

# FM 1378 PROJECT FOUR-LANE WIDENING

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## PROJECT FACT SHEET

The 1.5 mile stretch of Farm-to-Market Road 1378 (FM 1378), also known as Country Club Road, from just south of White Rock Creek in the City of Lucas to Farmstead Road in the Town of Fairview is a two-lane roadway used by more than 12,000 vehicles per day. In addition, the Lovejoy Independent School District has four of its five schools located along FM 1378. Two of these schools, Lovejoy Elementary School and Sloan Creek Middle School, are located in the project area, increasing traffic congestion during school drop-off/pick-up times.

FM 1378 is nearing its capacity to handle current traffic volumes within the project area. Conservative estimates show that by 2035 more than 20,000 vehicles per day will travel this section of FM 1378; however, if Collin County's 5.8% average annual growth rate over the past three decades continues that number could double to more than 41,000 vehicles per day by 2035.

It is clear that additional capacity will be required soon to handle the expected traffic volumes. In order to meet the expected demand, city, county, and state representatives have begun the advanced planning process for widening FM 1378.

TxDOT seeks public participation which is vital to ensure the project is developed to meet the values, as well as the needs, of the communities it will serve. At a public meeting on July 26, TxDOT planners and engineers presented three conceptual alignments as a starting point to help generate input from affected stakeholders. The comments, concerns, and suggestions that have been received are being evaluated for impact in a number of categories including displacements and other property improvement impacts, utility relocations, historic properties, archeological sites, etc.

Careful consideration and coordination is being given to the new design. Once a preferred alternative is identified, a public hearing will be held to allow the public and affected stakeholders another opportunity to comment and participate in the development of the final design.

Please understand; the project development process is very dynamic - made up of several components, each with different variables. Early in the development process it is difficult to identify issues which may complicate the project and affect the schedule; therefore, it should be understood that the preliminary information presented here is subject to change. This fact sheet is a snapshot of where the project is today, and if everything proceeds accordingly and without delay, where it will be in the future. ■

## PROJECT DETAILS:

- Design Consultant: Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc.
- Environmental Consultant: Civil Associates
- Contractor: TBD
- Estimated Cost: \$10 million (preliminary)
- Available Funding (source):
  - \$4.27 million (Collin County – Regional Toll Revenue)
  - \$870,000 (TxDOT bridge replacement)
- Estimated Construction Start: Late 2014
- Estimated Construction End: 2016
- Approximate % Complete: 0%
- Traffic Counts: FM 1378 (12,300)

## WORK COMPLETE:

- Meet with city and county officials
- Public Meeting - July 26, 2011
  - Present three preliminary design alternatives
  - Gather public comments

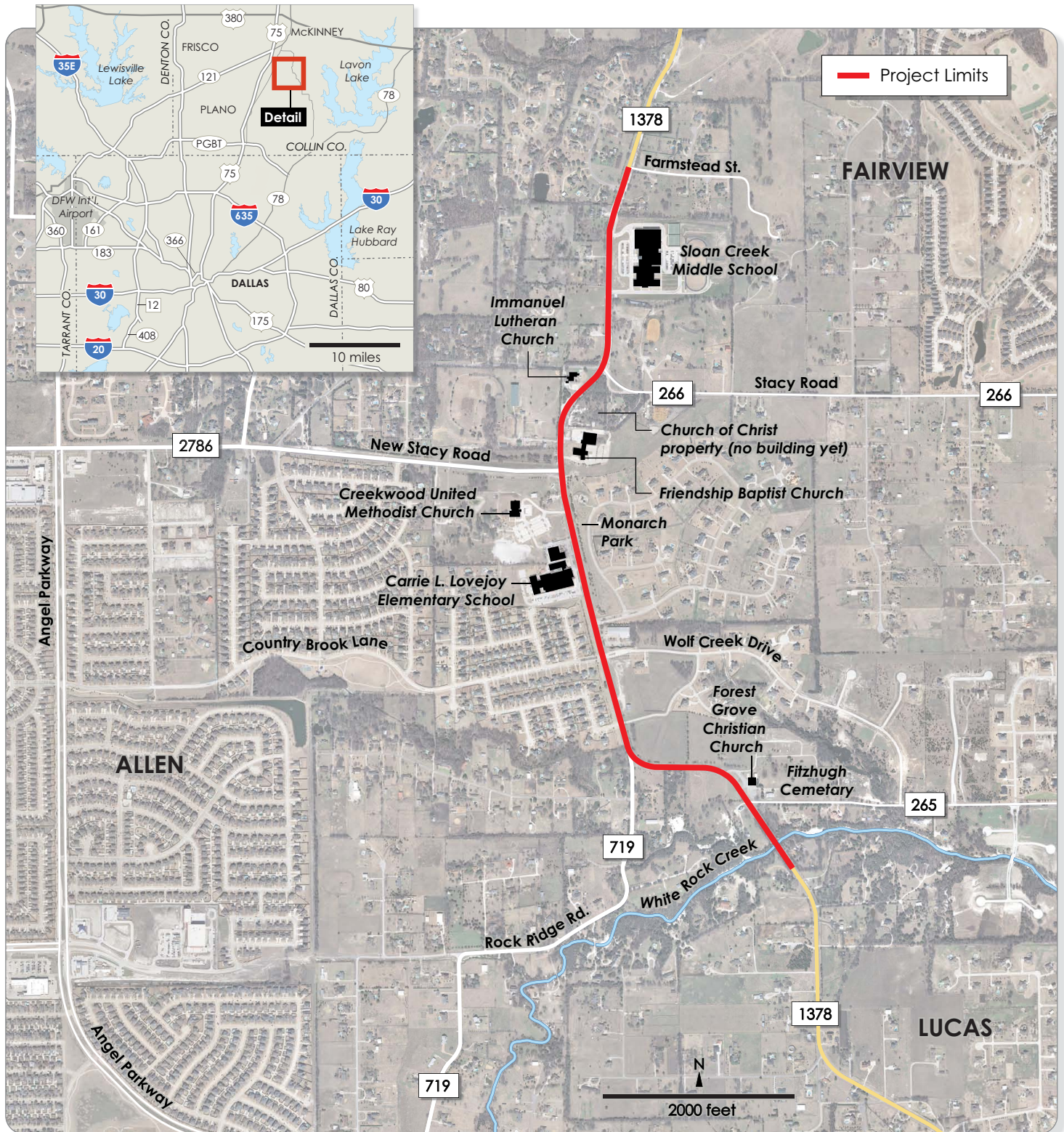
## WORK UNDERWAY/UPCOMING:

- Evaluate public meeting comments and analyze project impacts
- Identify preferred alternative design

## NEXT MILESTONES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

- Sep 2011 – Select preferred alternative design
  - Begin schematic
  - Begin environmental documentation process
- Summer 2012 – Public Hearing
- Fall 2012 – Environmental clearance received
  - Begin right-of-way acquisition
  - Begin design of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E)
- Late 2014 – Construction start
- 2016 – Construction complete





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