

**TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING
OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY (US) 287
FROM: STATE HIGHWAY (SH) 34
TO: INTERSTATE HIGHWAY (IH) 45
CSJ: 0172-08-053**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the City of Ennis, will conduct a Public Meeting for the proposed reconstruction and widening of US 287 from SH 34 to IH 45 in Ellis County, Texas. The Public Meeting will be held at Ennis High School, 2301 Ensign Road, Ennis, Texas 75119 on Thursday, July 18, 2013 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to present the proposed project to the public and receive comments. It will be conducted in an informal open house format with no formal presentation. Representatives from TxDOT and project consultants will be available to answer questions about the proposed project.

The proposed project includes reconstructing and widening existing US 287 from a two-lane to a four-lane divided roadway from SH 34 to IH 45, a distance of approximately 4 miles. The proposed project would also provide continuous frontage roads along the roadway. Grade-separated intersections would be provided at Ensign Road, FM 1183 (Oak Grove Road), and Sterilite Drive. Additional right-of-way (ROW) is anticipated to be required along both the east and west side of the roadway. The potential ROW acquisition would impact undeveloped, residential, commercial, or industrial properties. No residential, commercial or industrial properties are anticipated to be displaced. The proposed project would impact the FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain.

Maps, drawings, and other information depicting the proposed project's location and preliminary geometric design will be available for viewing at the Public Meeting. This information will also be available for public inspection at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150; the TxDOT Ellis County Area Office located at 100 SW County Road 1000, Corsicana, TX 75110; and the City of Ennis located at 115 West Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119. This information will also be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting.

All interested parties are invited to attend this Public Meeting to obtain information about the proposed project and express their views. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-6100 at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Meeting. Because the Public Meeting will be conducted in English, any request for language interpretation or other special communication needs should also be made at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments regarding the proposed US 287 reconstruction and widening may be submitted at the Public Meeting. Written comments can also be submitted to: Bruce Nolley P.E., TxDOT

Dallas District APD, 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643. Written comments will be accepted for a period of 10 days after the meeting and must be postmarked by Monday, July 29, 2013. For additional information, please contact Bruce Nolley P.E. at (214) 320-6156 or by e-mail at Bruce.Nolley@txdot.gov.