



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Improvements to FM 545

From FM 2933 to BS-78D

Collin County

CSJ: 1012-02-030

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Meeting for the purpose of soliciting public comments on the proposed roadway improvements to Farm to Market Road (FM) 545 in the cities of Melissa and Blue Ridge in Collin County, Texas. **The meeting will be held on, October 26, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the First Melissa Church, 2101 E. Melissa Road, Melissa, Texas 75454.** Maps and displays will be available for viewing during the meeting, and representatives from TxDOT, Collin County, City of Melissa, City of Blue Ridge, and project staff will be available to answer questions about the proposed project. The meeting will be conducted in an open house format with no formal presentation.

The proposed project limits extend from FM 2933 to Business State Highway 78 (BS – 78D) in Collin County for a total distance of 9.09 miles; however, 1.69 miles of this roadway within these limits will exclude previously reconstructed roadway and bridge replacements including Sister Grove Creek and Pilot Grove Creek. The total construction length for this project will be approximately 7.40 miles. The existing FM 545 roadway consists of a two-lane, undivided roadway with 11-foot wide travel lanes with one foot shoulders. The proposed project will have two, 12-foot travel lanes with 10-foot shoulders, and most of the sharp curves will be realigned. The FM 545 existing roadway section will be resurfaced from Pecan Street to BS-78D in Blue Ridge. The existing roadway right-of-way width varies from approximately 80 feet to 120 feet and the proposed roadway right-of-way width footprint will increase to approximately 132 feet. The proposed project will require approximately 50 acres of new right-of-way and an estimated 4.40 acres of permanent easements. The additional right-of-way and easements will be required to construct the proposed roadway improvements.

Maps showing the project location and draft schematic design will be available for viewing at the public meeting. This notice and a map with directions to the meeting location will be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting. Maps depicting the proposed project's location and preliminary geometric design will also be on file and available for public inspection 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 TxDOT Collin County Area Office (2205 South SH 5, McKinney, Texas 75069).

All interested persons are invited to attend the public meeting to obtain information about the proposed project and express their views. Written comments from the public are requested and may be submitted at the meeting, by mail, or emailed for a period of 15 calendar days following the meeting to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention: Ms. Marlena Kelly, P.E., 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150, marlena.kelly@txdot.gov. All written comments must be received or postmarked on or before **Friday, November 10, 2017** to be part of the public meeting record.

The meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480 at least two working days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, please contact the TxDOT Project Manager, Ms. Marlena Kelly, P.E., at (214) 320-4426 or by e-mail at marlena.kelly@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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.