



# Loop 9, Segment A from US 67 to IH 35E

## Public Meeting Script

### **SLIDE 1 – Welcome Slide**

The Texas Department of Transportation, or TxDOT, welcomes you to the Loop 9, Segment A, from US 67 to IH 35E, public meeting. We appreciate your interest in the project and thank you for your participation. Please note, for the virtual public meeting you can pause this presentation at any point to allow more time to view the slides or get a more detailed view of study information and other exhibits on the website.

### **SLIDE 2 – Public Meeting Purpose**

This public meeting has been convened by TxDOT and is being held to receive and consider comments regarding the Loop 9, Segment A project. This public meeting has four essential purposes:

- To inform the public of the project status and to present alternatives and modifications.
- To describe the project so the public can determine how they may be affected.
- To offer the public an opportunity to provide input.
- And finally, to develop a record of public participation.

This public meeting is being held in compliance with both federal and state laws. Documentation of this meeting will be made available for the official record.

### **SLIDE 3 – Project Purpose and Need**

The Loop 9, Segment A project is needed because the current roadway system does not adequately support the transportation demand, system linkages and connectivity of existing roadways that is needed as a result of projected population growth.

The purpose of the proposed Loop 9 project is to develop a facility that would help address transportation demand and system linkage within the study area by providing a direct link from IH 35E to US 67 that would serve the residents and businesses in the area.

### **SLIDE 4 – Project History Timeline**

Loop 9 has been identified in transportation plans for a number of years. Changes in demographics, forecasted traffic growth, and potential to connect to other major facilities have driven the need to reevaluate the overall concept of Loop 9 throughout the years.

In May of 2019, TxDOT Dallas District issued a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS, for the proposed Loop 9, Segment A project.

### **SLIDE 5 – Project Description**

The Loop 9, Segment A project includes the construction of a six-lane new location frontage road system between US 67 and IH 35E through Dallas and Ellis counties, Texas, and is approximately 9.4 miles in length.

A larger version of this location map is available online as a downloadable handout.

## **SLIDE 6 – Project Alternatives and Modifications**

TxDOT is considering four alternatives between Tar Road and east of S. Joe Wilson Road as shown on the screen. Please see the project website for more information on each Alternative.

Additionally, as a result of prior public and stakeholder comments, four modifications are also being evaluated and presented at this public meeting.

## **SLIDE 7 – Alternatives 1-4**

This slide shows the four alternatives being considered between Tar Road and east of S. Joe Wilson Road.

## **SLIDE 8 – Modifications A & B**

Modifications A and B to the Common Alignment were developed to reduce potential residential impacts at Lindell Estates. From 2003 to 2017, no new homes had been built within the proposed right of way. However, since 2017, approximately 16 new homes have been constructed within the right of way. Additionally, multiple homes and plots in other areas of Lindell Estates have been built out as a result of influences outside of TxDOT's control.

## **SLIDE 9 – Modification C**

Modification C was developed to optimize the intersection with S. Westmoreland Road and reduce potential residential impacts to homes on Shady Meadows Lane.

## **SLIDE 10 – Modification D**

Modification D was developed along Alternative 3 to reduce potential residential and environmental impacts near Knight Rd.

## **SLIDE 11 – Typical Sections**

The new location frontage road system would include an eastbound and westbound frontage road facility, each consisting of three 12-foot lanes, an 8-foot inside shoulder, and an 8-foot outside shoulder for bicycle accommodations within the rural section of the proposed roadway. The proposed project right of way would include a median wide enough to accommodate the future construction of an ultimate access-controlled mainlane facility.

The frontage roads would likely be constructed in two phases based on traffic needs and project funding.

All right of way acquisition would be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies of 1970, as amended.

Please see the project website for more information on construction phasing.

## **SLIDE 12 – Criteria Evaluated during the EIS Process**

This slide shows the list of environmental constraints evaluated during the EIS process.

## **SLIDE 13 – Environmental Constraints Map**

The map on this slide illustrates the location of the environmental constraints collected to date and overlaid on the proposed alternatives and alignment modifications presented at this Public Meeting.

A full-size map is available on the project website.

#### **SLIDE 14 – Next Steps: Process Timeline**

The project development process follows the steps shown on this slide. Following this public meeting, design schematics and the Draft EIS will be completed and a public hearing will be held to present the preferred alternative. After the public hearing, a Final EIS and Record of Decision will be prepared requesting environmental clearance of the project. Once the project is environmentally cleared, right of way acquisition will begin. The anticipated ready to let date for construction is Spring 2027.

The project is currently unfunded and cannot be let until funding is identified.

#### **SLIDE 15 – How to Submit Your Comments**

Following this Public Meeting, TxDOT will continue to evaluate the proposed alternatives and modifications. Your comments will be considered and will be responded to in the Documentation of Public Meeting Report.

Comments will be accepted in several ways. You may fill out an online comment form, submit a written comment via email to [Liang.Ding@txdot.gov](mailto:Liang.Ding@txdot.gov), or submit a written comment via U.S. mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention Liang Ding, P.E., 4777 E. U.S. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150.

Comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, March 18, 2022, to be included as part of the official public meeting record. Comments received by March 18th will be addressed in the Documentation of Public Meeting Report and posted to the project website.

For more information, please contact Liang Ding, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager at [Liang.Ding@txdot.gov](mailto:Liang.Ding@txdot.gov).

#### **SLIDE 16 – Thank You**

We sincerely appreciate your participation and interest concerning the proposed Loop 9, Segment A project in Dallas and Ellis counties, TX. Your questions, comments and concerns will receive careful consideration. Thank you, this concludes the presentation.