

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING State Highway (SH) 276 From FM 549 in Rockwall County to CR 2472 in Hunt County CSJs: 1290-03-016, 1290-03-020, 1290-04-011, 1290-05-019 Rockwall and Hunt Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen 7.4 miles of SH 276 from FM 549 in Rockwall County to CR 2472 in Hunt County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public meeting on the proposed project. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 10, 2018 at the Utley Middle School Cafeteria, located at 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall, TX 75087**.

The meeting will be held in an open house format from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project. Representatives from TxDOT and project consultants will be available to answer questions about the proposed project.

The proposed project would consist of the reconstruction and widening of SH 276 from FM 549 in Rockwall County to CR 2472 in Hunt County, Texas. Proposed improvements would involve the expansion from a twolane rural highway to a four-lane urban highway. Expansion would consist of one 12-foot wide travel lane and one 14-foot wide outside shared-use lane in each direction, a proposed median to accommodate the future ultimate six-lane facility, and sidewalks located along the outside of both the eastbound and westbound lanes. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width is 120 feet and will increase with the proposed project. The proposed ROW is anticipated to acquire approximately 15 acres to expand the roadway, based on this preliminary level of design. No residential or non-residential displacements are anticipated.

Maps showing the proposed project's location and geometric design will be available for viewing at the public meeting. This information will also be 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, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 and the TxDOT Kaufman/Rockwall Area Office located at 2750 S Washington Street, Kaufman TX 75142. Project information will also be available online at <u>www.keepitmovingdallas.com</u> under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public meeting. Written comments from the public are requested and will be accepted for a period of 15 calendar days following the meeting. Written comments may be submitted either in person at the public meeting, by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention: Ms. Marlena Kelly, P.E., 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643, or by email addressed to marlena.kelly@txdot.gov. Written comments must be received or postmarked on or before Wednesday, May 25, 2018 to be included in the documentation of the public meeting.

The meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, such the need for 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 meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the meeting, please contact Ms. Marlena Kelly, P.E., at (214) 320-4426 or by email at <u>marlena.kelly@txdot.gov</u>

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 the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT.