



**NOTICE
VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING WITH IN-PERSON OPTION
I-30 From Linkcrest Drive to I-820
Tarrant County, Texas
CSJ: 1068-01-214**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to improve I-30 from Linkcrest Drive to I-820 in Tarrant County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. The virtual hearing will be held on **Thursday, Sept. 22, 2020 at 6 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov. In the upper right-hand search box enter the search keywords: **I-30 Linkcrest**. Project staff will give a pre-recorded presentation regarding the project. The presentation will include both audio and visual components. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. Following the virtual public hearing, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until Oct. 7, 2020 at 5 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call Natnael T. Asfaw, P.E. at (817) 370-6603 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the project development process.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in-person instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public hearing, which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and consultants from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. The in-person option will be held on Tuesday Sept. 22 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, RTC Training Room, 2501 S.W. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133. Attendance at the in-person option will be by appointment only. Individuals wishing to attend the in-person option must call (817) 370-6603 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make an appointment. In recognition of COVID-19, enhanced safety measures will be applied at the in-person option, including a requirement to wear a face mask, submit to a temperature check prior to entry, have an appointment, and follow social distancing practices. If anyone arrives without an appointment, they may be asked to wait outside to ensure we maintain appropriate occupancy within the hearing room.

For both the virtual public hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call (833) 933-0431 and verbally provide testimony from 8 p.m. on Sept. 22, 2020 to 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 7, 2020. Formal written comments may also be provided by mail or email as explained below. All verbally provided testimony and timely written comments will be considered by TxDOT and included as part of the official record. Responses to verbally provided testimony and comments will be prepared by TxDOT, included as part of the hearing and project record, and made available online at www.txdot.gov, keywords "I-30 Linkcrest".

The existing mainlanes consist of two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction with six-foot inside shoulders and 10-foot outside shoulders. The existing roadway has discontinuous one-way and two-way frontage roads and lacks pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

The proposed improvements would include the widening of the existing travel lanes to provide three travel lanes in each direction (plus auxiliary lanes) and provide continuous one-way frontage roads with pedestrian and bicycle shared-use paths for approximately 3.3 miles. The I-30 interchanges at RM 2871 and Spur 580 would be reconstructed. U-turns would be provided at Linkcrest Drive and Chapel Creek Boulevard. Alameda Street, the I-820 frontage roads between Westpoint Boulevard and North Normandale Street, and the direct connector from southbound I-820 to westbound I-30 would be reconstructed. The project would provide 18 feet and 6 inches of vertical clearance for Freight Mobility Corridors. New denial of access would be required along the frontage roads from adjacent properties at new ramp junctions. Approximately 3.5 acres of additional right of way is required.

Although additional right of way would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and



information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling Natnael T. Asfaw, P.E. at (817) 370-6603.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands. Anticipated permanent impacts to waters of the U.S., including wetlands, would consist of impacts to five water features and two wetland features. No temporary impacts are proposed. The impacts are anticipated to be authorized by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under a Nationwide Permit 14 for Linear Transportation Projects with a Preconstruction Notification.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain, and approximately 18.4 acres of the proposed project area is within the FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain. Potential fill within the floodplain would be determined during final design and coordinated with the appropriate local floodplain administrators. The proposed project would not raise the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations or ordinances.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are available online at www.txdot.gov, keywords "I-30 Linkcrest". These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public hearing and the in-person option will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public hearing or in-person option, please contact Natnael T. Asfaw, P.E. at (817) 370-6603 or by email at Natnael.Asfaw@txdot.gov no later than no later than 4 p.m. CT, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to Loyl C. Bussell, P.E., District Engineer, TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, 2501 S.W. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Natnael.Asfaw@txdot.gov. **All written comments must be postmarked or received on or before Oct. 7, 2020.** Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call (833) 933-0431 and verbally provide testimony from 6 a.m. on Sept. 22, 2020 to 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 7, 2020. Responses to written comments received and public testimony provided will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keywords "I-30 Linkcrest" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual hearing, please contact Natnael T. Asfaw, P.E. at (817) 370-6603 or by email at Natnael.Asfaw@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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.