



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Interstate 35E (IH 35E) Widening From US 77 South of Waxahachie to US 77 North of Waxahachie CSJ: 0048-04-079**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at the Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane, Waxahachie, TX 75165. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements for Interstate 35E (IH 35E) from United States Highway (US) 77 south of Waxahachie to US 77 north of Waxahachie in Ellis County and to receive public comment. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:00pm with the formal hearing commencing at 7:00pm.

The proposed IH 35E project consists of an 11-mile long segment from US 77 south of Waxahachie to US 77 north of Waxahachie within the cities of Waxahachie and Red Oak, Ellis County, Texas. The proposed project would reconstruct and widen the IH 35E mainlanes from the existing four-lane facility to a six-lane facility. The existing facility consists of two travel lanes in each direction with four-foot wide inside shoulders, 10-foot wide outside shoulders, and a 32-foot wide center median. All proposed construction would occur within the existing right-of-way (ROW), which varies from 300 to 590 feet. No new ROW or easements (temporary or permanent) would be required. Seven bridge replacements within the limits of the project are proposed. Frontage road construction/reconstruction is not planned as part of the proposed project.

Maps and other drawings showing the proposed project's location and design will be displayed at the Public Hearing. Environmental documentation for the project will also be available for inspection at the hearing. Other information about the proposed project is on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 and the TxDOT Ellis County Area Office located at 124 FM 876, Waxahachie, TX 75167. This information will also be available online at [www.keepitmovingdallas.com](http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com) under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and may be submitted for a period of 10 calendar days following the hearing. Written comments may be submitted either in person, or by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Mr. Jim Dobbins, 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150. All written comments must be postmarked on or before Friday, June 5, 2015 to be included in the official public 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 working 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 Mr. Nelson Underwood, P.E. at (214) 320-6628.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project area 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.