NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Interstate 45 (IH 45) Widening
From North Business 45 to south of FM 246 in Navarro County
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at the Navarro College Cook Center Planetarium, 3100 W. Collin Street, Corsicana, TX 75110. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements for Interstate 45 (IH 45) from North Business 45 to South of Farm to Market Road 246 (FM 246) in Navarro County and to receive public comment. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:00pm with the formal hearing commencing at 7:00pm.

The existing facility consists of two travel lanes in each direction with 10-foot wide outside shoulders, four-foot wide inside shoulders and a variable-width center median. The existing right-of-way width (ROW) varies from 300 to 400 feet. The proposed project would widen this section of IH 45 from four to six lanes with 10-foot wide outside shoulders, variable-width inside shoulders and a concrete traffic barrier separating the northbound and southbound lanes. The ROW would remain the same. The purpose of the proposed project is to upgrade the existing IH 45 facility within the project area as part of a state-wide effort to provide six lanes on IH 45 from Dallas to the Houston/Galveston area. No ROW acquisition, easements, or displacements will be included in this project. The proposed project would traverse the 100-year floodplain.

Maps and other drawings showing the proposed project's location and design will be displayed at the Public Hearing. Environmental documentation for the project will also be available for inspection at the hearing. Other information about the proposed project is on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 and the TxDOT Navarro County Area Office located at 100 SW County Road 1000, Corsicana, TX 75110. This information will also be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and may be presented for a period of 10 calendar days following the hearing. Written comments may be submitted either in person, or by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Mr. Jim Dobbins, 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150. All written comments must be postmarked on or before Monday, May 4, 2015 to be included in the official public hearing record.

The Public Hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-6100. Requests should be made at least two working days prior to the Public Hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Mr. Mike Renfrow, P.E. at (214) 320-4472.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.