



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

FM 156 (Blue Mound Road)

From US 81/US 287 to McLeroy Boulevard/Watauga Road

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Saginaw High School, 800 North Blue Mound Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76131. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information regarding the proposed improvement to FM 156 from US 81/US 287 to McLeroy Boulevard/Watauga Road in the Cities of Fort Worth, Blue Mound and Saginaw, Tarrant County, Texas.

The public meeting will be an open house format, allowing visitors to come and go at their availability. The open house is intended to provide the public with a preliminary design layout and provide opportunity for community members to comment on the existing and proposed roadway features. Maps and drawings reflecting the preliminary design will be displayed at the Public Meeting. The design concepts for the proposed improvements will be presented to obtain ideas and information from all interested parties in preparation for formal environmental documentation, public hearing procedures, and design of the facility.

The design concepts may be discussed with TxDOT staff and consulting engineers that will be available to answer questions throughout the hours of the open house. For those who will not be able to attend, please contact Mr. Nicholas Spencer, P.E., Managing Supervisor, at (817) 370-6570 to view the layouts at the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office located at 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133.

The proposed improvements would include the reconstruction and widening of the existing two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway with a raised median within curb and gutter. The proposed roadway would include sidewalks separated from the roadway and shared use outside lanes to accommodate bicyclists. The proposed project is needed to meet future travel demands stemming from projected population growth and traffic volumes. The existing typical right of way width for FM 156 is 120 feet. The proposed improvements would require minor right of way acquisition, and further preliminary design efforts would determine how much additional right of way is required.

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. Code Section 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 July 1, 2016 and will become part of the formal public meeting 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 meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Ms. Tanya Fitzgerald at (817) 370-6610 at least three (3) work days prior to the open house. Because the meeting will be conducted in English, requests for language interpreters should also be made at least three (3) work days prior to the open house. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.