



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FM 1810 AT US 81/ US 287 INTERCHANGE FEASIBILITY STUDY - WISE COUNTY

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Decatur Civic Center, 2010 W. U.S. 380, Decatur, Texas 76234. The purpose of the meeting is to present and offer an opportunity for the public to discuss and make comments regarding the Preferred Alternative for the Farm-to-Market (FM) 1810 at U.S. Highway (US) 81/US 287 Interchange Feasibility Study in the City of Decatur, Wise County, Texas. There will be no formal presentation. The Public Meeting will be an open house format, allowing visitors to come and go at their own availability.

The feasibility study area includes the northwest quadrant of the City of Decatur and begins west of County Road (CR) 1100 along FM 1810 and extends eastward to US 81/US 287. The southern limit of the study area begins south of Business US 380 and extends northward along US 81/US 287 to a point just north of CR 1160. The study is being prepared to identify a long term solution to improve the safety and operations of the FM 1810 at-grade intersection with US 81/US 287. Operational issues identified include better management of the traffic flow, conflicting traffic movements on US 81/US 287 between FM 1810 and US 380, and high truck volumes on FM 1810 and US 81/US 287.

A public meeting was held June 17, 2014 to present six alternative solutions for public review and comment. More detailed layouts have been developed for two of these alternatives showing potential improvements consisting of providing a grade separation at the existing location of FM 1810 at US 81/US 287 and the Preferred Alternative of relocating FM 1810 to interchange further north along US 81/US 287.

The layouts reflecting these alternatives will be displayed at the Public Meeting. TxDOT staff and consulting engineers will be available in an informal setting to answer questions throughout the hours of the open house. They will assist in orientation and interpretation of the drawings and other material on hand, and discuss potential design and environmental effects of the project. For those who will not be able to attend, please contact Mr. Kevin Howell at (940) 626-3400 to view the layouts at the TxDOT Decatur Area Office located at 1710 W. US 380, Decatur, Texas 76234.

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.

Written comments from the public regarding this project are requested through June 26, 2015 and will become part of the project documentation. Written comments may be submitted during the open house or either in person or by mail to the Texas Department of Transportation, Attention: Mr. Brian R. Barth, P.E., District Engineer, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Persons interested in attending the Public Meeting who have special accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Ms. Tanya Fitzgerald at (817) 370-6610 at least three (3) work days prior to the Public Meeting. Since the meeting will be conducted in English, requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least three (3) work days prior to the Public Meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.