



Notice of Public Meeting
FM 551
From SH 276 to SH 66
CSJ: 1016-01-032
Rockwall County, Texas



Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in partnership with Rockwall County is proposing 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 Rockwall County and TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The same information will be available at both the in-person and virtual meetings.**

In-Person Meeting (Open House)

Monday, December 11, 2023
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Fate City Hall
1900 CD Boren Parkway, Fate, TX 75087

Virtual Meeting*

Monday, December 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. through
Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.
<https://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/fm-roads/fm551>

*This is not a live event

The in-person meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be an open house format where the public may come and go at their convenience. Staff will be available to answer questions and take comments. The virtual meeting can be viewed Monday, December 11, 2023, starting at 5:30 p.m. through Thursday, December 28, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. Materials will be posted to the project website listed above and will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation that includes both audio and video components, along with other exhibits. The virtual public meeting is not a live event and the materials can be viewed at your convenience. If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6624 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials. Please note the materials will not be available until Monday, December 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

The proposed improvements would widen 3.25 miles of FM 551 from SH 276 to SH 66. From SH 276 to I-30, FM 551 would be widened from two 11-foot-wide travel lanes to four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, separated by a grass median. From I-30 north to SH 66, FM 551 would be widened from two 11-foot-wide travel lanes to two 12-foot-wide travel lanes with a 14-foot-wide center 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 additional right of way (ROW) and potentially displace eight residences and three non-residential structures. 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 ROW office by calling (214) 320-6675.

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

Any environmental documentation or studies, any 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 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. Project materials will also be available online at the project website. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public meeting 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 meeting or in-person option, please contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480, no later than 4 p.m., Monday, December 4, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

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 U.S. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 or by email to Kibru.Andargie@txdot.gov. Verbal comments can be submitted by calling (469) 250-9063. All comments must be received on or before Thursday, December 28, 2023. Responses to comments received will be available online at the project website once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact Kibru Andargie, Project Manager, 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.