



TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

State Highway 170 from Interstate Highway 35W to State Highway 114 in
Denton and Tarrant Counties

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in conjunction with the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA), will conduct a Public Hearing to present proposed improvements consisting of adding tolled mainlanes to approximately 5.9 miles of State Highway (SH) 170 from Interstate Highway (IH) 35W to SH 114 in Denton and Tarrant Counties.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the proposed project and the anticipated social, economic and environmental effects. The Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2015, in the cafeteria of Tidwell Middle School located at 3937 Haslet-Roanoke Road, Roanoke, Texas, 76262. Prior to the Public Hearing, an Open House will be held from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT and NTTA staff will be available to answer questions during the Open House. The formal Public Hearing presentation will begin at 7:00 PM followed by a public comment period.

The proposed improvements consist of the construction of six, 12-foot wide tolled mainlanes, three in each direction, between the existing three-lane frontage roads. The eastbound and westbound mainlanes would be separated by a 24-foot grassy median. Additionally, 12-foot inside and 10-foot outside paved shoulders would be provided. Given the close proximity of interchanges, auxiliary lanes would be provided between entrance and exit ramps. Proposed grade-separated interchanges would be provided at Old Denton Road, North Beach Street, Westport Parkway, Park Vista Boulevard, Independence Parkway, United States Highway (US) 377 (Denton Highway), and the future Parish Lane Extension. The existing grade separation at the Union Pacific Railroad crossing would not be altered. The existing three-lane, 40-foot wide frontage roads would remain non-tolled and open to motorists. The outside lane of each frontage road would be restriped to provide a 14-foot curb lane for shared bicycle/vehicle use. The outside lane along each cross street would also be restriped to 14 feet for shared bicycle/vehicle use. Six-foot wide sidewalks would be provided along each frontage road throughout the entire length of the project. The proposed project would not require additional right-of-way or easements and would not require any residential or commercial displacements or relocations.

Anticipated impacts to waters of the U.S., including wetlands, would consist of temporary impacts to 0.01 acre of 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 during the detailed design phase to determine appropriate permitting and/or mitigation for impacts to waters of the U.S., including wetlands. Approximately 2.75 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.

No additional right-of-way is required for the proposed project; therefore, it is exempt from the requirements of the Farmland Protection Policy Act and requires no coordination with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The proposed project would have no impact to any publicly owned park, recreation area, wildlife or waterfowl refuge, or historic sites of national, state or local significance.

The need for the proposed project is a function of continuing population and employment growth and land development, both locally and throughout Denton and Tarrant Counties, that have occurred since the frontage roads were constructed. The purpose of the proposed project is to relieve traffic congestion along existing SH 170 and cross streets and to improve traffic operations. The proposed project would enhance the traffic movement of commercial vehicles between IH 35W and the substantial number of office/warehouse uses along SH 170.

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. The proposed project's environmental document and drawings showing the location and geometric design will be presented at the Public Hearing. These documents will also be available for public

inspection at the TxDOT Fort Worth District located at 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133; at the TxDOT Dallas District located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150; at the NTTA offices located at 5900 Plano Parkway, Suite 100, Plano, TX 75093, and on-line at:

<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/fort-worth/022415.html>
and <https://www.ntta.org/roadsprojects/futproj/sthwy170/Pages/Project-Meeting-Materials.aspx>.

For specific project related information, please contact Ms. Lori Shelton of NTTA at SH170@ntta.org or (817) 332-0404 ext. 306. Drawings of the proposed project layout will also be available for public inspection at the City of Fort Worth, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102; the Town of Westlake, 3 Village Circle, Suite 202, Westlake, TX 76262; and the City of Roanoke, 108 South Oak Street, Roanoke, TX 76226.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact Ms. Tanya Fitzgerald - TxDOT Fort Worth District at (817) 370-6610 at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Hearing. Because the Public Hearing will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Hearing. Every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs will be made.

Written and verbal comments regarding the proposed project may be presented at the Public Hearing. Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before Friday, March 6, 2015. Written comments may be submitted to Mr. Brian R. Barth, P.E., District Engineer, TxDOT Fort Worth District, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133.