

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FM 2551 From FM 2170 To FM 544

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in cooperation with Collin County will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 9, 2006, at the City of Murphy City Hall in the Council Chambers located at 206 N. Murphy Rd. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the proposed improvements to FM 2551 from FM 2170 to FM 544 for a length of 6.4 miles in the Cities of Lucas, Allen, Parker and Murphy. The hearing will begin with an Open House from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by a presentation at 7:00 p.m.

The proposed project would convert the existing two-lane, undivided, rural, asphalt-paved roadway into a six-lane, divided, urban, concrete-paved roadway with a curb and gutter. The proposed roadway would consist of three 11-foot travel lanes in each direction separated by a 16-foot raised median. Left-turn lanes would be provided at various intersections.

The existing right-of-way (ROW) width along the entire project corridor varies between 70 feet and 140 feet. The proposed ROW width is 120 feet. The project would require approximately 30 acres of additional ROW. There are 15 anticipated residential and commercial agricultural displacements. The proposed project would encroach into the floodplain; however, the proposed improvements would not increase the base flood elevation to a level which would violate applicable floodplain regulations or ordinances.

The environmental document, maps and other drawings showing the project's location and geometric design will be displayed at the Public Hearing. This and other information about the project are on file and available for inspection and copying at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and the TxDOT Collin County Area Office located at 2205 South SH 5, McKinney, Texas 75069. The Design schematic is on file at the Collin County Engineering Department at 825 N. McDonald St., Suite 160, McKinney, Texas 75069. A tentative construction schedule, right-of-way acquisition schedule, and information concerning the Relocation and Assistance Program as well as services and benefits available to affected property owners may be obtained from TxDOT offices.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this hearing. Persons requiring special accommodations should contact Mr. Tom Cochill at the Chiang, Patel, & Yerby, (972) 524-7315, at least two (2) working days prior to the 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) days prior to the public hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Written and verbal comments may be presented at the hearing. Written comments and other exhibits may be mailed to the Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 90, McKinney, Texas 75069. Attn: Mr. Jason Brodigan, P.E. Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before Monday, February 20, 2006, in order to be included in the Public Hearing record. For additional information concerning this project, please contact Mr. Brodigan at (972) 542-2345.