



Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment and Opportunity for a Public Hearing
East-West Connector (Rental Car Drive)
From SH 360 to International Parkway
CSJs: 0902-48-712, 0902-90-034
Tarrant County, Texas

Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW Airport) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are proposing to construct a new roadway, East-West Connector (Rental Car Drive), from State Highway (SH) 360 to International Parkway in Tarrant County, Texas. The proposed roadway would extend from East Harwood Road at SH 360 to Rental Car Drive at International Parkway. This notice advises the public that a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project.

The project length is 1.65 miles. The proposed facility would generally consist of two 12-foot lanes in each direction separated by a 6 to 18-foot-wide raised, grassy, center median. The westbound direction would include: a shared use path (to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists), and two 12-foot wide vehicle travel lanes. Similarly, the eastbound direction would include all elements of the westbound direction with the exception of a 5 to 6-foot pedestrian sidewalk in lieu of the shared-use path. The proposed roadway would include a bridge structure spanning the 100-year floodplain surrounding Bear Creek. A second proposed bridge structure would be constructed south of the dam/outfall of the Trigg Lake emergency spillway to allow the passage of anticipated flows. The project is proposed to be constructed in two project phases. The initial phase is anticipated to start in 2023 and would include 2-lanes, with one lane in each direction. The ultimate phase is anticipated to be complete in 2028, and includes 4-lanes, with two lanes in each direction when funding becomes available.

The proposed project will require 42.8 acres of DFW Airport-owned property. It does not require ROW acquisition. An additional 4.5 acres of the proposed project will be on existing TxDOT ROW.

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 on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the following locations:

- Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, Design, Code, and Construction Office, 3003 S. Service Road, DFW Airport, Texas 75261
- TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133
- TxDOT North Tarrant Area Office, 2501 Eules Blvd., Eules, Texas 76040
- Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library, 201 N. Ector Dr., Eules, Texas 76039

Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov keyword search, "East-West Connector."

The project materials are written 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 review the project materials or submit information, please

contact Jacqueline Carter, Project Manager at DFW Airport, at (972) 973-1888 no later than 4 p.m. CT, at least three business days before the date on which you would like to review the project materials or submit information. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for DFW Airport to arrange.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing on this project. Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are also requested. Written hearing requests and comments may be submitted by mail to Jacqueline Carter, DFW Airport, PO Box 612008, DFW Airport, Texas 75261, or by email to jccarter@dfwairport.com. All hearing requests and comments must be received on or before February 8, 2022. A hearing will be held if ten or more individuals submit timely written requests for a hearing, or if an agency with jurisdiction over the project submits a timely written request for a hearing that is supported by reasons why a hearing will be helpful. Responses to comments received will be available online at TxDOT.gov, keyword search: "East-West Connector" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, please contact Jacqueline Carter, Project Manager, at jccarter@dfwairport.com or (972) 973-1888.

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.