



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FM 157 RE-ALIGNMENT**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Fort Worth District will conduct a Public Meeting to present the proposed Farm-to-Market (FM) 157 project between the cities of Mansfield and Venus in Johnson County, Texas. The proposed project would extend from Business 287 to U.S. 67, a distance of approximately 7.71 miles. The Public Meeting will be held:

**Thursday, July 31, 2014  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Venus Civic Center  
210 Walnut St.  
Venus, TX 76084**

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to update the public and solicit comments on the status of the current project. Maps of the project area and other displays will be available for review and comment. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions. The Public Meeting will consist of an open house format, allowing the public to come and go as necessary, between 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Venus Civic Center, 210 Walnut St.

The purpose of the proposed project is to increase capacity and improve the roadway design of the existing FM 157 facility. The need of the proposed project is to improve safety and mobility. Additional travel lanes would accommodate the projected traffic volumes and alleviate congestion within the project area.

FM 157 is currently functionally classified as a rural major collector. The existing roadway is a two lane roadway with two 12 foot (ft.) wide travel lanes and no shoulders within an existing 80 ft. wide right of way (ROW). The existing FM 157 alignment, between Mansfield and Venus, has several dangerous curves, intersecting county roads, as well as driveway and subdivision entrances. The proposed project would improve several dangerous curves by re-aligning FM 157 on new location and then reconnecting to FM 157 at several different places along the project limits.

To date, a total of eleven (11) alternatives have been identified and presented to the public. Seven (7) preliminary alternatives, including the No Build Alternative and the existing alignment, were developed and presented to the public during the first public meeting. Based on public comments received during and after the first public meeting and stakeholder input, the preliminary alternatives were revised and four (4) revised alternatives were developed based on a combination of the preliminary alternatives.

The proposed typical section would consist of a four lane divided roadway consisting of four 12 ft. wide travel lanes, two 4 ft. wide inside shoulders, two 10 ft. wide outside shoulders and a 68 ft. wide center grassy median. The proposed ROW width is 200 ft. wide. On portions of the proposed alignment that would utilize the FM 157 existing alignment an additional width of 120

feet of ROW would be acquired. The proposed project does not substantially alter either the horizontal or vertical alignment. The proposed project would require approximately 162 acres of new ROW.

During the open house, exhibits showing the alternatives, typical sections, and other project information will be available for review. Project team members will be available to discuss the proposed project and answer questions for the duration of the meeting.

Persons interested in attending the meeting and having questions regarding special communication or accommodation needs, please call Mr. Randy Bowers P.E. at (817) 202-2900 at least two days prior to the public meeting.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the Public Meeting and provide input. Verbal and written comments may be presented at the Public Meeting. Comments may be submitted either at the Public Meeting or in writing within 10 days after the Public Meeting and must be postmarked by Monday, August 11, 2014, to be included as part of the official public record. Written comments may be mailed after the Public Meeting to the Fort Worth District Office, Attention: Mr. Brian Barth, P.E. at 2501 Southwest Loop 820 in Fort Worth, Texas 76133. Comments may also be sent electronically by facsimile to 817-370-6787 or e-mailed to [Brian.Barth@txdot.gov](mailto:Brian.Barth@txdot.gov).