



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

IH 35W (North Freeway)
From SH 114 to IH 820

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at the John M. Tidwell Middle School, 3937 Haslet-Roanoke Road, Roanoke, Texas 76262. The purpose of the Hearing is to present the planned improvements to IH 35W in the cities of Fort Worth and Haslet. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:30 p.m. with the formal hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The existing facility consists of four 12-foot wide main lanes in each direction with 10-foot wide outside shoulders and four-foot wide inside shoulders. There is full control of access. There are limited discontinuous frontage roads. The existing usual right-of-way (ROW) width is 350 feet.

From Eagle Parkway to US 81/US 287, the proposed project would consist of a 10-lane facility with three 12-foot general purpose lanes in each direction plus auxiliary lanes with 10-foot wide inside and outside shoulders; and two 12-foot wide managed (toll) lanes in each direction, with 10-foot wide outside and 4 foot wide inside shoulders. Direct connectors from IH 35W to SH 170 would also be constructed. From US 81/ US 287 to Basswood Boulevard, the proposed project would consist of a 12-lane facility with four 12-foot general purpose lanes in each direction plus auxiliary lanes, with 10-foot wide inside and outside shoulders; and two 12-foot wide managed (toll) lanes in each direction with 10-foot wide outside and 4 foot wide inside shoulders. Direct connectors to/from US 81/US 287 from IH 35W managed (toll) lanes would be constructed. From Basswood Boulevard to IH 820, the proposed project would consist of a 14-lane facility with four 12-foot general purpose lanes in each direction plus auxiliary lanes, with 10-foot wide inside and outside shoulders; and three 12-foot wide managed (toll) lanes in each direction with 10-foot wide outside and 4 foot wide inside shoulders. There would be discontinuous frontage roads constructed with one 12-foot wide inside lane and one 14-foot wide outside shared lane for bicyclists and six-foot wide sidewalks for pedestrians. The frontage roads are discontinuous in the southbound direction at the IH 35W/ US 81/US 287 interchange. No improvements are proposed on IH 35W between SH 114 and Eagle Parkway.

Approximately 97 acres of additional right-of-way would be required to accommodate the proposed facility. There would be three commercial displacements and no residential displacements associated with the proposed project. The State's Relocation Assistance Program, its benefits and services for displacements, will be presented at the hearing.

Impacts to 15 jurisdictional waters of the U.S. and associated wetlands would total approximately 4.98 acres (3.95 acres of streams and 1.03 acre of wetlands). The proposed project would cross the 100-year floodplain but would not encroach on the floodplain.

The proposed project is needed to meet future travel demands stemming from projected population growth and traffic volumes, address operational and capacity deficiencies on IH 35W, US 81/US 287, and SH 170 and update the facility to current design standards. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility within the IH 35W corridor and facilitate access to existing and future land uses along the proposed project.

Maps and other drawings depicting the proposed improvements will be displayed at the public hearing. In addition, the plan layout and the Environmental Assessment with pertinent information about the proposed project are on file and available for inspection at the following locations:

- TxDOT Fort Worth District Office- 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133; telephone - (817) 370-6549, Donna Fowler
- City of Fort Worth - 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102; telephone - (817) 392-8900, Doug Wiersig, P.E. - Director of Transportation and Public Works
- City of Haslet - 101 Main Street, Haslet, Texas 76052; telephone - (817) 439-5931

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested. Written comments may be submitted either in person or by mail to the TxDOT District Office, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133. Comments must be received on or before December 26, 2011 in order to become part of the official hearing record.

The Public Hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office at (817) 370-6610. Requests should be made at least 72 hours prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate those needs.