

Notice - Virtual Public Meeting Farm to Market Road (FM) 741 From US 175 to FM 548 CSJ: 1092-01-021 Kaufman County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen FM 741 from US 175 to FM 548 in Kaufman County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an on-line virtual public meeting on the proposed project. The virtual public meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation explaining the proposed project, which includes audio and video components, exhibits and materials for your review. The virtual meeting will be held beginning on Nov. 17, 2020 at 6 p.m. and the presentation will remain available for viewing until Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM741. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6651 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. Formal comments may be provided by mail, email or voicemail as explained below.

TxDOT is proposing to improve 7.7 miles of FM 741 in Kaufman County from US 175 in Crandall to FM 548 in Forney. Improvements include widening from the existing two lane rural section to a proposed four lane divided urban roadway. The existing right of way width varies from 70 to 100 feet and the proposed right of way for the project is 140 foot wide from US 175 to FM 2757 and 120 foot wide from FM 2757 to the end of project.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace one residence and one non-residential structure. The total proposed right of way area is 30.70 acres. The total temporary construction easements are 0.28 acres. 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) 320-6651.

The proposed project will be evaluated for impacts to properties protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1996. The proposed project could involve construction in floodplain and wetlands. Once the schematic design is developed further, environmental analysis will be conducted to identify and assess impacts.

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 available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM741.

The virtual public meeting 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 meeting, please contact Lisa Walzl, TxDOT District Public Information Officer, at (214) 320-4403 no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention: Edra Brashear, P.E., 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Edra.Brashear@txdot.gov. Verbal comments will also be accepted by calling (833) 933-0432 and leaving a voicemail. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact TxDOT project manager, Edra Brashear, P.E., by phone 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.