

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
US 81/US 287 GRADE SEPARATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF BUSINESS 81D (South)
IN THE CITY OF DECATUR**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at the Decatur Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 E. Walnut Street, Decatur, TX. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements for US 81/US 287 at Business 81D (South) in the City of Decatur, Wise County, Texas. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:30 P.M. with the formal hearing commencing at 7:00 P.M.

The proposed project would be constructed as a diamond interchange that would provide a four lane grade separation of US 81/US 287 over Business 81D (South). Two lane service roads for local access would also extend from just north of Business 81D (South) to FM 2264 and entrance/exit ramps on both the east and west sides of US 81/US 287 would be constructed. The service road planned to provide extension of FM 2264 northward to Business 81D (South) would operate as two way. All other service roads would operate as one way.

The proposed project extends along US 81/US 287 from approximately 0.6 miles north to 1.5 miles south of Business 81D (South). The project limits would also include extending Business 81D (South) to connect to CR 4127. The purpose and primary needs for the project are to relieve congestion, improve safety and increase mobility. No additional right-of-way or no temporary or permanent easements would be required for the proposed project. Denial of access would be required near proposed entrance/exit ramps and no driveways would be allowed at these locations. No relocations are needed for the proposed project. The project does not encroach on a floodplain or wetland.

Maps and other drawings depicting the proposed improvements will be displayed at the public hearing. The plan layout and the environmental document describing the proposed project are on file and available for inspection at the following location:

- TxDOT Decatur Area Office, 1710 West US 380, Decatur, TX 76234;
Telephone (940)626-3400, Mr. Bill Nelson, P.E.

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, Mrs. Maribel P. Chavez, P.E., District Engineer, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133. Comments must be received on or before Friday, May 10, 2013 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 Ms. Tanya Fitzgerald at TxDOT (817) 370-6610. Requests should be made at least 72 hours prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.