



Notice
Virtual Public Hearing
Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 1641
From FM 548 to FM 148
and
FM 548 From FM 1641 to United States (US) 80
CSJs: 1217-01-019 and 2588-01-020
Kaufman County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen FM 1641 from FM 548 to FM 148 and FM 548 from FM 1641 to US 80 in Kaufman County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an on-line virtual public hearing on the proposed project. **The virtual hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 6 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1641. Project staff will give a presentation regarding the project. The presentation will be a pre-recorded video and will include both audio and visual components. Please note that the hearing materials will not be available on the project website until the time and date listed above. If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6628 between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to ask questions about the project and access project materials during the project development process. Members of the public may call (469) 708-3179 to provide verbal testimony immediately following the conclusion of the virtual public hearing presentation at 6 p.m. through 11:59 p.m. on July 15, 2020. Formal written comments may also be provided by mail or email as explained below. All verbally provided testimony and timely written comments will be considered by TxDOT and included as part of the official record. Responses to verbally provided testimony and comments will be prepared by TxDOT, included as part of the hearing and project record, and made available on the project website.

The FM 1641 reconstruction project includes widening approximately 0.2 miles of FM 548 and approximately 5.4 miles of FM 1641. The existing FM 548 is a 4-lane urban roadway, and the existing FM 1641 is a rural 2-lane roadway. Both roadways would be reconstructed to an urban 4-lane (ultimate 6-lane) section with turn lanes. A raised median would be added, and 14-foot wide shared-use lanes to accommodate bicycles and 6-foot wide sidewalks would be added in each direction. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width is approximately 90 feet wide with the proposed project ROW width being approximately 130 feet wide. Approximately 20.3 acres of new ROW and 3.0 acres of permanent drainage easements would be required to accommodate the proposed improvements.

Although additional ROW would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (214) 320-6628 or by visiting the project website.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain. 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 on the project website.

TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The virtual public hearing will be in English. If you have a special communication accommodation or need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please call (214) 320-4480 no later than Friday, June 26, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some 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 the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention Nelson Underwood, P.E., 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 or via email to Nelson.Underwood@txdot.gov. **All written comments must be received on or before July 15, 2020.** Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call (469) 708-3179 and verbally provide testimony immediately following the virtual hearing presentation at 6 p.m. through 11:59 p.m. on July 15, 2020. Responses to written and verbal comments received will be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1641 once they have been prepared. **All comments must be received on or before July 15, 2020.**

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual hearing, please contact Nelson Underwood, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, at (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.

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