Texas Department of Transportation

**Notice**
**Draft Environmental Assessment and Public Hearing**

**FM 1385**
**From US 380 to FM 455**
**CSJ: 1315-01-030**
**Denton County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation is proposing to reconstruct and widen FM 1385 from US 380 to FM 455 in Denton County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. The draft EA is available at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385. The purpose of the hearing is to present the proposed project and receive public comment. The hearing dates and times are listed below.

**The same information will be available at both the in-person and virtual hearing.**

Virtual Public Hearing
**Monday, May 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. through**
**Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.**
www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385
*Not a live event

In-Person Public Hearing (Open House)
**Monday, May 8, 2023**
**5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
**Navo Middle School**
**1701 Navo Rd.**
**Aubrey, TX 76207**

The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. **The presentation will be posted online by Monday, May 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to the web address at the date and time indicated above. **The virtual public hearing is not a live event.** Following the virtual public hearing, the presentation will remain available for viewing at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385 until Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call (940) 323-1811 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials.

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 virtual public hearing - which will be playing on a screen – review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Navo Middle School, 1701 Navo Rd., Aubrey, TX 76207.**

The proposed project would include construction of a six-lane divided urban roadway from U.S. 380 to south of Mustang Road and a four-lane interim (six-lane ultimate) divided urban roadway from south of Mustang Road to FM 455 with sidewalks/shared-use paths. A realignment of the central portion of FM 1385 at Mustang Road is proposed to directly connect FM 1385 to the north and south without requiring vehicles to travel along the Mustang Road portion of the existing FM 1385. Additionally, a realignment of the southern portion of FM 1385 at Gee Road/Fishtrap Road is also proposed. This would flatten out the existing "S" curve at Gee Road/Fishtrap Road and improve mobility along FM 423 at the intersection with FM 1385.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require approximately 124.41 acres of new right of way and potentially displace two residences, one billboard, and one commercial structure. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT Dallas District office by calling (214) 320-6675 or by visiting the project website at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands. In addition, the proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain. The draft EA, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public hearing and 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 the TxDOT Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480 no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District, c/o Kareem Doucette, P.E., 4777 E. U.S. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150, or by email to Kareem.Doucette@txdot.gov. Additionally, members of the public may call (972) 591-1742 to leave a verbal comment. **All comments must be received or postmarked on or before Tuesday, May 23, 2023, to be included as part of the official public hearing record.** Responses to comments received will be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/FM1385 once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact the TxDOT Project Manager, Kareem Doucette, P.E., by phone at (940) 323-1811, or by email at Kareem.Doucette@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.*