

TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

State Highway (SH) 360 from E. Sublett Road/W. Camp Wisdom Road to United States (US) Highway 287 in Tarrant, Ellis and Johnson Counties

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing to present proposed improvements to an approximately 9.2 mile section of State Highway (SH) 360 from E. Sublett Road/W. Camp Wisdom Road to United States (US) Highway 287 in Tarrant, Ellis and Johnson Counties.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the anticipated social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed project. The Hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, October 17th, 2013 at Timberview High School 7700 S. Watson Road, Arlington, Texas 76002**. Prior to the Public Hearing, an Open House will be held from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions during the Open House. The formal Public Hearing presentation will begin at 7:00 PM followed by a public comment period.

The proposed project would transition SH 360 from the existing 4-lane roadway to an 8-lane divided tollway from 1,310 feet north of E. Sublett Road / W. Camp Wisdom Road to Debbie Lane / Ragland Road and then to a 6-lane divided tollway from Debbie Lane / Ragland Road to US 287. The proposed project would also include improvements at the SH 360/US 287 interchange and improvements to US 287 from Lone Star Road to Farm to Market (FM) 661 to transition the proposed interchange to the existing US 287. The proposed project would include the addition of entrance and exit ramps to corridor cross streets as well as bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. Approximately 6.0 acres of right-of-way and/or easements would be required for the proposed project with no displacements or relocations required.

Anticipated impacts to waters of the U.S., including wetlands, include temporary impacts to 1.97 acres (1,754 linear feet) of perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral streams, permanent impacts to 0.78 acre (2,901 linear feet) perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral streams, and permanent impacts to 4.96 acres of wetlands. The proposed project area crosses approximately 124.0 acres of 100-year floodplain and 21.0 acres of 500-year floodplain. Mitigation commitments with the US Corps of Engineers are anticipated for impacts to the waters of the U.S., including wetlands. These commitments would be determined through the Section 404 permitting process. Potential fill within the floodplain areas would be determined during final design and coordinated with the appropriate local floodplain administrators. However, the proposed project would not raise the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations or ordinances.

Although there are prime farmland soils mapped within the existing and proposed right-of-way, as determined through the Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form and evaluation process, the 6.0 acres of additional right-of-way required by the proposed project area scored a total of 48 out of 160 points; therefore, the project is exempt from the Farmland Protection Policy Act and formal coordination with Natural Resource Conservation Services is not necessary. The proposed project would have no impact on any significant publicly owned park, recreation area, wildlife or waterfowl refuge, or historic sites.

The purpose of the proposed project is to add mainlanes to the existing frontage road system in order to provide effective transportation while enhancing mobility within the rapidly developing SH 360 corridor for the growing population in the southern Tarrant, northwest Ellis, and northeast Johnson counties. The proposed project would provide a controlled-access urban tollway that would reduce intersection conflicts with local streets, improve traffic flow for both business and residents, and provide more efficient access to US 287 from SH 360.

The proposed project's environmental document and drawings showing the location and geometric design will be presented at the Public Hearing. Project information will also be available for public inspection and duplication at the **TxDOT Fort Worth District located at 2501 S.W. Loop 820 Fort Worth, Texas 76133** and at the **TxDOT Dallas District located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150** and on-line at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/fort-worth/sh-360.html>. Drawings of the proposed project layout will also be available for public inspection at the City of Arlington, 101 W. Abram Street, Arlington, Texas 76010, the City of

Mansfield, 1200 East Broad Street, Mansfield, Texas 76063 and the City of Grand Prairie, 317 College Street, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact the **TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Officer at (214) 320-4481** at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Meeting. 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 regarding the proposed project may be presented at the Public Hearing. Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before **Monday, October 28th, 2013**. Written comments can be submitted to **Sonja Land, Strategic Project Division Environmental Coordinator, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150**.