department will evaluate and determine whether the project will proceed in project development which will begin with the preparation of the environmental study. Your statements and comments will be addressed in this document and will be given full consideration in the preparation of the final recommendation and design for the FM 1378 project.

## **SLIDE 4 – Viewing the Project Information**

The design schematic and other project information for the FM 1378 project are available for viewing at the Texas Department of Transportation Dallas District Office, located at 4777 East U.S. Highway 80 in Mesquite, 75150, and at the TxDOT Collin County Area Office, located at 2505 S State Highway 5, McKinney, TX 75069. In addition, the design schematic may be viewed at [keepitmovingdallas.com](http://keepitmovingdallas.com) under “Public Hearings/Meetings.” The information on this website is the same information being shown in this presentation.

## **SLIDE 5 – Project Location**

FM 1378 is an approximately 0.8-mile connection between west of FM 3286 and West Lucas Road in Collin County. The proposed project is located within the city of Lucas.

## **SLIDE 6 – Project Purpose and Need**

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety and mobility to accommodate for future traffic volumes. The proposed project is needed to improve safety and meet future travel demands from projected population growth and traffic volumes.

## **SLIDE 7 – Existing Roadway 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.

## **SLIDE 8 – What We Heard**

TxDOT previously held a public meeting in April 2022 for the FM 1378 project. Due to public feedback from this meeting, the following updates have been made to the proposed project.

- The roadway median decreased in width from 32-feet to 16-feet.
- A rural look and feel was used to maintain the existing corridor – shoulders, grassy ditches outside of widened roadway.
- Refinements to turn lane lengths and locations.



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## **SLIDE 9 – Project Details**

TxDOT is proposing to widen FM 1378 from west of FM 3286 to West Lucas Road in Collin County, Texas. The proposed project consists of widening the existing two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway for a project length of approximately 0.8 mile.

## **SLIDE 10 – Proposed Roadway Typical Sections**

The proposed project consists of widening the existing two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway. It includes two travel lanes in each direction divided by a grassy median to separate the eastbound and westbound lanes. Intersection improvements with turn lanes are proposed at cross streets within the project limits. The proposed right-of-way width would vary from 125 feet to 180 feet.

## **SLIDE 11 – Projected Cost**

The total estimated construction cost for the project is approximately \$16.7 million. Please note that the project is not yet funded. A project cannot let to construction until funding is identified; however, right-of-way acquisition can proceed even if the project is not funded for construction.

## **SLIDE 12 – Review and Approval of Environmental Document**

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 west of 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 *Al Día Dallas* and the *Dallas Morning News* 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 Review - Right of Way**

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require approximately 7.6 acres of new right of way and potentially displace four residences and one non-residential structure.



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Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. All right-of-way acquisition would be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended. Brochures, including two booklets titled “The Purchase of Right of Way,” and “Relocation Assistance,” are also available on the project website. These booklets contain detailed information to inform you of your rights and provide information about TxDOT’s right-of-way acquisition process.

## **SLIDE 14 – Environmental Constraints**

The project’s environmental constraints map is used to help planners and engineers determine the least impactful method to fulfill the purpose of the project. Representative environmental constraints such as residential structures, businesses, waterways, schools, cemeteries, faith-based organizations, historical markers, the 100-year floodplain, hazardous materials sites, parks, and fire stations were evaluated to determine if any sites are located along or near the project corridor. Environmental studies for the proposed project are ongoing. This map can be viewed at full size on the project website.

## **SLIDE 15 – Project Timeline**

The public comment period for the proposed project ends on Friday, June 9, 2023. Following this public meeting, documentation of proceedings will be reviewed by TxDOT for approval. Pending project coordination, design refinements and environmental studies, a public hearing is proposed in Summer 2024 followed by an anticipated environmental decision and the start of right-of-way acquisition in Winter 2024.

As mentioned earlier, the proposed project has an anticipated Ready to Let Date of 2026. Construction would begin once the project is let, contingent on funding.

## **SLIDE 16 – We Request Your Feedback**

Comments will be accepted in a number of ways, as shown on the screen. If you would like to leave a verbal comment, please call the number listed.

Comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, June 9, 2023, to be part of the official public meeting record.

Following this public meeting, the project team will proceed with the preparation of the schematic design and environmental analysis and 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 from west of FM 3286 to West Lucas Road.

## **SLIDE 17 – “Thank You”**

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