



**PUBLIC HEARING CHANGE OF
DATE TO
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019**

**NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
Interstate (IH) 35E at Bear Creek Road Improvements Project
From Hampton Road to IH 35E
CSJs: 0442-02-161 & 0918-47-246
Dallas County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in conjunction with the City of Glenn Heights is proposing improvements to IH 35E at Bear Creek Road from Hampton Road to IH 35E in Dallas County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held **Tuesday, March 26, 2019**, at the DeSoto ISD Belt Line Conference Center, 200 East Belt Line Road, DeSoto, Texas, 75115. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m., with the formal hearing starting at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The IH 35E at Bear Creek Road proposed improvements would consist of the reconstruction and widening of Bear Creek Road from Hampton Road to IH 35E within the cities of Glenn Heights and Lancaster in Dallas County, Texas, a distance of approximately 2 miles. Bear Creek Road is an undivided, two-lane rural highway within an existing right-of-way of approximately 80 feet. The proposed improvements would include two travel lanes in each direction with raised median and curb and gutter; continuous sidewalks; and a 12-foot shared-use path within a proposed right-of-way width of approximately 112 feet. Additional improvements would include reconstruction of the IH 35E/Bear Creek Road intersection and the replacement of the IH 35E frontage road bridges. The proposed project would require approximately 11.8 acres of additional right-of-way. The proposed project would result in one residential displacement. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons.

The proposed project is located within the 100-year floodplain associated with Bear Creek. The hydraulic design for the proposed project would be in accordance with current TxDOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) design policies and standards. The proposed drainage improvements would result in impacts to Bear Creek at two separate crossings. These impacts would be authorized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14. A pre-construction notification and compensatory mitigation would be required for the impacts to Bear Creek at the IH 35E intersection. The proposed project would result in the acquisition of approximately 1.32 acres of additional right-of-way along the north side of the Heritage Community Park, a City of Glenn Heights public park, for drainage improvements and the construction of the 12-foot shared-use path. The proposed project would also require approximately 0.06 of an acre from a residential property potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Properties. Therefore, TxDOT is considering a Section 4(f) *De Minimis* determination for impacts to the park and to the potentially eligible historic property. Because the proposed improvements would result in acquisition of public land, in this case, the Heritage Community Park, Chapter 26 of the Parks and Wildlife Code applies to the proposed project.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps showing the project location and design, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas. This information will also be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under "Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting".

This information also will be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, ATTN: Mr. Jason Estridge, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643, or via email to Jason.Estridge@txdot.gov. Comments must be received on or before **Wednesday, April 10, 2019** to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Mr. Jason Estridge, P.E., (214) 320-6158 or via email at Jason.Estridge@txdot.gov.

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.