



FM 1387

Public Meeting Script

SLIDE 1 – Welcome Slide

Hello and welcome to the public meeting for FARM TO MARKET ROAD (FM) 1387 from North Midlothian Parkway to FM 664. This public meeting has been convened by the Texas Department of Transportation and is being held to receive and consider comments from the public.

We appreciate your interest in this project and thank you for your participation.

Please note, you may pause this presentation at any point to allow more time to review the information.

SLIDE 2 – End the Streak

November 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. That means for over 22 years, at least one person has died every single day. We all have a part to play to change that. This message is that reminder – to End the Streak of deaths on Texas highways. We need drivers and passengers to act more responsibly and help us reach our goal of zero deaths by 2050. Texans can play a major role in ending fatal crashes with a few simple driving habits: wear seatbelts, drive the speed limit, put away the phone and other distractions, and never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. So please do your part and share this message with your friends and family.

SLIDE 3 – Public Meeting Purpose

You may have attended previous public meetings conducted by TxDOT. However, for the benefit of those of you who have never attended one, we will explain why and how the Department conducts a public meeting.

A public meeting has four essential purposes:

1. To inform the public of the status of planning efforts on the project and present the recommendations based on technical analysis performed to date.
2. To describe the project to the public including known and potential project impacts to the human and natural environment.
3. To provide the public an opportunity to view information and express their ideas .
4. And finally, to develop a record of public views and participation to accompany recommendations for subsequent decisions.

This public meeting is being held in compliance with both federal and state laws.

Following this meeting, the Department will proceed with the preparation of the environmental study. Your statements and comments will be addressed in this document and will be given full consideration in the preparation of the final recommendation and design for the FM 1387 project.



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SLIDE 4 – Viewing Project Information

The design schematic for the FM 1387 project are available for inspection and reproduction at the TxDOT Dallas District Office, located at 4777 East US Highway 80 in Mesquite, Texas 75150. In addition, the design schematic and other project information for FM 1387 may be viewed at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1387. The information on this website is the same information being shown in this presentation.

Slide 5 – Project Area

The FM 1387 project limits are from North Midlothian Parkway east to FM 664 (also known as Ovilla Road). The total project length is approximately 5.8 miles and is located in Ellis County, Texas. The project is located within the cities of Midlothian and Waxahachie. The alignment being shown on the screen is the locally preferred alignment.

SLIDE 6 – Project Details

This public meeting will cover current TxDOT efforts regarding proposed improvements to FM 1387. These improvements would reconstruct the route and include widening the existing two-lane rural roadway to a four-lane urban roadway (ultimately six-lanes) including intersection improvements, shared use path for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, and sidewalks.

SLIDE 7 – Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide improvements to increase mobility, improve connectivity and to meet safety design standards.

The proposed project is needed to reduce traffic congestion, improve connectivity and enhance safety of vehicles and pedestrians, and to address current design standards.

SLIDE 8 – Existing Typical Section

The existing FM 1387 facility mostly consists of two undivided 12-foot-wide lanes and 2-foot-wide shoulders. Within the project limit, FM 1387 is intersected by four major roads including North Midlothian Parkway, Walnut Grove Road, Longbranch Road, FM 664, and other minor collectors and local roads. Existing right of way width within the corridor varies between 80 and 100 feet.



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SLIDE 9 – Proposed Typical Section

The proposed project would include the expansion of the current 2-lane rural roadway to an interim 4-lane urban roadway with a raised median to provide additional capacity, improve safety and accommodate for a future lane in each direction for an ultimate 6-lane roadway.

The interim improvements would consist of two lanes in each direction and the ultimate configuration would consist of three lanes in each direction. Lane widths would vary from 11-foot to 12-foot wide depending on ROW restrictions, a 10-foot shared use path in the westbound direction, a 5-foot sidewalk in the eastbound direction, and intersection improvements, with turn lanes where applicable, at side and cross streets.

The typical proposed right of way would be approximately 140 feet wide, with the minimum and maximum ROW width ranging from 120 feet to 300 feet, respectively.

SLIDE 10 – Right of Way

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require approximately 58 acres of new ROW on both sides of FM 1387 and potentially displace ten residences along the FM 1387 corridor, west of Walnut Grove Road.

Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. 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. Brochures, including two booklets titled “The Purchase of Right of Way,” and “Relocation Assistance,” are also available on the project website. These booklets contain detailed information to inform you of your rights and provide information about the TxDOT right-of-way acquisition process.

SLIDE 11 – Projected Cost and Schedule

The proposed project is anticipated to be Ready to Let by Summer 2027. “Letting” is when TxDOT notifies the construction community that a project is ready to be bid on. Construction on a project begins after the letting process is complete. The estimated construction cost for the project is approximately \$102 million. Partial funding has been identified and the costs are subject to change. The project cannot be let until full funding has been identified; however, right of way acquisition can proceed even if the project is not funded for construction.

This concludes the project information and design portion of the presentation. The next few slides will provide an overview of the environmental evaluation for the proposed FM 1387 project from North Midlothian Parkway to FM 664.



SLIDE 12 – NEPA Assignment to the TxDOT

Prior to December 16, 2014, the Federal Highway Administration, or FHWA, reviewed and approved documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act, known as NEPA; however, on December 16, 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation assumed responsibility from FHWA through a Memorandum of Understanding to review and approve certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. This Memorandum of Understanding between TxDOT and FHWA was updated on December 9, 2019. The review and approval process applies to this project.

Environmental studies will begin later this year to support an environmental clearance in accordance with NEPA. These environmental analyses are necessary to identify, avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to the human and natural environment.

Notices for this public meeting were advertised in *The Dallas Morning News*, *Midlothian Mirror*, *Waxahachie Daily Light*, and *Al Dia* and on www.keepitmovingdallas.com under “Public Hearings and Meetings.” The TxDOT Public Information Office also prepared a news media release to advertise the public meeting. The TxDOT roadway design schematics are available on the project website at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1387.

SLIDE 13 – Environmental Constraints

The project Environmental Constraints Map is used to help planners and engineers determine the least impactful method to fulfill the purpose of the project. Some environmental constraints along the corridor include residential structures, businesses, parks, streams, schools, a fire station, floodplains, wetlands, historical markers, and more. Environmental studies will begin later this year. This map can be viewed at full size on the project website.

SLIDE 14 – Project Timeline

The project timeline is shown on the screen and can also be viewed on the project website. Following this public meeting, the project design will be refined per public input. After further schematic design development and environmental studies, a public hearing is anticipated to be held in Winter 2024 and environmental clearance is expected in Summer 2024. The project is anticipated to be ready to let in Summer 2027, contingent on funding.

This concludes the environmental evaluation portion of the presentation.



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SLIDE 15 – We Request Your Feedback

Comments will be accepted in a variety of ways as listed on the screen.

Comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, April 14, 2023, to be included in the official public meeting record.

Following this public meeting, the study team will proceed with the preparation of the schematic design and environmental analysis and documentation. Your comments will be addressed in this document and will be given full consideration in the preparation of the final recommendations and design for FM 1387 from North Midlothian Parkway to FM 664.

SLIDE 16 – Thank You

We sincerely appreciate your participation and interest concerning proposed improvements to FM 1387. Your questions, comments, and concerns will receive careful consideration.

Thank you, this concludes the presentation.