

PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT
US 380 PROSPER/FRISCO WIDENING PROJECT
FROM TEEL PARKWAY/CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVE TO WEST OF LAKEWOOD DRIVE
COLLIN AND DENTON COUNTIES
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SLIDE 1 – Title Slide

Hello and welcome to the Public Hearing for the US 380 Prosper/Frisco Widening Project. This hearing has been convened by the Texas Department of Transportation and is being held to receive and consider comments from the public. 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 and 4,480 people lost their lives in 2021. That's a streak we want to break. Help TxDOT End the Streak of roadway fatalities by buckling up, driving the speed limit, putting down your phone and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

SLIDE 3 – Travis Campbell, P.E. Welcome Video

Howdy, I'm Travis Campbell, Director of Transportation Planning and Development for the TxDOT Dallas district. Thank you for joining us as we conduct this virtual public event.

Understanding how our projects impact communities is important to TxDOT. The following presentation will provide instruction on how you can connect with us and provide vital input about this project. We will continue to work closely with stakeholders, communities and the public as we move forward. Thank you for your time and interest in improving our transportation system and we look forward to receiving your comments.

SLIDE 4 – Public Hearing Purpose and Public Hearing Protocol

You may have attended previous public hearings conducted by TxDOT. Due to changes in TxDOT public involvement protocols, we will not have a live speech or take comments from the floor at this public hearing. In lieu of a live speech, we are showing this pre-recorded presentation. Verbal comments will still be accepted on our voicemail line.

For the benefit of those who have never participated before, we will explain why the Department conducts a public hearing.

A public hearing has four essential purposes:

1. Inform the public of the status of planning on the project and present the recommendations based on studies performed to date.
2. Describe the project so those attending can determine the project's potential to affect their lives and property.
3. Provide the public an opportunity to see information and express their views.
4. And finally, to develop a record of public views and participation to accompany recommendations for subsequent decisions.

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

Following this hearing, the Department will proceed with the preparation of the final environmental documentation. 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 US 380 Prosper/Frisco Widening Project.

SLIDE 5 – Viewing the Project Information

The design schematic and environmental documentation for the US 380 Prosper/Frisco Widening Project are available for inspection and reproduction at the Texas Department of Transportation Dallas District Office, located at 4777 East US Highway 80 in Mesquite, 75150, and at the TxDOT Denton County Area Office, located at 2624 W. Prairie, Denton, Texas 76201. In addition, the design schematic may be viewed at <http://www.KeepItMovingDallas.com/US380ProsperFriscoWidening>. The information on this website is the same information being shown in this presentation.

SLIDE 6 – Project Location

TxDOT is proposing to reconstruct 5.9 miles of US 380 from Teel Parkway/Championship Drive in Denton County to west of Lakewood Drive in Collin County.

SLIDE 7 – Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed project is to manage congestion and improve east-west mobility and safety and to accommodate future traffic demand by adding capacity.

The proposed action is needed because population growth within Denton and Collin Counties has caused increases in current and forecasted traffic volumes that exceed the capacity of US 380 between Teel Parkway/Championship Drive and Lakewood Drive,

leading to increased congestion, reduced mobility, and higher crash rates compared to other similar roadways in the region.

SLIDE 8 – Existing Facility

Currently, US 380 from Teel Parkway/Championship Drive to Mahard Parkway in Denton County is under construction. Once the construction is completed, the existing US 380 roadway within the proposed project limits will be a six-lane divided roadway with a raised center median, two-foot wide inside and outside shoulders, and curb and gutter. Beginning just west of the intersection with the Dallas North Tollway, there are also discontinuous two-lane frontage roads until east of SH 289/Preston Road.

SLIDE 9 – Proposed Facility

The proposed project would reconstruct 5.9 miles of US 380 from Teel Parkway/Championship Drive in Denton County to west of Lakewood Drive in Collin County. The roadway passes through the cities of Frisco, Prosper, and McKinney. The proposed ROW width varies from 245 feet wide to 522 feet wide with a typical right-of-way width of 336 feet. The proposed project would require the acquisition of 152 acres of proposed right-of-way and 0.4 acre of permanent easements.

The proposed project would consist of six 12-foot-wide main lanes divided by a depressed median with variable-width inside shoulders and 10-foot-wide outside shoulders. Two to three-lane continuous frontage roads with curb and gutter would be present in both directions with an adjacent 10-foot-wide shared-use path on one or both sides of the roadway.

SLIDE 10 – Project Construction Cost and Schedule

The US 380 Prosper/Frisco Widening Project is anticipated to be Ready to Let by 2026 and will take approximately 3 – 4 **years** to construct. **“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 entire project is approximately **\$890 million**. The project is currently unfunded. A project cannot let until funding is identified.

SLIDE 11 – Review and Approval of Environmental Document

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 to review and approve certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. This agreement was updated on December 9, 2019.

Environmental studies were conducted for the proposed US 380 Prosper/Frisco Widening 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.

Technical environmental documentation was approved for further processing by TxDOT and was coordinated with other public agencies. The TxDOT technical reports are available for your review on the project website and at the TxDOT Dallas District office.

Notices for this public hearing were advertised in the *Prosper Press News*, *McKinney Courier-Gazette*, *Frisco Enterprise*, *The Dallas Morning News*, and *Al Día*, on the

TxDOT.gov website under “Hearings and Meetings Schedule” and on Keepitmovingdallas.com under “Public Hearings and Meetings.” The TxDOT Public Information Office also prepared a news media release to advertise the public hearing.

SLIDE 12 – Environmental Review / Impacts Addressed

The technical documentation for this project addresses the potential environmental impacts identified during the preliminary engineering of the proposed project. These areas of potential impacts included natural, social, and cultural resources. This slide shows a list of all resources that were evaluated during the environmental analyses. The following slides include a summary of those findings.

SLIDE 13 – Environmental Review / Right-of-Way

A total of approximately 152 acres of new right-of-way and 0.4 acre of easement would be required to complete the proposed improvements. The proposed project would not result in residential or non-residential displacements.

No public facilities such as recreational facilities, churches, schools, or cemeteries would be displaced as a result of the construction of the proposed project.

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 TxDOT right-of-way acquisition process.

SLIDE 14 – Environmental Review / Right-of-Way Changes

Please note that minor ROW changes have been made since the draft Environmental Assessment was completed. For more information and to view the full details of the ROW changes, please visit the project website at:

<http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/US380ProsperFriscoWidening>.

SLIDE 15 – Environmental Review / Additional Resources

Floodplains

Portions of the project corridor are situated within FEMA designated 100-year flood hazard areas. These flood hazard areas are associated with Parvin Branch, Rutherford Branch, an unnamed tributary to Panther Creek, and an unnamed tributary to Doe Branch. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current TxDOT policies.

Waters of the U.S./Wetlands

The project area consists of four crossings of three potentially jurisdictional perennial streams, nine potentially jurisdictional intermittent streams, and three potentially jurisdictional ephemeral streams. 8.26 acres of wetlands were identified as potential impacts to waters of the U.S. Impacts would be authorized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under a Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14. A Preconstruction Notification to the Army Corps of Engineers would be required for impacts to wetlands.

Historic Section 4(f)

The proposed project would not result in right-of-way acquisition from a property that is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. TxDOT historians determined the project would have no adverse effects under Section 106, and the State Historic Preservation Office concurred with their findings.

Traffic Noise

A Traffic Noise Analysis was accomplished in accordance with TxDOT's (and FHWA approved) Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise. Based on the analysis, noise barriers were determined to be not reasonable and feasible; therefore, none are proposed for incorporation into the proposed project.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the studies, analyses, and evaluations performed indicate the proposed project would cause no significant environmental impacts.

SLIDE 16 – Project Timeline

The public comment period for the proposed project ends Friday, March 10, 2023. Following this hearing, documentation of this public hearing will be reviewed by TxDOT for final environmental clearance and design approval. If there are no major issues arising from this hearing that cannot be addressed in a reasonable time frame, **final environmental clearance** is expected by Summer 2023.

As mentioned earlier, the project has an anticipated Ready to Let Date of 2026. The project is anticipated to be open to traffic by 2030.

This concludes the environmental evaluation portion of the presentation.

SLIDE 17 – Public Comments

Comments will be accepted in a number of ways as shown on the screen. If you would like to leave a verbal comment, please call the number listed.

Comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, March 10, 2023 to be part of the official public hearing record.

All substantive comments and questions will be fully considered and responded to in the project record and made part of the final environmental document for this proposed project. This document will then be made available for public review and copying at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80 in Mesquite, Texas 75150, and online at the project website.

SLIDE 18 – “Thank You for participating” / The Hearing is now Adjourned

We sincerely appreciate your participation and interest concerning the proposed design of the US 380 Prosper/Frisco Widening Project. Your questions, comments and concerns will receive careful consideration.

Thank you very much.