



Notice

Public Hearing

SH 170

From I-35W to SH 114

CSJs: 3559-02-007, 3559-01-004

Tarrant and Denton Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to construct discontinuous mainlanes and associated operational improvements along State Highway (SH) 170 from Interstate 35 West (I-35W) to SH 114, for a distance of approximately 6 miles within the City of Fort Worth and the Town of Westlake in Tarrant and Denton Counties. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019 at the Kay Granger Elementary School Gym located at 12771 Saratoga Springs Circle in Fort Worth, Texas 76244. Displays will be available for viewing at 6 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The existing facility consists of frontage roads with three 12-foot lanes and 2-foot offsets each side for curb and gutter in each direction separated by a grassy median within an existing right of way (ROW) ranging from 380 feet to 680 feet. The existing roadway includes grade-separated interchanges at I-35W, at the future Parish Lane extension, and at SH 114. A portion of SH 170 has been constructed and striped to include two mainlanes (one in each direction) from east of Roanoke Road to SH 114.

The proposed project would construct four mainlanes (two in each direction) from I-35W to Westport Parkway; from Park Vista Boulevard to Independence Parkway; and from the Union Pacific Railroad to the Denton County Line. The proposed project would include restriping the existing SH 170 mainlanes from two lanes (one in each direction) to four lanes (two in each direction) and ramp modifications between the Denton County Line and SH 114. The improvements would include ramps to bypass intersections at existing cross streets at Old Denton Road, Beach Street, Park Vista Boulevard, Independence Parkway, and US 377. The proposed improvements would result in grade-separated intersections at these locations for the construction of the discontinuous main lanes. The proposed project would remove the Alta Vista Road, Haslet Roanoke Road and Roanoke Road crossings to enhance operating conditions, safety, and mobility. The cross-street traffic at these locations would not have direct access from one side of the facility to the other side. Designated U-turn lanes at adjacent cross streets would be included in the proposed improvements for cross-street traffic. The cross-street traffic would turn right to access a U-turn to proceed in the desired direction. For the Haslet Roanoke Road crossing removal, there is an existing U-turn lane at Park Vista Boulevard to be used by cross-street traffic. Three 12-foot-wide frontage road lanes would remain in each direction. A 10-foot-wide shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians would be provided in each direction where reasonable and feasible and avoid impacts to existing utilities or ROW. The proposed project is needed as a function of continuing population and employment growth and land development that has occurred since the frontage roads were constructed. The proposed project would not require additional ROW or easements and would not require any residential or commercial displacements or relocations. Control of access is proposed for ultimate entrance and exit ramps per the TxDOT Access Management Manual.

Anticipated permanent impacts to waters of the U.S., including wetlands, would consist of impacts to one water feature and one wetland feature. Temporary impacts would consist of impacts to one water feature and one wetland feature. The impacts are anticipated to be authorized by the United States Army Corps

of Engineers (USACE) under Nationwide Permit 14 for Linear Transportation Projects with a Preconstruction Notification. Coordination with the USACE would occur to determine appropriate permitting and/or mitigation for impacts to waters of the U.S., including wetlands. Approximately 19.03 acres of the proposed project area is within the 100-year floodplain. Potential fill within the floodplain would be determined during final design and coordinated with the appropriate local floodplain administrators. The proposed project would not raise the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations or ordinances.

Any environmental documentation, studies or maps showing the project location and design, estimate to complete design, construction and open to traffic, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133 or at TxDOT North Tarrant County Area Office, 2501 Eules Boulevard, Eules, Texas 76040. This information also will be available for inspection at the hearing and online at www.TxDOT.gov, keyword "SH 170". Additionally, responses to comments received will similarly be on file and available for inspection once they have been prepared.

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 Fort Worth District Office. Comments must be received on or before Friday, Jan. 3, 2020 to be part of the official 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 Natnael Asfaw, P.E., P.M.P at (817) 370-6603. Requests should be made at least five 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 Natnael Asfaw, P.E., P.M.P, at (817) 370-6603 or by email at Natnael.Asfaw@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.