



Notice

Draft Environmental Assessment and Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option

INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 30 (I-30) EAST CORRIDOR

From I-45 to Ferguson Road

CSJs: 0009-11-252 and 0009-11-251

Dallas County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City of Dallas are proposing to reconstruct and widen the I-30 East Corridor from I-45 to Ferguson Road in Dallas County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) 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 purpose of the hearing is to present the proposed project and receive public comment.

Virtual Hearing*

Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. through

Friday, July 14, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

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*Not a live event

In-Person Hearing*

Thursday, June 29, 2023, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Fair Park – Briscoe Carpenter Livestock Center

1403 Washington Street, Dallas, TX 75210

*Open House format

Served by DART Green Line, and bus routes 18 and 23

The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation with both audio and visual components. The same information (including the Draft EA) will be available with both the virtual and in-person hearing options. To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to the web address shown above during the date/time period indicated. **The virtual hearing is not a live event.** If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6243 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials.

The in-person hearing will take place at the location shown above and will follow an “open house” format. Attendees will be able to view the presentation on a large screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants and leave written comments.

The proposed project would widen this section of I-30 from eight mainlanes (four in each direction) to ten mainlanes (five in each direction) and add two reversible managed lanes in the center median. The total distance is approximately 5.0 miles. The proposed mainlanes would be depressed to a lower elevation than the proposed frontage roads. Access ramps throughout the project corridor would be reconstructed. The project would construct new cross street bridges across the depressed mainlanes as part of the reconstruction. A DART bridge and adjacent pedestrian bridge would also be constructed. Sidewalks would be constructed or reconstructed on both sides of all street crossings at I-30, and a shared use path would be constructed alongside the outer frontage road lanes in most cases. The typical proposed ROW width would vary from approximately 300 feet to 500 feet. The proposed project would generally follow the existing alignment; however, portions of I-30 would be shifted to the north and/or south to accommodate expansion for adding capacity to the facility. The total proposed ROW acreage is estimated at approximately 11 acres.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace five residences, 11 non-residential buildings and 12 billboards. 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 district office by calling (214) 320-6675 or by visiting the project website.

The proposed project is anticipated to displace the following properties protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966: the Cabell's Inc. historic building located at 710 Exposition Avenue, the commercial building at 820 Exposition Avenue and the residence at 4937 Lindsley Avenue. The proposed project would not adversely affect but would have minimal, non-structural (*de minimis*) impacts to the following historic properties protected by Section 4(f): (1) Gulf Oil Distribution Facility District at 501 2nd Avenue; (2) 4809 Ash Lane; (3) 820 and 8332 Exposition Avenue; and (4) 5115 Philip Avenue. TxDOT anticipates making a *de minimis* determination for these uses under Section 4(f). Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of all historic resources noted above may be submitted as described below.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and 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 will be on file starting June 29, 2023 and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Dallas District office at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150. Project materials are also available online. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person hearing option.

The virtual public hearing and in-person option will be conducted in English, and the slide presentation will be presented in both English and Spanish. 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. , by Friday, June 23, 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 Office, Attn: Nathan Petter, P.E., 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 or by email at Nathan.Petter@txdot.gov. Verbal comments may be submitted by calling (940) 331-5139. **All comments must be received or postmarked on or before Friday, July 14, 2023.** Responses to comments received will be available online at the project website 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, Nathan Petter, P.E., by phone at (214) 320-6243, or by email at Nathan.Petter@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.