



NOTICE PUBLIC MEETING

DENTON COUNTY OUTER LOOP STUDY DENTON AND COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

Denton County in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is developing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to construct a six-lane freeway primarily on new location connecting I-35 in Denton County, Texas with the Dallas North Tollway in Collin County, Texas.

Denton County is hosting a series of in-person and virtual public meetings to share updates about the project, including the detailed design schematics for the build alternatives under consideration and preliminary environmental impact findings, and gather feedback from the public. Materials presented will be the same at each public meeting, listed below:

In-Person Meeting
Monday, Sept. 29, 2025
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Denton Convention Center
(Embassy Suites)
3100 Town Center Trail
Denton, TX 76201

In-Person Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Midway Church
(Gymnasium)
9540 US 377
Pilot Point, TX 76258

Virtual Meeting*
Sept. 29 – Oct. 29, 2025
www.DentonCountyOuterLoop.com
Materials posted Sept. 29 at 8 a.m.
through Oct. 29, 2025.
** This is not a live event*

The in-person public meetings will follow an **open house format** where the public may come and go at their convenience. Staff will be available to answer questions and receive comments. The same pre-recorded presentation will be playing on a screen at the in-person meeting and posted on the Virtual Public Meeting website. The virtual public meeting is not a live event. All public meeting materials will be posted to the virtual public meeting website at www.DentonCountyOuterLoop.com, including both audio and video components, exhibit boards, an interactive map, and ways to provide input.

About the Study

The Denton County Outer Loop study kicked off in late 2022 and is expected to be completed by Fall 2026. In early 2024, Denton County and TxDOT completed the Denton County Outer Loop Feasibility Study and transitioned into the EIS phase. This phase of the project is a more in-depth study than what was previously done and will build on information collected during the Feasibility Study in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

An EIS is prepared when it is anticipated that a proposed project could significantly affect the quality of the human and natural environment. There are three categories of analysis that TxDOT can complete as a part of NEPA, of which an EIS is the most rigorous. Adhering to NEPA is required on any project that would receive any federal funding.

In this EIS, Denton County and TxDOT are evaluating four build alternatives on a new location six-lane freeway, in addition to the No-Build Alternative, that satisfy the purpose and need within the study area. Alternatives are evaluated in consideration of input received from Federal, State, and local agencies as well as stakeholder groups and the public.



The purpose of the proposed project is to address population and travel demand growth and support safe and resilient east-west mobility and connectivity across Denton County. The need for the proposed project is driven by (a) rapid population growth and increasing traffic volumes that are contributing to congestion, (b) higher crash rates along Study Area roadways compared to the statewide average, and (c) limited mobility due to the lack of contiguous east-west arterials.

This proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace residences and non-residential structures within the study area. The proposed project is also anticipated to impact the Elm Fork Bridge and Ray Roberts Lake State Park – Greenbelt Unit protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 and Chapter 26 of the Parks and Wildlife Code. This proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and an action in a floodplain and floodway.

Ultimately, this study will allow Denton County to preserve the land needed for the corridor to protect it from future development. Transportation projects require years of advanced planning and development, which is why the county must plan now for the growth it expects in the next 30 years.

Visit www.DentonCountyOuterLoop.com to learn more and sign-up for email updates.

Public Comments Requested

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted **beginning Monday, Sept. 29, 2025**, in one of the following ways:

- In-person at one of the public meetings
- Online at www.DentonCountyOuterLoop.com
- By mail to: Burns & McDonnell, Attn: Denton County Outer Loop, 13737 Noel Rd., Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75240
- By email to info@dentoncountyouterloop.com

All comments must be received on or before **Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025**.

Special Accommodations

The in-person and virtual public meetings will be conducted in English. If you need interpretation or translation services or are a person with a disability who requires accommodation to attend and participate in the in-person or virtual public meeting options, please contact the project team at (737) 471-1672. Requests for accommodation should be made at least five days prior to the public meeting. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodation may require time for Denton County to arrange.

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 USC 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 17, 2025, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

