

TxDOT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



Farm-to-Market Road 3549 (FM 3549)
From: Interstate Highway 30 (IH 30)
To: North of State Highway 66 (SH 66)
CSJ: 1015-01-023

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in conjunction with Rockwall County, will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at the Eastridge Church of Christ, 670 N. Stodghill Rd., Rockwall, Texas 75087. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements for FM 3549 from IH 30 to north of SH 66 in the cities of Fate and Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, and to receive public comment. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The existing facility consists of one 11-foot wide travel lane in each direction with no shoulders. A left-turn lane is currently provided at the Eastridge Church of Christ and Airport Road. The existing typical right-of-way (ROW) width is 80 feet.

The proposed project would widen this section of FM 3549 from two to four lanes with one 12-foot wide travel lane; one 14-foot wide outside lane to accommodate bicycles; one-foot wide inside and two-foot outside offsets to a concrete curb; and five-foot wide sidewalks in each direction separated by an 18-foot wide raised median. The median would accommodate additional left-turn lanes which would be provided at select intersections. The proposed typical ROW width would be 120 feet. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide capacity for ongoing suburbanization, improve the efficiency of FM 3549, and to eliminate safety issues created by a lack of left-turn lanes. The proposed improvements would require approximately 4.322 acres of additional ROW, 0.553 acre for a drainage easement, and 0.172 acre for a construction easement. The proposed project would displace one residence and a barn. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction may be obtained from the TxDOT Dallas District Office. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

Maps showing the project location and design, environmental document, and other information relevant to 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 the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East Highway 80 Mesquite, Texas 75150, and online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting. This information will also be available for inspection at the hearing.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and may be presented for a period of 10 calendar days following the hearing. Written comments may be submitted either in person or by mail to the TxDOT District Office, Mr. Jim Dobbins, 4777 East Highway 80 Mesquite, Texas 75150. All comments must be received or postmarked on or before Monday, February 1, 2016 in order to become part of the official hearing record.

The Public Hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-6100. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Ms. Nancy Peron, P.E. at (214) 320-6245.

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.