



# Texas Department of Transportation

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in cooperation with the City of Dallas will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 for the proposed replacement project of the existing West Lawther Drive Bridge at White Rock Creek located in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas (total distance of 0.07 mile). The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed bridge replacement project. The Public Hearing will be held at Victor H. Hexter Elementary, 9720 Waterview Road, Dallas, Texas 75218. Prior to the Public Hearing, an Open House will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 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 portion will begin with a formal presentation at 7:00 p.m., followed by a public comment period.

The proposed project would replace the deteriorating West Lawther Drive bridge structure at White Rock Creek. The purpose of the proposed project is to replace the substandard bridge in order to provide a safe bridge in compliance with TxDOT Design Standards. Roadway improvements would include replacing the 43-year old, two-lane bridge with a new two-lane bridge with sidewalks separated by concrete barriers along the east and westbound travel lanes. The proposed bridge would be 30 feet longer and two and half feet wider than the existing bridge. In addition, minor grading activities would be required for the improvements and would also include the relocation of the existing parking area driveway approximately 115 feet to the east of its current location.

The existing West Lawther Drive right-of-way has a width of approximately 56 feet, and no new right-of-way would be required for this proposed project. No commercial or residential displacements would occur. Finally, the proposed bridge replacement would occur within the 100-year floodplain; however, the proposed improvements would not increase the base flood elevation to a level which would violate applicable floodplain regulations or ordinances.

In addition, the West Lawther Drive Bridge is bounded on either side by White Rock Lake Park. The park is designated as a Section 4(f) resource by the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 due to the park being publicly owned (City of Dallas). A Section 4(f) evaluation has determined the proposed project has no adverse effect to the park. Overall the proposed project would enhance the White Rock Lake Park. The associated minor grading activities and relocated parking area driveway are defined as "de minimis" impacts in accordance with the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy of Users (SAFETEA-LU).

The environmental document, maps, and drawings reflecting the project's location and geometric design will be displayed at the Public Hearing. This information is also available for public inspection and duplication at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and the TxDOT Northwest Dallas County Area Office located at 12000 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75243. These items are also on file at the City of Dallas Park and Recreation Department, 1500 Marilla Street, Suite 6FN, Dallas, Texas 75201. Information about the tentative construction schedule may be obtained at the TxDOT Dallas District Office.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-6100, at least two (2) working days prior to the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made. Because the meeting will be conducted in English, any request for language interpretation or other special communication needs should also be made at least two (2) working days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs will be made.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the proposed project may be presented at the Public Hearing. Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing may be presented either in person or by mail to:

Robert Pitt  
Civil Associates, Inc.  
1521 Northwest Highway  
Garland, Texas 75041

Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be postmarked on or before Friday, October 31, 2008, to be included in the Public Hearing record. For additional information please contact Robert Pitt, 214-703-5151.

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