

TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in cooperation with Denton County and the Cities of Denton and Corinth and the Town of Hickory Creek will conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed Farm to Market (FM) Road 2181 roadway improvements from Lillian Miller Parkway to Interstate Highway (IH) 35E within Denton County. The purpose of the Hearing is to discuss the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed roadway improvements within this 6.8 mile section of FM 2181. The Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at Lake Dallas High School, 3016 Parkridge Drive, Corinth, Texas 76210. Prior to the Public Hearing an Open House will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions during the Open House. The Public Hearing will begin with a formal presentation at 7:00 p.m., followed by a public comment period.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide transportation improvements to enhance the regional transportation system by increasing capacity, reducing traffic congestion, and improving mobility on FM 2181. The existing facility (FM 2181) is a four-lane (two in each direction) divided urban roadway from the beginning of the project at Lillian Miller Parkway to approximately 0.25 miles south, and at this location the existing facility transitions into a two-lane rural roadway until the project terminus at IH 35E. The proposed project would modify the existing FM 2181 to a six-lane (three in each direction) divided urban curb and gutter roadway with left-turn lanes at various intersections. The proposed project is located within the Cities of Denton and Corinth and in the Town of Hickory Creek in Denton County, and would be built on the existing road alignment.

The right-of-way width for the existing roadway typically ranges from 90 to 100 feet. The typical right-of-way width for the proposed project would be 120 feet. This would require the acquisition of approximately 27.5 acres of additional right-of-way. The proposed FM 2181 improvements would potentially require the displacement of two businesses and fifteen mobile homes. Some proposed improvements would occur within 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 drawings reflecting the project's location and geometric design will be displayed at the Public Hearing. This and other information about the proposed project are available for public inspection and duplication at the Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and at the TxDOT Denton Area Office located at 2624 West Prairie Street, Denton, Texas 76201. The drawings are also on file at the Denton County Department of Public Works Engineering, Denton County Government Center, 306 North Loop 288, Suite 112, Denton, Texas 76209. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displaces; as well as, information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction may be obtained from the TxDOT Dallas District Office.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Hearing. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact Kenneth Roberts at Huitt-Zollars, Inc. (214) 871-3311 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 from the public regarding the proposed project may be presented at the Public Hearing. Written comments can also be submitted to the following address: Huitt-Zollars, Inc., Attn: Kenneth Roberts, 3131 McKinney Avenue, Suite 600, Dallas, Texas 75204. Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before Monday, November 27, 2006, in order to be included in the Public Hearing record.