

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FM 407 From FM 1830 To Briarhill Boulevard

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in cooperation with Denton County will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at the Lantana Golf Club located at 800 Golf Club Drive in Lantana, Texas. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the proposed improvements to FM 407 from Farm to Market Road FM 1830 to Briarhill Boulevard for a length of 6.0 miles in the Cities of Argyle, Bartonville, Copper Canyon, Double Oak, Flower Mound, Highland Village and unincorporated areas of Denton County. The hearing will begin with an Open House from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Project personnel will be present to answer questions regarding the proposed project at the Open House. The formal Public Hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a public comment period.

The proposed project would convert the existing two-lane, undivided, rural, asphalt-paved roadway into a four-lane, divided, urban, concrete-paved roadway with a curb and gutter. The proposed roadway would consist of two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction separated by a 14-foot raised median. Left-turn lanes would be provided at various intersections.

The existing right-of-way (ROW) width along the entire project corridor is approximately 90 feet. New ROW would be required near the City of Bartonville where FM 407 turns north and where FM 407 turns west to intersect FM 1830 on a new alignment. This proposed alignment would require a minimum ROW width of 90 feet. The ROW requirements for the construction of the proposed project would result in the conversion of approximately 15 acres to a transportation use. The project would potentially require the displacement of three homes and two out-buildings within the Shady Lane Estates neighborhood. ROW would also be required at various other locations where the front slope of the widened roadbed would extend beyond the existing ROW. The proposed project would encroach into the Loving Branch 100-year floodplain; however, the proposed improvements would not increase the flood elevation to a level which would violate applicable floodplain regulations and 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 at the TxDOT Denton County Area Office located at 2624 West Prairie, Denton, Texas 76201. These drawings are also on file with the Denton County Department of Public Works—Engineering, 1505 E. McKinney St, Suite 175, Denton, Texas 76209. A tentative construction schedule, ROW 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 these TxDOT offices.

All interested individuals are invited to attend this hearing. Persons requiring special accommodations should contact Mr. Daniel Chapman at Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Corporation, (214) 373-7873, 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 Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Corporation, 8140 Walnut Hill Lane, Suite 900,

Dallas, Texas 75231. Attn: Mr. Daniel Chapman, P.E. Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before Tuesday, May 30, 2006, in order to be included in the Public Hearing record. For additional information concerning this project, please contact Mr. Chapman at (214) 373-7873.