



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING US 377 CRESSON RELIEF ROUTE

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at Bear Creek Community Church, 18600 Highway 377 S., Cresson, TX 76035 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain further comments regarding the proposed US 377 Cresson Relief Route in the City of Cresson, Hood and Johnson Counties, Texas.

A Public Hearing was held February 25, 2014 for the proposed relief route. After review of the comments received at the Public Hearing, TxDOT has developed more detailed design and costs analyses of a through-town bridge option that would provide an elevated highway through the City of Cresson. The Summary and Analysis and Comment and Response Report for the Public Hearing are available at the following TxDOT web link: <http://txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/fort-worth/us377-022514.html>

The Public Meeting will be conducted in an open house format, allowing visitors to come and go at their own availability. No formal presentation will be provided and displays depicting the alternatives will be available throughout the evening for viewing. Alternative exhibits to be presented include a four-lane relief route west of US 377 and the City of Cresson and a four-lane through-town bridge option that would provide an elevated highway along the existing US 377 alignment. For the proposed relief route west of US 377 and the City of Cresson, approximately 115 acres of additional right-of-way and no residential or commercial displacements would be required. For the proposed through-town bridge option, approximately four acres of additional right-of-way and six commercial structure displacements would be required to accommodate the proposed facility.

The proposed project is needed because proximity of the at-grade railroad crossing on US 377 to the SH 171 intersection impedes traffic flow, accidents occur along US 377 near SH 171, and a high level of truck traffic leads to congestion along US 377. Short-term solutions currently in place will not provide extended relief for motorists using US 377 and SH 171. This project will update this section of US 377 to meet TxDOT design criteria for roadways on the Texas Highway Trunk System. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a long-term solution to identified traffic issues at the US 377 and SH 171 intersection.

For those who will not be able to attend, the alternative layouts will be available for public inspection at the City of Cresson, 8901 US 377, Cresson, TX, 76035 by contacting Ms. Rachel Shelly, City Secretary at (817) 396-4729 or at the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office located at 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact the TxDOT Project Manager Mr. Robert DeGarmo, P.E. at (817) 370-6605.

Written comments from the public are requested through Friday, August 7, 2015 and will become part of the project documentation. Written comments may be submitted during the open house or either in person or by mail to the Texas Department of Transportation, Attention: Mr. Brian Barth, P.E., District Engineer, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Persons interested in attending the Public Meeting who have special accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Ms. Tanya Fitzgerald at (817) 370-6610 at least three (3) work days prior to the Public Meeting. Since the meeting will be conducted in English, requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least three (3) work days prior to the Public Meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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. Code Section 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding executed by the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT, dated December 16, 2014.