



Notice
Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option
FM 551
From SH 276 to SH 66
CSJs: 1016-01-032
Rockwall County, Texas



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in partnership with Rockwall County is proposing to widen and reconstruct Farm-to-Market (FM) 551 from State Highway (SH) 276 to SH 66 in Rockwall County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT and Rockwall County will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option.

In-Person Hearing

Thursday, May 22, 2025, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Open House)

Live Presentation at 5:30 p.m.

Fate City Hall

1900 CD Boren Parkway, Fate, TX 75087

Virtual Hearing*

Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. through

Friday, June 6, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

www.KeepItMovingDallas.com/projects/fm-roads/FM551

*Not a live event

The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The public hearing materials will be posted online by Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 5 p.m., and will remain online until Friday, June 6, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call (214)-320-6244 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. The in-person option will be held in an open house format from 5-7 p.m. with a live presentation at 5:30 p.m. In-person attendees will be able to review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. The in-person option will be held at Fate City Hall, 1900 CD Boren Parkway, Fate, TX 75087.

The proposed improvements would widen 3.13 miles of FM 551 from SH 276 to SH 66. From SH 276 to I-30, FM 551 would widen from two 11-foot-wide travel lanes to four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, separated by a raised median. From I-30 north to SH 66, FM 551 would widen from two 11-foot-wide travel lanes to two 12-foot-wide travel lanes with a 14-foot-wide two-way left turn lane. A 10-foot-wide shared use path for bicyclists and pedestrians would be constructed along both sides of the roadway.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require approximately 18 acres of additional right of way (ROW) and potentially displace four residences and two non-residential structures. The existing ROW is 80 feet wide and the proposed ROW would vary from 90 feet to 170 feet wide. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (214) 320-6675 or on the project website.

The proposed project is anticipated to impact the following property protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966: City of Fate park located within the project limits between Charleston Lane and Gettysburg Boulevard along FM 551 in Fate, Texas.

The proposed project would result in a potential impact to a National Register of Historic Properties (NRHP) eligible property, the Fate Presbyterian Church at 202 William E Crawford Avenue, Fate, TX under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

TxDOT anticipates making a *de minimis* determination for the use of both properties under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of the City of Fate Park and Fate Presbyterian Church may be submitted as described below.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands. The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday by appointment between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East U.S. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150. Please call (214) 320-6244 to make an appointment. Project materials are also available online at <http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/fm-roads/FM551>.

The virtual public hearing and in-person option will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public hearing with in-person option, please contact TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at 214-320-4480 no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2025. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

La audiencia pública virtual y la opción presencial se llevarán a cabo en inglés. Si necesita un intérprete o traductor de documentos porque el inglés no es su idioma principal o tiene dificultades para comunicarse eficazmente en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si usted tiene una discapacidad y necesita asistencia, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para satisfacer a la mayoría de sus necesidades. Si necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción, o si es una persona con discapacidad que requiere adaptaciones para asistir y participar en la audiencia pública virtual con opción presencial, comuníquese con la Oficina de Información Pública del Distrito de Dallas de TxDOT al 214-320-4480 a más tardar a las 4 p.m. del jueves 15 de mayo de 2025. Tenga en cuenta que se requiere aviso previo, ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que TxDOT los organice.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attn: Kibru Andargie, P.E., 4777 East US Hwy 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 or by email to Kibru.Andargie@txdot.gov. Members of the public may also call (469)250-9063 to leave verbal comments. **All comments must be received on or before Friday, June 6, 2025.** Responses to comments received will be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/fm-roads/FM551 once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Kibru Andargie, P.E., by phone at 214-320-6244 or email at Kibru.Andargie@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.