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SLIDE 1 – Welcome Slide

The Texas Department of Transportation, or TxDOT, welcomes you to the Loop 12 virtual 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 project information and other exhibits on the website.

SLIDE 2 – Virtual Public Meeting Purpose

This virtual public meeting has been convened by TxDOT and is being held to receive and consider comments from the public regarding the Loop 12 Project.

You may have attended previous public meetings conducted by TxDOT. However, for the benefit of those who have never attended one, I 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 to present the recommendations based on studies performed to date.
2. To describe the project to the public including known potential project impacts to the human and natural environment.
3. To provide the public an opportunity to view information and express their ideas and concerns at this stage in the planning process while the ability to respond to comments is still flexible and before location and design decisions are finalized.
4. And finally, to develop a record of public views and participation to accompany recommendations for subsequent decisions.

This virtual 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.



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SLIDE 3 – Viewing Design Schematic and Project Information

I will now explain the design aspects of the Loop 12 Project. The design schematic for the alternative under consideration and other information for the Project may be viewed at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/Loop12. The information on this website is the same information being shown in this presentation.

SLIDE 4 – Project Location

The proposed project includes the reconstruction and widening of Loop 12 from Spur 408 to south of SH 183 within the cities of Irving and Dallas, in Dallas County. Within the project limits, the existing Loop 12 intersects Union Bower Boulevard, SH 356, Shady Grove Road, Singleton Boulevard, I-30, SH 180 (Davis Street), Jefferson Boulevard, Keeneland Parkway, and Spur 408 (Patriot Parkway), with a total project length of approximately 10 miles. A larger more detailed version of this location map is also available online.

SLIDE 5 – Project Purpose & Need

Loop 12 is a major highway serving the Dallas Metropolitan Area that is located within an area that is experiencing rapid growth. Loop 12 is anticipated to continue providing improved north-south mobility and connectivity in the future. The project is needed because Loop 12 between Spur 408 and south of SH 183:

- a. does not meet current and future traffic volumes, resulting in congestion and reduced mobility, and
- b. does not meet minimum design standards for travel lane widths, horizontal and vertical geometry.

The purpose of the proposed project is to construct a facility following current roadway design standards that improves mobility and meets anticipated traffic demand.

SLIDE 6 – Existing Roadway Typical Sections

Within the project limits, the existing Loop 12 intersects with Union Bower Boulevard, SH 356, Shady Grove Road, Singleton Boulevard, I-30, SH 180 (Davis Street), Jefferson Boulevard, Keeneland Parkway, and Spur 408 (Patriot Parkway).



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The existing Loop 12 facility between Spur 408 and SH 356 consists of eight 12-foot wide lanes with 10-foot wide shoulders. Loop 12 between SH 356 and SH 183 consists of six 12-foot wide lanes with 10-foot wide shoulders. Within project limits, there are two 12-foot wide discontinuous frontage road lanes in each direction. There are no continuous dedicated accommodations for pedestrians or bicyclists along the existing facility.

SLIDE 7 – Proposed Roadway Typical Section

The proposed improvements would consist of the reconstruction of Loop 12 to a minimum of six and maximum of eight 12-foot wide general purpose lanes with 10-foot wide shoulders between Spur 408 and south of SH 183. Six general purpose main lanes are proposed between Davis Street and Shady Grove Road and eight general purpose main lanes between Spur 408 and Davis Street and between Shady Grove Road and south of SH 183. The proposed project would also include the addition of two 12-foot wide reversible managed lanes, and reconstruction of the discontinuous frontage roads to continuous frontage roads between Spur 408 and south of SH 183. The frontage roads would be reconstructed to include a minimum of two to a maximum of three 12-foot wide lanes in each direction. Other improvements consist of the addition of a 10-foot wide shared-use path for bicyclists and pedestrians along the northbound frontage road. There would be a buffer between the shared-use path and the frontage roads. Sidewalk improvements would occur along the southbound frontage road. Other pedestrian and bicycle improvements include sidewalks and bicycle paths at street crossings. The proposed project would also include the reconstruction of the Loop 12 and I-30 interchange.

SLIDE 8 – Project Description (cont.)

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SLIDE 9 – Projected Cost and Schedule

The Loop 12 Project's anticipated Ready to Let Date is in 2026. "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 total estimated project cost for the project is approximately \$980 million. The project is currently unfunded.

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 Loop 12 Project.

SLIDE 10 – National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Assignment to the Texas Department of Transportation

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 apply to this project.

Environmental studies are being conducted for the proposed Loop 12 Project to support an environmental clearance in accordance with NEPA. These environmental analyses are necessary to identify, avoid, and minimize effects to the Human and Natural Environments.

The technical environmental documentation will be approved for further processing by TxDOT and would be coordinated with other public agencies. Notices for this public meeting were advertised in *The Dallas Morning News*, *The Rambler*, and *Al Día*, on the TxDOT.gov website under "Hearings and Meetings Schedule" 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/Loop12.



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SLIDE 11 – Environmental Constraints Map

The project Environmental Constraints Map is used to help planners and engineers determine the least impactful method to fulfill the purpose of the project. The full map can be viewed on the project website. In the case of Loop 12, some of the major known constraints include the Dallas Levee, Escarpment Greenbelt Park, the West Fork Trinity River, the UPRR railroad crossing, the Trinity Railway Express crossing, and crossings of the 100-year floodplain. Environmental studies for this project are ongoing.

SLIDE 12 – Environmental Review – Right-of-Way

The proposed project would require approximately 2.39 acres of additional ROW. 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 titled “The Purchase of Right of Way,” and “Relocation Assistance,” are available on the project website and will be available in hardcopy at the in-person meeting. These materials contain detailed information to inform you of your rights and to provide information about the TxDOT right-of-way acquisition process.

SLIDE 13 – Project Timeline

The public comment period for the proposed project ends on Friday, May 20, 2022. Following this public meeting, the project schematic plans will be refined per public input, environmental studies will be developed, and additional public involvement will be held. If there are no major issues from the environmental analysis that cannot be addressed in a reasonable time frame, final environmental clearance is expected in Summer 2023.

The project has an anticipated Ready to Let Date of 2026. Construction would begin once the project is let. The project cannot be let until funding has been identified.

SLIDE 14 – We Request Your Feedback

As mentioned earlier, comments will be accepted in five ways, which are outlined here. All comments will be fully considered and responded to in the project record and made part of the final environmental



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document for this proposed project. This document will then be made available for public review online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/Loop12.

All statements, comments and questions will be given careful consideration before final design features are determined. As a reminder, all comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, May 20, 2022, to be included in the official public meeting documentation.

SLIDE 15 – “Thank You”

We sincerely appreciate your participation and interest concerning the proposed design of the Loop 12 Project.

Thank you, this concludes the presentation.