TXDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FM 546 CSJ: 1013-01-026

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing to present the proposed approximately 2-mile long new location alignment of FM 546 from SH 5 to east of Country Lane/Airport Road in the City of McKinney, Collin County, Texas.

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 **Tuesday**, **July 9**, **2013** at the **Collin Higher Education Center located at 3452 Spur 399**, **McKinney**, **TX 75069**. 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 new location project would be an ultimate six-lane divided roadway, initially built as four lanes, with 12-foot wide inside travel lanes, 14-foot wide outside travel lanes, and a 40-foot wide median. The proposed project would also include a 20-foot wide U-turn lane to access Pecan Grove Cemetery west of the DART Railroad and six-foot wide sidewalks, in addition to a dedicated 12-foot wide left-turn lane at the intersection of a future city collector street and at Couch Drive, and a dedicated 12-foot wide right-turn lane at Couch Drive. The crossing over the DART Railroad would consist of eastbound and westbound bridges with 12-foot wide inside shoulders, 12-foot wide inside travel lanes, 14-foot wide outside travel lanes, one-foot wide protective barriers along each side of the roadway, and six-foot wide sidewalks with bridge railing. The proposed right-of-way (ROW) width would typically be 140 feet wide. A storm sewer would also be included as part of the project.

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 Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150, the Collin County Area Office located at 2205 South SH 5, McKinney, Texas 75069 and on-line at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing / Meeting. Project information will also be available for public inspection at the City of McKinney Engineering Department, 221 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney, Texas 75069. Information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction may be obtained at the Public Hearing or from the TxDOT Dallas District Office.

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) 320-6100 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 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 Friday, July 19, 2013. Written comments can be submitted to Robert Hall, P.W.S., CFM, TxDOT Dallas District Environmental Coordinator, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150. Mr. Hall can also be contacted for additional information at 214-320-6157.