



Notice
Draft Environmental Documentation Available for Public Review
and
Public Hearing
FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD (FM) 2478 WIDENING PROJECT
From U.S. Highway (US) 380 to North of FM 1461
City of McKinney, Collin County, Texas
CSJs: 2351-01-017, 2351-02-014

The City of McKinney, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, are proposing to reconstruct and widen FM 2478 from US 380 to north of FM 1461 in Collin County, TX. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and §2.108 and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter H, §771.111 and Title 40, Chapter V, §1506, this notice advises the public that draft environmental documentation/technical reports are available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 4331 E. Prosper Trail, Prosper, TX 75078**. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project includes the reconstruction and widening of FM 2478 from US 380 to north of FM 1461, a distance of 3.174 miles, in the City of McKinney, Collin County, TX. Construction of the proposed facility would be staged with the existing two-lane roadway first being expanded to four lanes. The proposed four-lane facility would consist of one 11-foot wide inside travel lane and one 14-foot wide outside travel lane in each direction with two-foot wide inside and outside curb offsets, 22-foot wide outside borders with five-foot wide sidewalks, and a 38-foot wide raised median. Expansion to the ultimate six-lane facility would occur at a later date. The ultimate six-lane facility would consist of two 11-foot wide inside travel lanes and one 14-foot wide outside travel lane in each direction with two-foot wide inside and outside curb offsets, 22-foot wide outside borders with five-foot wide sidewalks, and a 16-foot wide raised median. At various cross streets, the median would be reduced to accommodate a 10-foot wide left-turn lane, or 10-foot and 12-foot wide dual left-turn lanes and a 12-foot wide right-turn lane.

A 22-foot wide connector road would be constructed approximately 1,600 feet south of where the realigned section of FM 2478 connects with existing FM 1461. This road would connect the realigned section of FM 2478 to the existing FM 2478. A 10-foot wide left-turn lane would allow northbound motorists on the realigned section of FM 2478 to access the connector road and existing FM 2478. The connector road would be constructed as part of the proposed project.

The usual existing right-of-way (ROW) widths are 90 feet from US 380 to FM 1461 and 100 feet from FM 1461 to the project terminus. The proposed ROW width varies from 138 to 217 feet. Approximately 36.8 acres of ROW would be acquired for the proposed project and 0.6 acre would be required for permanent drainage easements. The proposed project would displace one residential structure, three utility structures/out-buildings, and three miscellaneous structures. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

Within the proposed project limits, four crossings were identified containing Waters of the U.S. No wetlands were identified within the proposed project area. All of the crossings are located in the Federal Emergency Management Agency designated 100-year floodplain. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT design policies. The facility would permit the conveyance of the 100-year flood, inundation of the roadway being acceptable, without causing significant damage to the facility, stream, or other property. The proposed project would not increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances. The proposed project would require ROW from a portion of a parcel containing an historic-age resource (Southern pyramidal roof cottage) recommended eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. It was determined that the

taking of a portion of the parcel would not have an adverse effect on the structure. A Section 4(f) *de minimis* determination was made on April 9, 2015.

The draft environmental documentation, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150; at the TxDOT Collin County Area Office located at 2205 South SH 5, McKinney, TX 75069; and online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting. This information will also be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to Ms. Denise Lunski, P.E., FM 2478 Project Manager, TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150. **Comments must be received on or before Wednesday, June 14, 2017 to be part of the official public hearing record.**

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Ms. Denise Lunski, P.E. at (214) 320-6154 or email her at Denise.Lunski@txdot.gov.

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.