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Public Hearing

Pre-Recorded Presentation

FM 551 Widening Project from SH 276 to SH 66

CSJ: 1016-01-032

Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 5-7 p.m.
Live Presentation at 5:30 p.m.

FATE CITY HALL
1900 CD Boren Parkway, Fate, Texas 75087

Why am I here?

- Learn about the FM 551 proposed improvements
- Provide comments on the proposed project

HELP

#EndTheStreakTX

End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.



TxDOT.gov (Keyword: #EndTheStreakTX)

#EndTheStreakTX Toolkit



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A public hearing has four essential purposes:



- 1 Inform the public of the status of planning on the project and present the recommendations based on studies performed to date.
- 2 Describe the project so those attending can determine the project's potential to affect their lives and property.
- 3 Provide the public an opportunity to see information and provide feedback.
- 4 And finally, to develop a record of public views and participation to accompany recommendations for subsequent decisions.

In Person Locations:

- Texas Department of Transportation Dallas District Office at
4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150
- City of Fate City Hall
1900 CD Boren Parkway, Fate, Texas 75087

Websites:

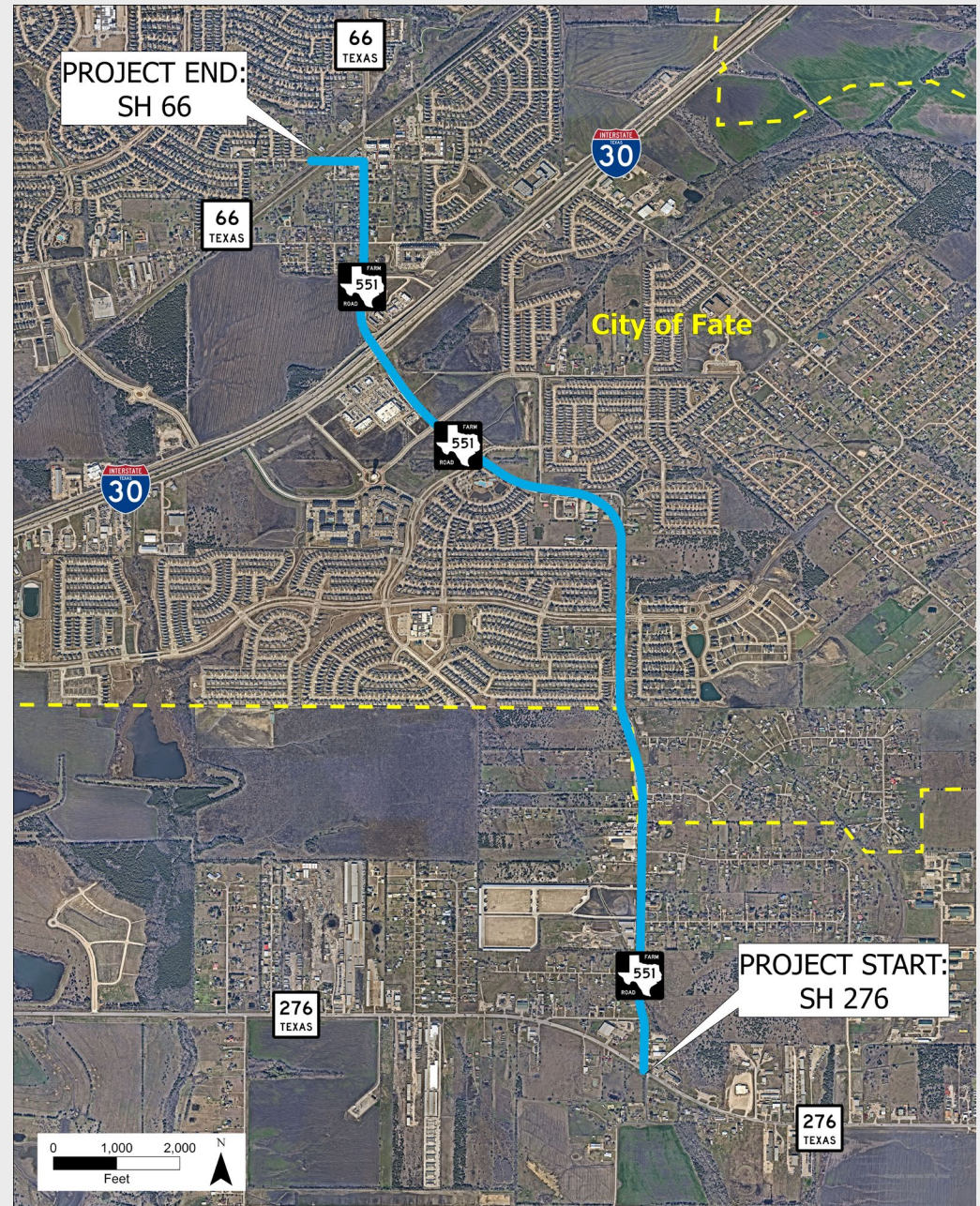
- www.keepitmovingdallas.com
Under “Public Hearings/Meetings”
- <https://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/fm-roads/FM551>

FM 551 Project Limits:

- From SH 276 to SH 66 in Rockwall County, Texas

Project Length:

- 3.13 miles

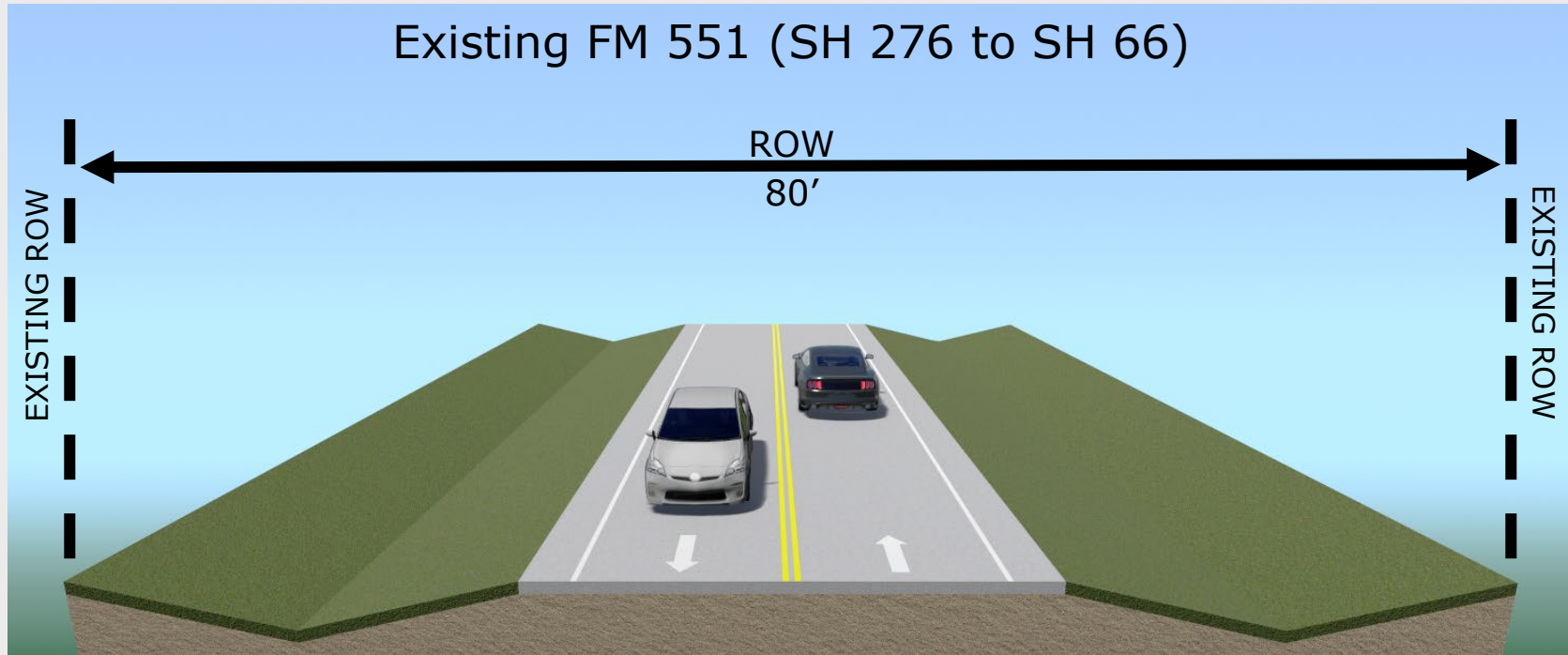


Project Purpose:

- The purpose of the FM 551 widening project is to improve safety, increase mobility, and meet current design standards.

Project Need:

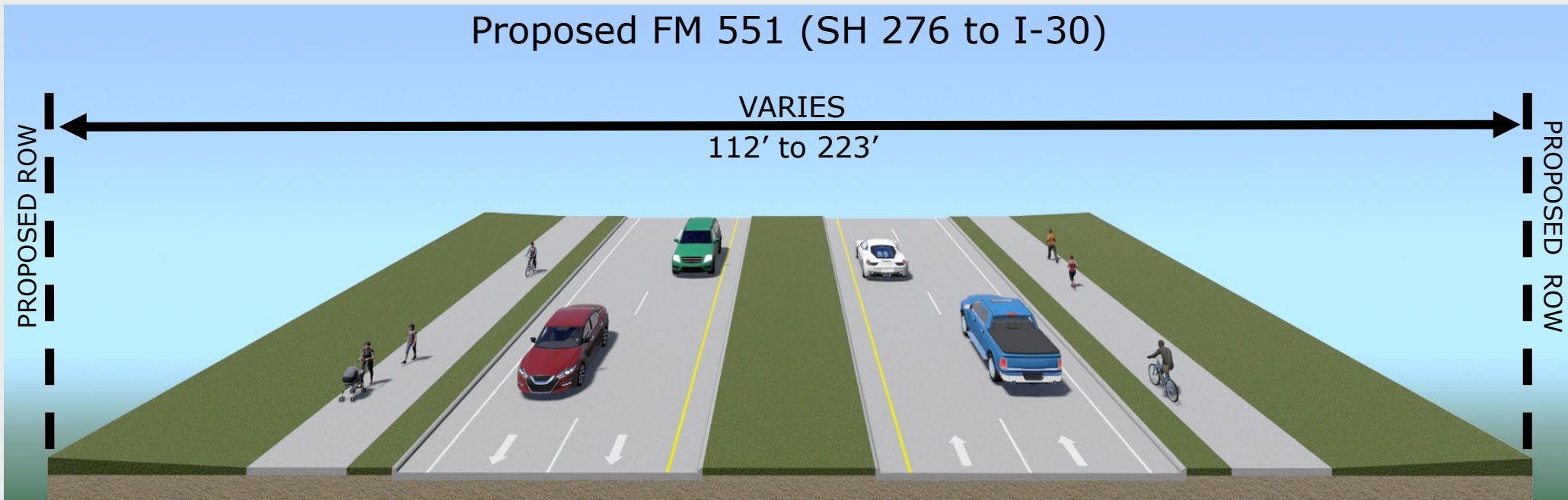
- The proposed improvements are needed because the capacity of FM 551 is inadequate to meet current and future traffic volumes, resulting in congestion and reduced mobility, and fails to meet current design standards.



- Two 12-foot-wide travel lanes
- 3-foot-wide shoulders with ditches on both sides
- 80-foot existing right of way
- No bicycle or pedestrian accommodation

Proposed FM 551 Typical Section

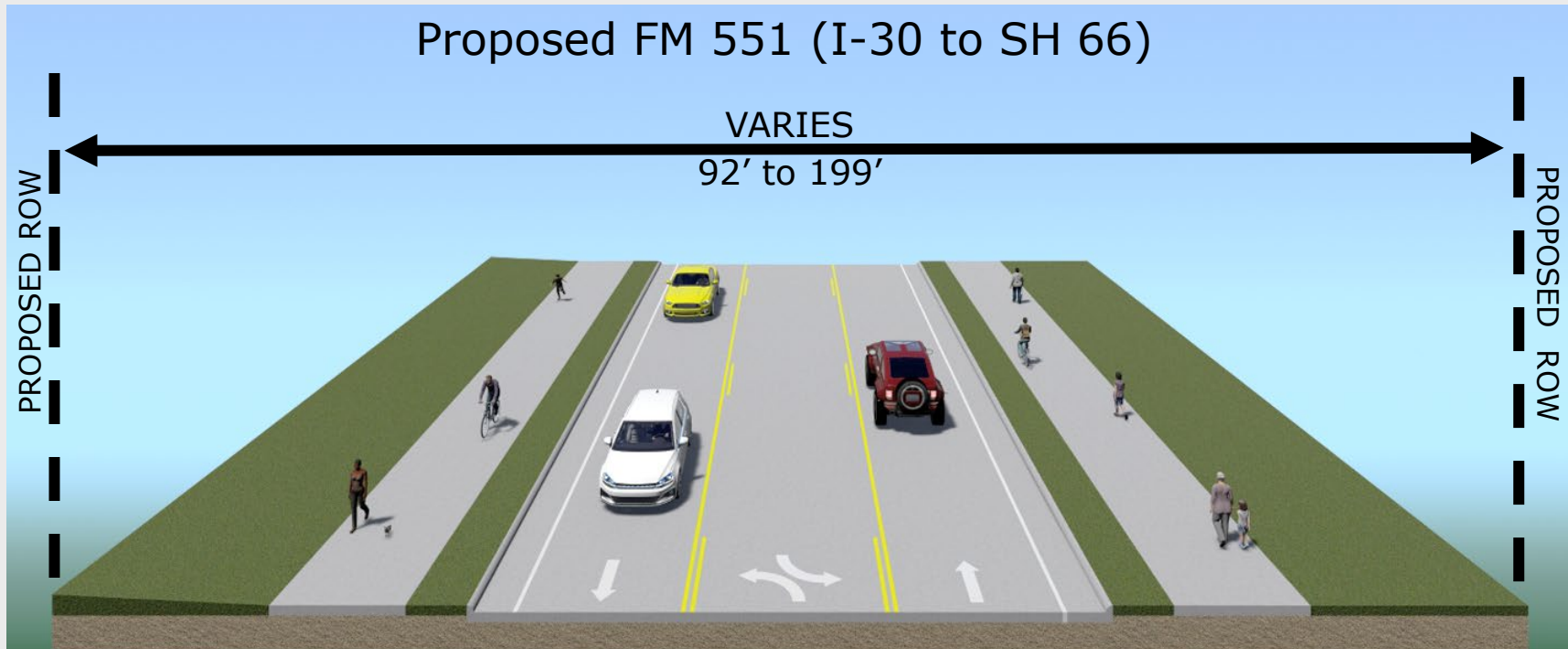
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- Four 12-foot-wide travel lanes (2 lanes in each direction)
- Two 10-foot-wide shared-use path (1 in each direction)
- 18- to 19-foot-wide raised median
- 112- to 223-foot proposed right of way

Proposed FM 551 Typical Section

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- Two 12-foot-wide travel lanes (1 lane in each direction)
- One 14-foot-wide center turn lane
- Two 10-foot-wide shared-use path (1 in each direction)
- 92- to 199-foot proposed right of way



Anticipated Ready to Let Date
To Be Determined



*Estimated Total Construction Cost **
\$77 million

* Project is currently unfunded for construction and cannot let until funding is identified; however, right of way acquisition can proceed even if a project does not have construction funding.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Assignment to the Texas Department of Transportation



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.

La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto, están siendo o han sido realizadas por TxDOT de conformidad con la Reglamentación 23, Sección 327 del Código de Estados Unidos y un Memorando de Entendimiento con fecha del 9 de diciembre de 2019, ejecutado por la FHWA (Administración Federal de Carreteras) y TxDOT.”

Environmental technical reports prepared for the proposed project assess potential impacts to the following resource categories.

Resources and Topics Evaluated



Air Quality



Protected parks under Section 4(f) of the U.S. DOT Act and Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code



Biological Resources, such as threatened and endangered species and their habitats



Community Impacts



Cultural Resources, including historical structures, Section 4(f), Section 106, and archaeological resources



Traffic Noise



Hazardous Materials



Water Resources, such as waters of the U.S. and wetlands

- Approximately 18 acres of additional Right of Way (ROW) would be required.
- Potential displacement of four residences and two commercial businesses are anticipated.
- No public facilities such as recreational facilities, churches, schools, or cemeteries would be displaced.

Please visit the project website for more information about the Uniform Act and TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program information



Traffic Noise

- FHWA Traffic Noise Model used to estimate existing and predicted traffic noise levels.
- Based on the analysis, noise abatement measures would not be both feasible and reasonable; therefore, no abatement measures are proposed for this project.



Floodplains & Waters of the U.S./Wetlands

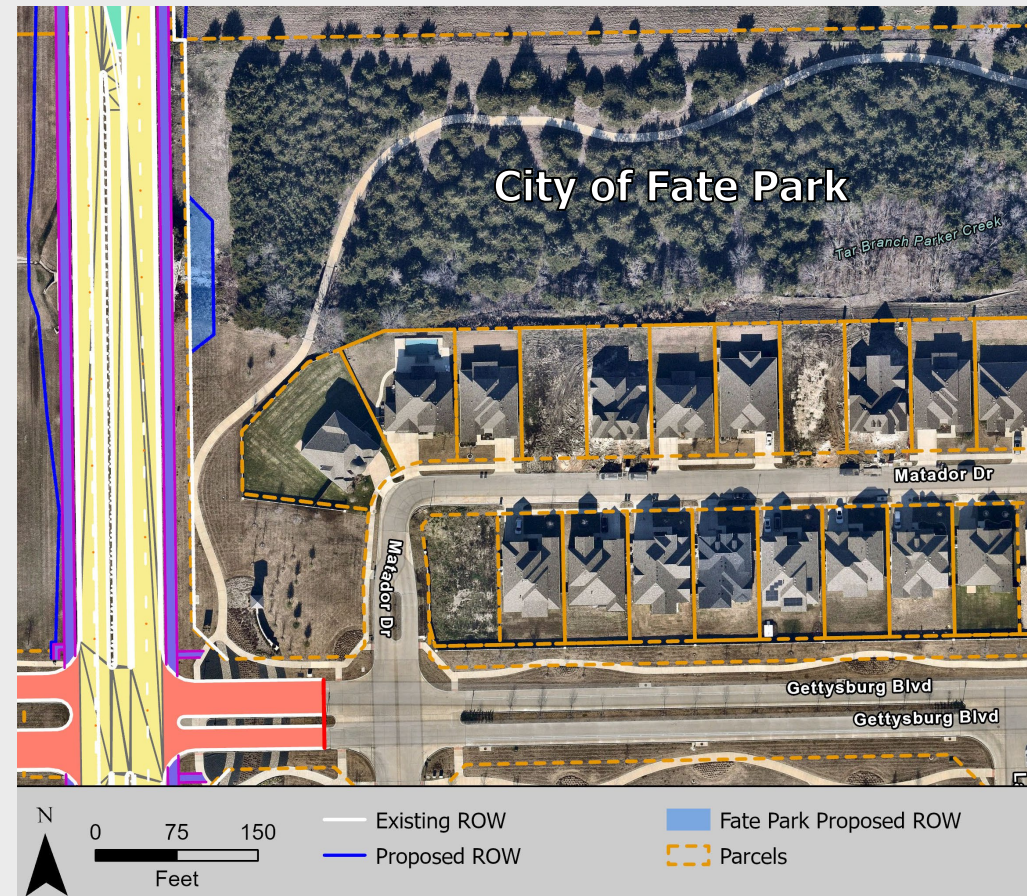
- Portions of the project corridor are situated within FEMA designated 100-year flood hazard areas. These flood hazard areas are associated with an unnamed tributary to Hackberry Creek.
- The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current TxDOT policies.
- Two streams and one wetland were identified as potential impacted waters of the U.S. within the project area.
- Impacts would be authorized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under a Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14. A Preconstruction Notification to the Army Corps of Engineers would be required for impacts to wetlands.

In conclusion, the studies, analyses, and evaluations performed indicate the proposed project would cause no significant environmental impacts.

Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 and Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code are federal and state regulations, respectively, set up to protect the use of public lands. These regulations require TxDOT to inform and gather input from the public.

Section 4(f) and Ch. 26 Protected Properties

- City of Fate property is zoned as a park located between Charleston Lane and Gettysburg Boulevard in Fate, Texas.
- The proposed project would require minimal right of way and would not result in adverse effects to the property.



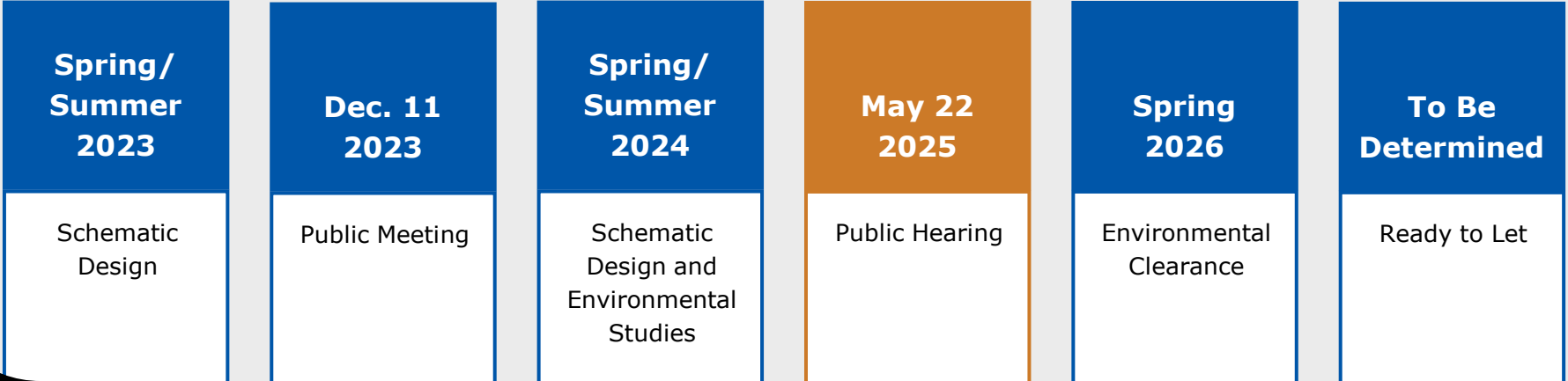
Section 4(f) and Section 106 Protected Places

- One property listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Fate Presbyterian Church located at 202 William E Crawford Avenue in Fate, Texas.
- The proposed project would require minimal right of way and would not result in adverse effects to the property.





We are here!



Advancement from phase to phase is contingent upon the outcome of the previous phase and funding availability.

The public comment period for the proposed project ends June 6, 2025

* Schedule subject to change

Please submit your comments by June 6, 2025

Use any of the methods below:

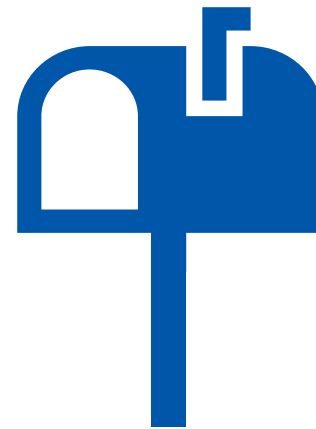


Online Comment Form

Fill out at the Public Hearing
or online at:

<https://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/fm-roads/fm551>

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Thank you!