



**Notice
Public Hearing
FARM TO MARKET ROAD (FM) 741
From United States Highway (US) 175 to FM 548
CSJs: 1092-01-021
KAUFMAN County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Dallas District 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 online virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. The hearing dates and times are listed below.

Virtual Public Hearing*

Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. through
Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.

www.keepitmoving.com/FM741

*This is not a live event

In-Person Public Hearing (Open House)

Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Forney High School
1800 College Ave.
Forney, TX 75126

The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to the project website listed above. **The virtual public hearing is not a live event.** If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6628 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. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public hearing which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants from a socially distanced approach and leave written comments. The in-person option will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Forney High School, 1800 College Ave., Forney, TX 75126.

The project is needed to meet future traffic demands, to meet current design standards and to address safety. Additionally, it is needed to provide continuous pedestrian and bike accommodations on both sides along the corridor. The proposed 8.32-mile project includes reconstructing and widening the existing undivided two-lane rural roadway to a proposed divided four lane (ultimate six) urban roadway with 12-foot lanes and 18-foot wide median from US 175 to FM 2757. The project also proposes providing left and right turn bays in certain locations and replacing the two existing bridges over Tributary to Buffalo Creek with a wider and longer bridge to accommodate four 12-foot-wide travel lanes and 10-foot-wide pedestrian/bike shared-use path (SUP) on the southbound side and a 6-foot-wide sidewalk on the northbound side. The project will widen the right of way (ROW) width from existing 70-feet to a 100-foot-wide and a proposed 140-foot wide from US 175 to FM 2757 and to 120-feet wide from FM 2757 to FM 548.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional ROW and potentially displace one non-residential structure. 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.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands.

The proposed project would involve 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 the Texas Dallas District Office, 4777 E. Hwy 80, Mesquite, TX 75150, (214) 320-6628. Project materials are also available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM741. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

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 or in-person option, please contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office, at (214) 320-4480 no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 E. Hwy 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 or by email to Nelson.Underwood@txdot.gov. Members of the public may call (833) 933-0439 and provide verbal comments. All comments must be received or postmarked by Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023. Responses to comments will be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM741 once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Nelson, Underwood, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, (214) 320-6628 or by email at Nelson.Underwood@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.