



Notice of Draft Environmental Assessment and Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option

ROCKWALL COUNTY OUTER LOOP PHASE 1 PROJECT

From SH 276 to County Line Road

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Rockwall County, Texas

Rockwall County is proposing a new location roadway, the Rockwall County Outer Loop Phase 1 Project, from State Highway (SH) 276 to County Line Road in Rockwall County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Rockwall County Outer Loop Phase 1 Project is available for public review and that Rockwall County will be conducting a virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., and will remain online for at least 15 days.** To view the virtual public hearing, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above:

<https://www.rockwallcountytexas.com/1452/RCOL-Public-Hearing>. If you do not have internet access, you may call the consultant project manager, Matt Craig, P.E., at 214-346-6200 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, Rockwall County is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. The in-person option will be held in an open house format. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public hearing, which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of project staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Rockwall County Courthouse Liberty Hall, 1111 E. Yellow Jacket Ln. #401, Rockwall, Texas 75087.**

The proposed project would construct a new location continuation of the Outer Loop through the cities of Royse City, Fate, and Rockwall, a distance of approximately 5.9 miles in Rockwall County, Texas. The proposed project would consist of four 12-foot-wide frontage road lanes (two in each direction), four 12-foot-wide controlled-access general purpose lanes (two in each direction), and two 10-foot-wide shared-use-paths (one in each direction, outside the frontage road lanes) within a typical 500 to 600-foot-wide right of way. The project would include work on eight cross streets, including construction of a multi-level interchange at Interstate (I)-30. The project would be constructed in phases contingent on traffic volumes and available funding. The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and an action in a floodplain.

The proposed Rockwall County Outer Loop is being developed in two phases. Phase 1 extends from SH 276 to County Line Road. Phase 2 extends from SH 205 to SH 276. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the current Phase 1 schematic and draft EA for public review and comment. Phase 2 schematic development and environmental studies would be completed separately and would include its own public involvement and opportunities for input.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace six residences and one commercial business. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. For more information about right of way acquisition, please contact Matt Craig, P.E., Consultant Project Manager at 214-346-6200 or by email at RCOL@halff.com.

The draft EA, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 2380 Performance Dr., Building C, Suite 150, Richardson, Texas 75082, 214-346-6200. Project materials are also available online at www.rockwallcountytexas.com/loop. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public hearing and in-person option will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public hearing or in-person option, please contact Matt Craig, P.E. at 214-346-6200 no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time to arrange.

La audiencia pública virtual se llevará a cabo en inglés. Si usted necesita un intérprete o un traductor de documentos porque su idioma principal no es el inglés o tiene alguna dificultad para comunicarse eficazmente en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si usted tiene alguna discapacidad y necesita ayuda, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para atender la mayoría de las necesidades. Si usted necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción o usted es una persona con alguna discapacidad que requiera una adaptación para asistir a y participar en la Audiencia pública virtual, por favor póngase en contacto Matt Craig, P.E., al número 214-346-6200 a más tardar a las 4 p.m. hora central, jueves, 22 de octubre de 2026. Por favor sepa que es necesario dar aviso con anticipación, ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que el condado de Rockwall los organice.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to Halff, Attn: Matt Craig, P.E., 2380 Performance Dr., Building C, Suite 150, Richardson, Texas 75082. Written comments may also be submitted by email to RCOL@halff.com. **All written comments must be received on or before Friday, Nov. 13, 2026.** Additionally, members of the public may call 469-981-0115 and verbally provide testimony from 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, until 11:59 pm on **Friday, Nov. 13, 2026**. Responses to written comments received and public testimony provided will be available online at www.rockwallcountytexas.com/loop once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Matt Craig, P.E., Consultant Project Manager, at 214-346-6200 or RCOL@halff.com.

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.