



WELCOME!

**Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 740/FM 548
From Interstate Highway I-20 to FM 1641**

**Public Hearing
Thursday, April 16, 2026**

SLIDE 1 – Title Slide

Hello and welcome to the Public Hearing for the FM 740 / FM 548 Improvements Project from I-20 in Mesquite to FM 1641 in Forney within Kaufman County. 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.



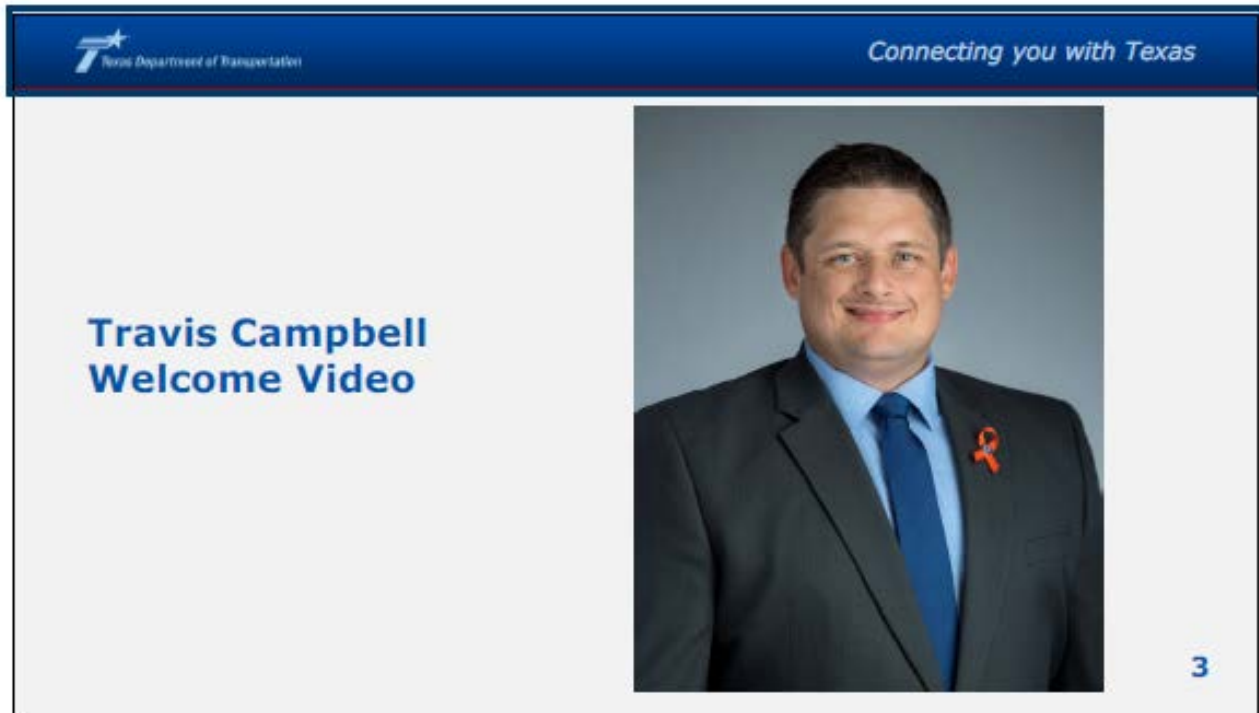
SLIDE 2 – Drive Like a Texan

Drive like a Texan is all about saving lives. It's a reminder for everyone in Texas to treat each other with a little bit of the kindness, respect, and neighborly spirit we're famous for, especially on the road. By showing courtesy and care behind the wheel the same way we would in person, we can make our roads safer for all.

Kind - It's that simple. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Say thanks by giving a small wave, or just a friendly nod.

Courteous - Courtesy isn't just about being polite in person. Show respect by letting others merge, giving plenty of space, and practicing patience on the road. Small actions save lives.

Safe - The most important part of any journey is arriving safely. Not only do you keep yourself safe, but you also help protect every driver, passenger, biker, and pedestrian sharing the road.



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

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.

Public Hearing Purpose

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

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SLIDE 4 – Public Hearing Purpose

You may have attended previous public hearings conducted by TxDOT. 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:

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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 FM 740 / FM 548 Improvements Project.

Viewing the Project Information

- www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/fm-roads/FM740FM548

Direct link to the project website.

- <https://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/>

Under "Public Hearings/Meetings".



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SLIDE 5 – Viewing the Project Information

The design schematic and environmental documentation for the FM 740 / FM 548 Improvements 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. In addition, the TxDOT technical reports and the design schematic may be viewed at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/fm-roads/FM740FM548. The information on this website is the same information being shown in this presentation.

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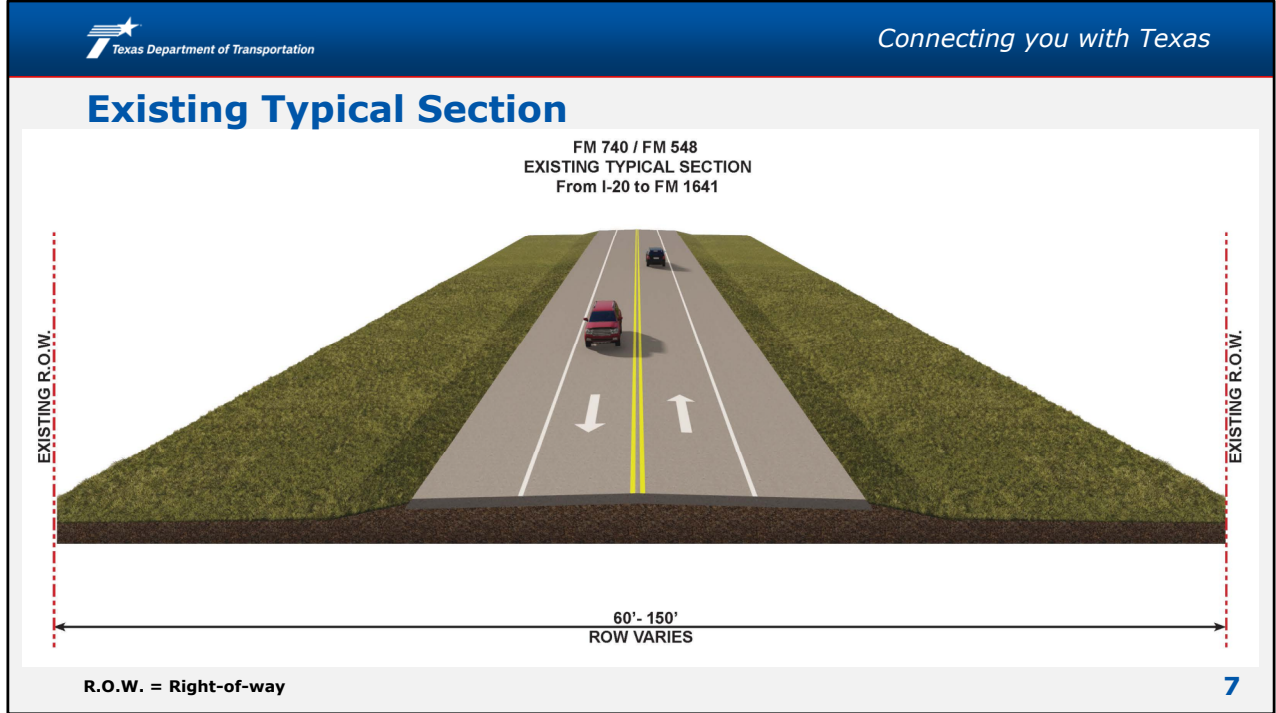
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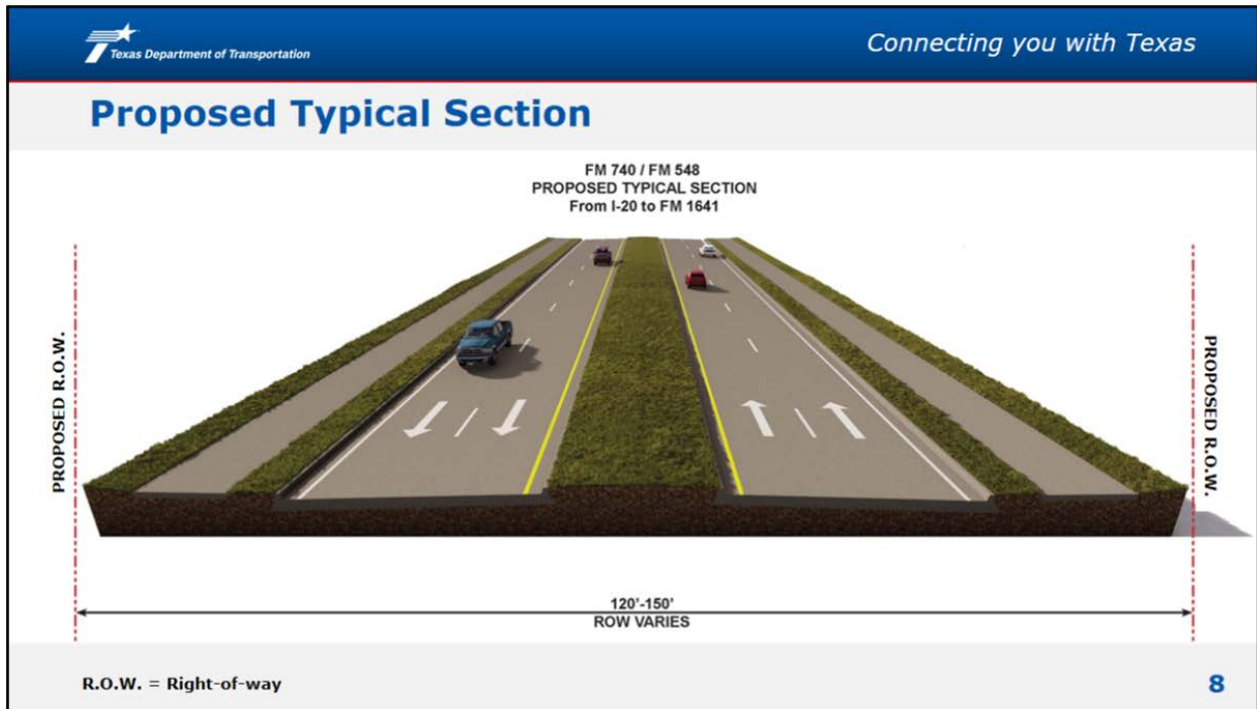
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SLIDE 7– Existing Facility

The existing FM 740 / FM 548 roadway within the project limits is currently two 12-foot-wide lanes with 3 to 10-foot-wide shoulders. There are no pedestrian or bike accommodations. The existing right-of-way varies between 60-ft to 150-ft wide throughout the length of the project.



SLIDE 8 – Proposed Facility

The proposed project would widen approximately 4 miles of FM 740 / FM 548 to a four-lane divided arterial roadway. The existing bridge will be expanded across Mustang Creek. Right and left turn lanes are provided as appropriate along the project. The proposed project would require approximately 9 acres of additional right-of-way to expand the roadway.

Project Construction Cost and Schedule



*Anticipated Ready to Let Date**

To Be Determined



Estimated Construction Cost

\$90.5 Million

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The FM 740 / FM 548 Improvements Project anticipated Ready to Let date is To Be Determined. The estimated construction cost for the project is approximately \$90.5 million. The project is currently unfunded for construction and cannot let until funding is identified.



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

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 17, 2025, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto, están siendo o han sido realizadas por TxDOT de conformidad con la Reglamentación 23, Sección 327 del Código de Estados Unidos y un Memorando de Entendimiento con fecha del 17 de julio de 2025, ejecutado por la FHWA (Administración Federal de Carreteras) y TxDOT.


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SLIDE 10 – 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 through a Memorandum of Understanding to review and approve certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. This agreement was updated on July 17, 2025.








Environmental studies were conducted for the proposed FM 740 / FM 548 Improvements 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. Notices for this public hearing were advertised in *The Kaufman Herald*, *The Mesquite Gazette*, *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. The TxDOT technical reports and the design schematic are available for your review on the project website at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/fm-roads/FM740FM548.

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Environmental Review/Impacts Addressed

Technical Reports for NEPA Compliance

 <i>Air Quality</i>	 <i>Community Impacts</i>	 <i>Hazardous Materials Sites</i>	 <i>Cultural Resources</i>
 <i>Traffic Noise</i>	 <i>Vegetation and Wildlife</i>	 <i>Water Resources</i>	

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SLIDE 11 – 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.

Environmental Review – Right-of-Way

- Approximately 9 acres of new right-of-way (ROW) would be required.
- Potential displacements include 3 residential and 1 non-residential structures.
- 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 ROW acquisition would be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

Please visit the project website for more information about the Uniform Act and TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program information.


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SLIDE 12 – Environmental Review / Right-of-Way


A total of approximately 9 acres of new right-of-way would be required to complete the proposed improvements. The proposed project could potentially displace three residential and one non-residential structures.


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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.


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Environmental Review

 **Traffic Noise**
A Traffic Noise Analysis was performed in accordance with TxDOT's (and Federal Highways Administration 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.

 **Floodplains**
Portions of the project corridor are situated within FEMA-designated 100-year flood hazard areas. These flood hazard areas are associated with Mustang Creek and some of its associated tributaries. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current TxDOT policies.

 **Waters of the U.S. / Wetlands**
One stream, two tributaries, and one wetland were identified as potential waters of the U.S. within the project area. 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 Resources/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 Officer concurred with their findings.

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SLIDE 13 – Environmental Review continued

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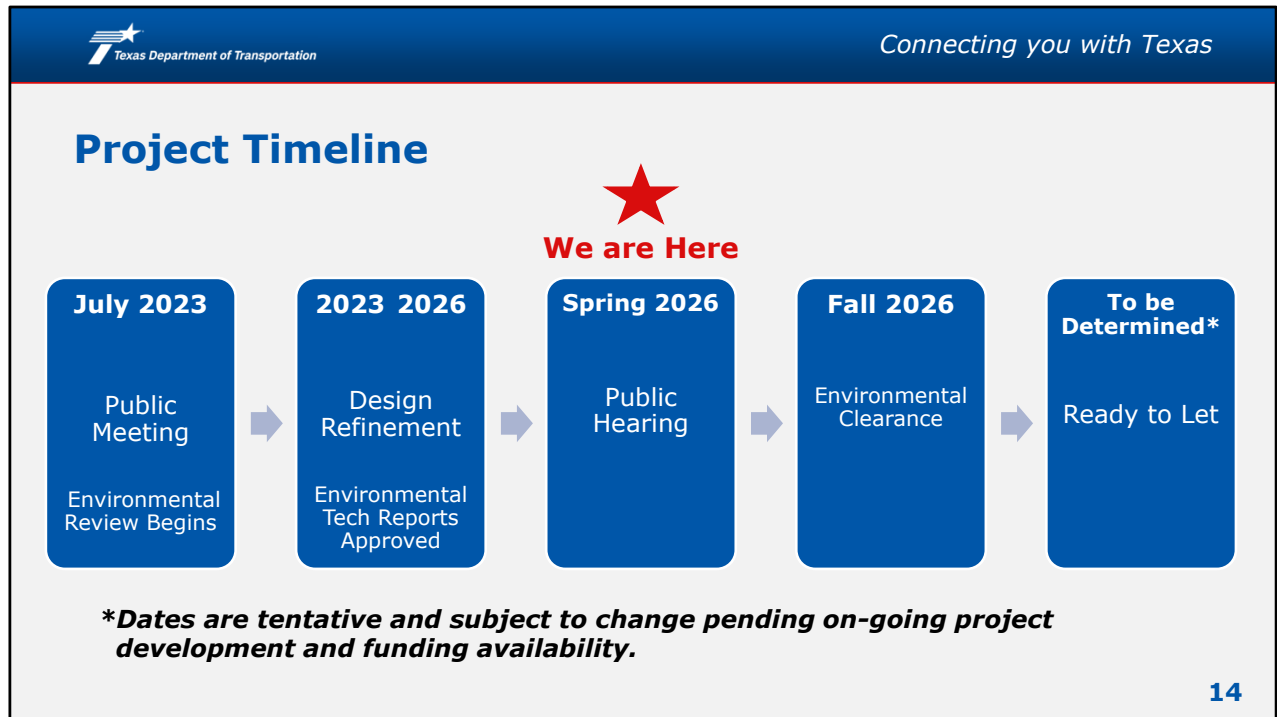
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Conclusion

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



SLIDE 14 – Project Timeline

The public comment period for the proposed project ends Friday, May 1, 2026. 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 Fall 2026.

As mentioned earlier, the project anticipated Ready to Let Date is To Be Determined.

This concludes the environmental evaluation portion of the presentation.

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Comments

Please submit your comments regarding this Public Hearing using any of the methods below.

Comments must be received or postmarked on or before Friday, May 1, 2026, to be included in the Public Hearing Summary.

For general questions about the presentation or the project, please contact TxDOT Project Manager Grace Lo, P.E. at Grace.Lo@txdot.gov.

Leave a Voicemail

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Email Us

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Mail-In Comments

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4777 E. Highway 80
Mesquite, TX, 75150

Project Website

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SLIDE 15 – 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, May 1, 2026, 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 online at the project website.

Thank you!



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SLIDE 16 – “Thank You for your Interest” / Hearing is now Adjourned

We sincerely appreciate your participation and interest concerning the proposed design of the FM 740 / FM 548 Improvements Project. Your questions, comments and concerns will receive careful consideration.

Thank you very much.