



TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Spur 557 From Las Lomas Parkway to Farm-to-Market 148 (FM 148) CSJ: 0495-01-060, 0495-01-064, 0495-01-065

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, for the proposed improvements to Spur 557 from County Road 305 (locally known as Las Lomas Parkway) to Farm-to-Market 148 (FM 148) in Kaufman County, Texas.

The purpose of the Hearing is to discuss the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed roadway improvements within this 1.3 mile long section of Spur 557. The Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at the City of Terrell Service Center Training Room located at 400 Industrial Boulevard, Terrell, Texas 75160. Prior to the Public Hearing, an Open House will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions during the Open House. The Public Hearing will begin with a formal presentation at 7:00 p.m., followed by a public comment period.

The proposed project would construct a new frontage road along eastbound Spur 557 with entrance and exit ramps and replace the existing Las Lomas Parkway bridge over Spur 557. Approximately 2,500 feet of Spur 557 main lane would be widened to accommodate the proposed ramps and auxiliary lane between the ramps. The proposed frontage road would consist of one 12-foot-wide inside lane and one 14-foot-wide outside lane for use by both vehicles and bicycles. Curb and gutter with typical curb offsets of two feet would be included, with a 6-foot-wide sidewalk offset from back of curb. Existing culverts would be extended at each stream crossing. The Las Lomas Parkway bridge would be replaced with a new eight-lane divided structure consisting of three travel lanes and one dedicated left turn lane in each direction, curbs, sidewalks, and bridge railing. Inside travel lanes would be 12 feet wide and the outside lane would be 14 feet for use by both vehicles and bicycles. The proposed bridge would be phase constructed prior to demolishing the existing bridge and not require extended closures of the existing bridge facility. The proposed project is needed to provide additional accessibility within the project limits, and to support current and future growth of industrial, commercial and residential developments in the project area. Additional right-of-way (ROW) and other easements are required to accommodate the proposed roadway improvements and drainage. Approximately 3.49 acres of new ROW is required from Las Lomas Parkway to FM 148 along the proposed frontage road. Approximately 1.18 acres of easements are required for construction activities and culvert extensions.

The environmental document, maps, and drawings reflecting the project's location and geometric design will be displayed at the Public Hearing. This and other information about the proposed project is available for public inspection and duplication at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150, the TxDOT Kaufman County Area Office located at 2750 S. Washington, Kaufman, Texas 75142, and the City of Terrell City Hall located at 201 East Nash St., Terrell, Texas 75160. A tentative construction schedule may be obtained at the City of Terrell.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Hearing. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact the TxDOT Dallas District public information officer at (214) 320-6100 at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Hearing. Because the Public Hearing will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Hearing. Every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs will be made.

Written and verbal comments from the public regarding the proposed project may be presented at the Public Hearing. Comments may be presented for a period of 10 days after the Hearing. Written comments can be submitted to:

Tim Wright
TxDOT Dallas District Environmental Specialist
4777 E. US Highway 80
Mesquite, TX 75150-6643

Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before June 20, 2014, in order to be included in the public record. For additional information please contact Stephen Endres, P.E., TxDOT Dallas District, via phone (214) 320-4469, or e-mail: Stephen.Endres@txdot.gov.