



Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Available for Public Review
and
Public Hearing
U.S. Highway (US) 80
From Interstate Highway (IH) 30 to Farm-to-Market (FM) 460
CSJs: 0095-10-033, 0095-02-107, 0095-02-096, 0095-03-080, 0095-03-085
Dallas and Kaufman Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the lead agency proposing to improve US 80 from IH 30 to FM 460 in Dallas and Kaufman counties. The total distance of the project is approximately 11 miles. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.106 and §2.108, this notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held at the **Mesquite Convention Center/Hampton Inn, Salon A, located at 1700 Rodeo Drive, Mesquite, Texas 75149, on Tuesday, June 25, 2019**. 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 US 80 proposed improvements would consist of the reconstruction and widening of US 80 from IH 30 in Dallas County to FM 460 in Kaufman County, within the cities of Dallas, Mesquite, Forney, and the Town of Sunnyvale. US 80 from IH 30 to FM 460 is a four-lane, controlled-access highway. Within Dallas County, US 80 has continuous one-way frontage roads with two to three travel lanes in each direction. Within Kaufman County, US 80 has discontinuous two-way frontage roads with one-travel lane in each direction. The existing facility is within an existing right of way (ROW) that is approximately 300 feet in width but expands to 1,000 feet at major interchanges. The proposed improvements would include three to four travel lanes in each direction; frontage road reconstruction with two to three travel lanes in each direction between IH 30 and Lawson Road in Dallas County; continuous one-way frontage roads with two travel lanes in each direction between Lawson Road and FM 460 in Kaufman County; and reconstruction of ramps and bridge structures. Proposed frontage road improvements would provide a 14-foot wide shared-use outside lane to accommodate vehicles and bicycles in each direction. A six-foot wide sidewalk is also proposed along the frontage roads and at cross streets where reconstruction is proposed. The proposed ROW typically ranges from 300 to 458 feet in width and widens up to 730 feet at interchanges with major cross streets and is approximately 2,000 feet wide at the IH 635 interchange.

The proposed project would require approximately 25 acres of additional ROW and 0.2 acre for permanent easements. The proposed project would displace four businesses—two fast food restaurants, a vacant office building, and a self-storage facility building. 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 businesses.

The proposed project would cross the 100-year floodplain at 20 locations along the corridor. The hydraulic design for the proposed project would be in accordance with current TxDOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) design policies and standards. The proposed project contains 19 single and complete water crossings. There are 24 water features and 5 wetland features contained within those crossings. The temporary or permanent impacts to potentially jurisdictional Waters of the U.S. would be authorized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Nationwide Permit (NWP) 14 with a Pre-Construction Notification (PCN), and under NWP 25 without a PCN.

The Build Alternative would require the demolition of the Big Town Boulevard Bridge which is a resource eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Because the proposed project would

require the demolition of the bridge, an adverse effect to a NRHP-eligible resource, a Section 4(f) Programmatic Evaluation is being prepared.

The Draft EA, maps showing the proposed project location and design, 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, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150; the TxDOT Kaufman/Rockwall Area Office, 2750 S. Washington Street, Kaufman, Texas 75142; City of Forney City Hall, 101 E. Main Street, Forney, Texas 75126; City of Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue, Mesquite, Texas 75149; and the Town of Sunnyvale Town Hall, 127 Collins Road, Sunnyvale, Texas 75182. Project information will also be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting. This information also will be available for inspection at the public 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 the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention: Mr. Matthew Atkinson, P.E., 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643, or by email to Matthew.Atkinson@txdot.gov. Comments must be received on or before **Wednesday, July 10, 2019** 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 Mr. Matthew Atkinson, P.E., at (214) 320-6154 or via email at Mathew.Atkinson@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.