



Notice

Public Hearing

State Highway (SH) 78 (Garland Road/East Grand Avenue)

At Gaston Avenue

CSJ: 0009-02-067

Dallas County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in conjunction with the City of Dallas, proposes intersection improvements to State Highway (SH) 78 (Garland Road/East Grand Avenue) at Gaston Avenue 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 on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at the Dallas Arboretum – Rosine Hall, located at 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, TX 75218.** 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 consists of reconfiguring the SH 78/Gaston Avenue intersection to improve traffic operations and mobility. The improvements would modify the intersection to include additional turning lanes, raised medians, adding bicycle and pedestrian accommodations within the project limits, and widening the existing bridges over an unnamed tributary to White Rock Creek. The proposed project would require approximately 0.29 acre of new right-of-way (ROW) and 0.32 acre of temporary construction easements to accommodate the proposed improvements.

The existing intersection has unprotected right turn lanes at Gaston Avenue and offers limited pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. The existing ROW ranges from 54 to 242 feet in width. The proposed ROW would range from 70 to 242 feet in width. Although additional ROW is required, no residential or non-residential structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition may be obtained from the district office at the address listed below.

Portions of the proposed project area and construction work would occur in the Federal Emergency Management Agency designated 100-year floodplains of the unnamed tributary to White Rock Creek. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT design policies. Approximately 0.32 acre of waters of the United States are located within the project area; however, no wetlands were observed. Permanent impacts from placement of bridge supports would be authorized under a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14. Approximately 0.32 acre of temporary construction easement area from the Santa Fe Trail property would be required. The proposed project is eligible for a Section 4(f) Exception due to the temporary occupancy of the property.

Environmental documentation, 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 TxDOT Dallas District Office at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and are 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 or by email to Lani.Marshall@txdot.gov. Comments must be received on or before **Wednesday, November 28, 2018** 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 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 the TxDOT Project Manager, Lani Marshall, P.E., at (214) 319-6585 or Lani.Marshall@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.