

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNITED STATES HIGHWAY (US) 287 WIDENING

From: Interstate Highway (IH) 45 to Southeast County Road 2040
Cities of Corsicana and Mildred, Navarro County, Texas
CSJ: 0122-01-033

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a Public Hearing regarding the proposed improvements to United States Highway 287 (US 287) from Interstate Highway (IH) 45 in Corsicana to Southeast County Road 2040 (SE CR 2040) in Mildred, Navarro County, Texas. The Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at Mildred High School located at 5475 US 287, Corsicana, Texas 75109. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal Hearing starting at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the proposed project to the public and receive comments.

The proposed project involves the full reconstruction of the existing two-lane rural roadway to a four-lane divided highway with sidewalk on 5.77 miles of US 287 from IH 45 to the intersection of US 287 and SE CR 2040. The proposed roadway would consist generally of 4 lanes with curb & gutter, plus an 18-foot flush median. A northbound continuous right turn lane would be constructed adjacent to the school campuses in Mildred to help school zone traffic operations. Right and left turn lanes would be provided as appropriate along the project. The existing flush median would be changed to a raised median for safety purposes in the rural to urban transition area, the school zone, at the jughandles, and at the grade separation over the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad.

The existing ROW is usually 100 feet wide throughout the length of the project with the exception of the railroad overpass where it is generally 486 feet wide. The proposed ROW width would vary from 100 feet to 578 feet. The proposed improvements would require approximately 38.4 acres of new right-of-way (ROW) and 1.02 acres for permanent easement. One residential structure would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition may be obtained from the Dallas District office.

The proposed project is located within the 100-year floodplain associated with Lake Halbert. The hydraulic design for the proposed project would be in accordance with current TxDOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) design policies and standards. Jurisdictional waters of the United States present within the existing and proposed ROW include; Lake Halbert, Little Mesquite Branch, and unnamed tributaries of Lake Halbert. Impacts to jurisdictional waters and wetlands would be authorized under United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 404 Nationwide Permits.

Environmental documentation, maps showing the project location and design, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150. This information will also be available for inspection at the Public Hearing. A copy of the approved schematic and of this hearing notice is available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting.

Written and verbal comments from the public regarding this project are requested and may be presented at the Public Hearing or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT District Office, Attention: Ms. Marlena Kelly, P.E., Project Manager, 4777 East Highway 80 Mesquite, Texas 75150 or by email to Marlena.Kelly@txdot.gov. Written comments must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, June 5, 2019 to be included in the Public Hearing Summary.

The Public Hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the Hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the Public Hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Ms. Marlena Kelly, P.E. at (214) 320-4426 or by email at Marlena.kelly@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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.