



NOTICE AFFORDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Fort Worth, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is proposing to reconstruct and widen East First Street in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. The limits of the project are from Beach Street to Oakland Boulevard, a total distance of approximately 1.6 miles.

From Beach Street to east of the West Fork Trinity River, the existing East First Street road consists of two 12-foot lanes and 13-foot borders within a 50-foot right-of-way (ROW). Approximately 650 feet east of the West Fork Trinity River, the existing road transitions to a variable ROW with two 12-foot lanes and 8-foot shoulders, and transitions to a four lane divided road with four 12-foot lanes and a variable width raised median at the eastern end of the project near Oakland Boulevard.

The proposed project would provide sufficient roadway capacity to accommodate existing and proposed traffic demands and provide a safe and efficient river crossing. From Beach Street to Haltom Road, the proposed project would widen East First Street to a four lane divided urban section with a center flush median consisting of two 11-foot inside lanes and two 14-foot outside lanes. From Haltom Road to Oakland Boulevard, the proposed roadway would consist of a four lane divided rural section with two 11-foot inside lanes and two 12-foot outside lanes with a raised median. The Haltom Road intersection with East First Street would be reconstructed to the east of the existing intersection and would tie back into the original alignment of Haltom Road to the north. The proposed project would construct two relief bridge structures in the Trinity River floodplain as well as a new bridge and approach roadways to bypass the existing historic bridge over the West Fork Trinity River. The existing historic bridge would be preserved and incorporated into a trail for pedestrian and bicycle use.

From Beach Street to Haltom Road, sidewalks would be constructed along the proposed roadway and bicyclists would utilize the 14-foot outside lanes. From Haltom Road to Oakland Boulevard, pedestrians would use the proposed 4-foot paved shoulders and bicyclists would use the 12-foot outside lanes and 4-foot shoulders on a temporary basis until the planned off-street hike and bike path is constructed just south of proposed East First Street.

Portions of the proposed roadway would be realigned to shift the roadway south a maximum distance of 26 feet between Beach Street and Haltom Road, and to the north a maximum distance of 130 feet from Haltom Road to approximately 650 feet east of the West Fork Trinity River.



Within the proposed project limits, the existing ROW width varies with a minimum of 50 feet, and proposed ROW widths vary from a minimum of 80 to 100 feet. The proposed improvements require approximately 16.5 acres of new right-of-way, 8.7 acres of permanent drainage easements, and 3.4 acres of temporary easements. All ROW acquisitions have been made by the City of Fort Worth through at-risk early acquisition. No residential or commercial displacements or relocations were required.

Permanent impacts to jurisdictional waters of the U.S. would total 1.35 acres, including approximately 1.13 acres of wetland impacts. The Trinity River Mitigation Bank would be utilized as compensatory mitigation for impacts to waters of the U.S. A portion of the project between Haltom Road to east of the West Fort Trinity River is located within the 100-year floodplain.

The environmental assessment, project location map, drawings, and other information about the proposed project are available for inspection at:

- TxDOT – Tarrant County North Area Office – Mr. Bahman Afsheen, P.E., 2501 Eules Blvd., Eules, Texas, 76040; Phone (817) 399-4300
- TxDOT - Fort Worth District Office – Ms. Donna Fowler, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133; Phone (817) 370-6549,
- City of Fort Worth – Transportation and Public Works – Mr. Michael R. Weiss, P.E., 1000 Throckmorton St, Fort Worth, Texas 76102; Phone (817) 392-8485

Any interested citizen may request a public hearing covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this project. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before October 3, 2014, to Mr. Brian R. Barth, P.E., TxDOT Fort Worth District Engineer, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133. If such a request is received, a public hearing will be scheduled. Adequate notice will be published to announce the date and location of the hearing.

If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Mr. Bahman Afsheen, P.E. with TxDOT at (817) 399-4300 in lieu of requesting a public hearing. If these questions are not answered to your satisfaction, a public hearing should be requested.