

## Notice of Public Meeting Farm-to-Market (FM) 1385 from United States Highway (US) 380 to FM 455 CSJ: 1315-01-030 Denton County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to reconstruct and widen FM 1385 from US 380 to FM 455 in Denton County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting with an in-person option to provide an update on the proposed project. The same information will be available at both the in-person and virtual meetings.

Virtual Meeting Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. through Friday, July 1, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385 In-Person Meeting Thursday, June 16, 2022, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Grace Chapel 14632 Fishtrap Road, Aubrey, TX 76227

The virtual meeting can be viewed beginning Thursday, June 16, 2022, starting at 5:30 p.m. through Friday, July 1, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. CT. The virtual public meeting materials will be posted to the project website at <u>www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385</u> and will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation that includes both audio and video components, along with other exhibits. **The virtual public meeting is not a live event.** If you do not have internet access, you may call (940) 323-1811 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. **Please note the materials will not be available until Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.** 

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. The in-person meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be an open house format where the public may come and go at their convenience. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the virtual public meeting, which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, and leave written comments. Staff will be available to answer questions and take comments.

The proposed project would include construction of a six-lane divided urban roadway from US 380 to Mustang Road and a four-lane interim (six-lane ultimate) divided urban roadway from Mustang Road to FM 455 with sidewalks/shared use paths. A new location realignment of the central portion of FM 1385 at Mustang Road is proposed to directly connect FM 1385 to the north and south without requiring vehicles to travel along the Mustang Road portion of the existing FM 1385. Additionally, a new-location realignment of the southern portion of FM 1385 at Gee Road/Fishtrap Road is also proposed. This would flatten out the existing "S" curve at Gee Road/Fishtrap Road and improve mobility along FM 423 at the intersection with FM 1385.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require approximately 124.41 acres of new right of way and potentially displace two residences, one billboard, one utility, and one commercial structure. All right of way acquisition would be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended. 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 Dallas District office by calling (214) 320-6675 or by visiting the project website at <a href="https://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385">www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385</a>.

The proposed project will be evaluated for impacts to properties protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1996. No publicly owned parks or land, wildlife or waterfowl refuges, or historic sites protected by Section 4(f) are known to occur adjacent to the FM 1385 project area. However, once designs are finalized, further analysis will be completed to document compliance with this regulation. A noise analysis is complete and sound barriers are proposed at various locations.

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 online at <u>www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385</u>. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public meeting 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 meeting or inperson option, please contact the TxDOT Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480 no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and 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, c/o Kareem Doucette, P.E., 4777 E. U.S. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 or by email to <u>Kareem.Doucette@txdot.gov</u>. Verbal comments may be submitted by leaving a voicemail at (833) 933-0431. **All comments must be received on or before Friday, July 1, 2022, to be included as part of the official public meeting record.** Responses to comments received will be available online at <u>www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385</u> once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, the virtual public meeting, or in-person option, please contact the TxDOT Project Manager, Kareem Doucette, P.E., at (940) 323-1811 or by email at <u>Kareem.Doucette@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 Dec. 9,2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.