

Notice

Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review and

Public Hearing

Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 1461 (Frontier Parkway) From State Highway (SH) 289 To County Road (CR) 123 CSJs: 1973-01-015 and 1392-03-012 Collin County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, in conjunction with Collin County and the cities of Celina, McKinney, and Prosper, are proposing to widen FM 1461 from SH 289 to CR 123 in Collin County, Texas. Pursuant to the Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, § 2,107 and § 2,108, this notice informs the public that a preliminary environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will conduct a public hearing about the proposed project. **The hearing will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at Rhea's Mill Baptist Church at 5733 North Custer Road, McKinney, Texas 75071.** Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comments on the proposed project.

The FM 1461 proposed improvements would consist of the reconstruction and widening of FM 1461 from SH 289 to CR 123 within the cities of Celina, McKinney, and Proposer in Collin County, Texas, a distance of approximately 7.10 miles. Proposed improvements would involve the expansion from a two-lane 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 future the ultimate six-lane facility, and sidewalks located along both the eastbound and westbound lanes. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width is approximately 90 feet wide. The proposed ROW is anticipated to be approximately 172 feet and would require approximately 58 acres of new ROW. No residential or non-residential displacements are anticipated. ROW acquisition would be conducted in accordance with the Federal Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policy Act of 1970. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition may be obtained from the district office at the address listed below.

Portions of the proposed project area and construction work would occur in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated 100-year floodplains adjacent to the project. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current FHWA and TxDOT design policies.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and online at <u>www.keepitmovingdallas.com</u> under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting. This information also will be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing or submitted in person or by mail to Ms. Marlena Kelly, P.E. at 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150. **Comments must be received on or before Friday, August 2, 2019 to be part of the official hearing record.**

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing 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 hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Ms. Marlena Kelly, P.E. at (214) 320-4426 or 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 FHWA and TxDOT.

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