



NOTICE OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

AND

PUBLIC HEARING

FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD (FM) 455 WIDENING PROJECT

FROM WEST OF FM 2450 TO EAST OF MARION ROAD

CITY OF SANGER, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS

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Denton County, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, are proposing to reconstruct and widen FM 455 from west of FM 2450 to east of Marion Road in Denton County, TX. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, §2.107 and §2.108 and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter H, §771.111 and Title 40, Chapter V, §1506, this notice advises the public that a draft environmental documentation/technical reports are available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on **Thursday, August 17, 2017 at Sanger High School, 100 Indian Lane, Sanger, TX 76266**. 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 proposed project includes the reconstruction and widening of FM 455 from west of FM 2450 to east of Marion Road, a distance of 5.53 miles, in the City of Sanger, Denton County, TX. Proposed improvements would involve the expansion from a two-lane rural highway to a four-lane urban highway (four through lanes with a Center Two-Way Left Turn Lane [CTWLTL]). Expansion would consist of one 12-foot wide travel lane and one 14-foot wide outside shared-use lane with 1.5-foot outside curb offsets in each direction with a 17-foot wide CTWLTL. In the vicinity of Interstate Highway 35 (IH 35), the roadway would include a zero to nine-foot wide raised central median on each side of IH 35. Each raised central median would be preceded by an 11 to 17-foot wide taper from the flush median section (CTWLTL) to the raised central median section. Five to eight-foot wide sidewalks would be located along the outside of both the eastbound and westbound lanes. The proposed sidewalks would meet Americans with Disabilities design criteria. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width varies from 50 to 170 feet wide with a usual ROW width of 90 feet. The proposed ROW width varies from 104 to 225 feet wide with a usual ROW width of 130 feet. Approximately 38.5 acres of new ROW and 2.1 acres of easements would be acquired. The proposed project would potentially displace nine residential, 17 commercial, and nine 'other' structures (sheds, barns, and storm cellar). Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

Within the proposed project limits, 11 crossings were identified containing Waters of the U.S. One of these Waters of the U.S. appeared to have an abutting wetland (east of Bolivar Cemetery, south of FM 455). Because of lack of right-of-entry, the potential wetland was delineated using available aerial imagery and estimation from field survey. Temporary impacts to the potential wetland total 0.004 acre. Eight of the crossings are located in the Federal Emergency Management Agency designated 100-year floodplain. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT design policies. The facility would permit the conveyance of the 100-year flood, inundation of the roadway being acceptable, without causing significant damage to the facility, stream, or other property. The proposed project would not increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances.

The draft environmental documentation, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, 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 located at 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 and the TxDOT Denton County Area Office located at 2624 W. Prairie, Denton, TX 76201. Project 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 Ms. Grace Lo, P.E., FM 455 Project Manager, TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150. Comments must be received on or before **Friday, September 1, 2017** to be part of the official public 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 Ms. Grace Lo, P.E., FM 455 Project Manager, at (214) 320-6627 or email her at Grace.Lo@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.