

Notice of Draft Environmental Assessment and Public Hearing



FARM-TO-MARKET (FM) 1171 From West of FM 156 to Interstate Highway (I)-35W CSJ: 1311-01-055 Denton County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Denton County are proposing the construction of a new location non-freeway roadway of FM 1171 from west of FM 156 to IH 35W in Denton County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting an in-person and an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project. **The same information will be available at both the in-person and virtual hearing.**

In-Person Hearing

Thursday, April 6, 2023, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Gene Pike Middle School, Cafeteria
2200 Texan Drive, Justin, TX 76247
**Open House*

Virtual Hearing

Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 6 p.m. through
Friday, April 21, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.
www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1171
**Not a live event*

The in-person hearing will begin at 6 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 hearing can be viewed Thursday, April 6, 2023, starting at 6 p.m. through Friday, April 21, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. Materials will be posted to the project website at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1171 and will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation that includes both audio and video components, along with other exhibits. The virtual public hearing 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) 320-6627 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 April 6, 2023, at 6 p.m.**

The proposed project would construct 3.5 miles of a new location non-freeway roadway of FM 1171. Construction within the project limits would be proposed as both urban and rural. The proposed facility would consist of widening a portion of John Wiley Road to a six-lane urban roadway (three lanes in each direction) and extending the six-lane roadway east beyond FM 156 to a proposed connection/extension to Harmonson Road. The proposed facility would then become a divided four-lane rural roadway and extend approximately 1.9 miles to the east, where it would again become a six-lane urban roadway as it approaches I-35W. The entire proposed facility would include median-divided pavement, turn lanes, bridges, and culverts. The urban section of the proposed 6-lane curbed roadway would include a 16-foot-wide median, as well as pedestrian/bicycle shared use path and sidewalk with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps on both sides of the road. The interim 4-lane rural roadway (6-lane ultimate) would include a 60-foot-wide median.

The proposed facility would also include the widening and southward extension of Tally Boulevard, which intersects John Wiley Road, to four lanes that approach a traffic circle from the north and extends Harmonson Road as a four-lane urban roadway west from its intersection with FM 156 to the modern roundabout. These two roadways would be flanked with sidewalks with ADA-compliant ramps on both sides.

The proposed right of way (ROW) width would range from 116 to 300 feet. The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional ROW and potentially displace 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 ROW acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (214) 320-6675.

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

The draft EA, 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 TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 E. U.S. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150. Project materials are also available online at the project website.

The public hearing 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 Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480 no later than 4 p.m. Monday, April 3, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the 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: Grace Lo, P.E., Director, Dallas District (Schematic Delivery), 4777 E. U.S. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 or by email to Grace.Lo@txdot.gov. Additionally, members of the public may call (940) 331-5139 and record a verbal comment. **All written comments must be received on or before April 21, 2023 by 11:59 p.m.** Responses to the comments received will be available online at <https://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1171> once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing, please contact the TxDOT project manager, Grace Lo, P.E., Director, Dallas District (Schematic Delivery), at (214) 320-6627, or by email at Grace.Lo@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.