



## North Las Vegas Trail Public Meeting Video Script

### SLIDE 1 – Title

Welcome to the Texas Department of Transportation's rerecorded virtual public involvement presentation. We appreciate your interest in the project and welcome each of you. Please note that you may pause this presentation at any point to allow more time to view the slides, and you may also pause the presentation and navigate forward or backward as needed. In this presentation, we will cover the public involvement purpose, project overview, environmental, and right of way considerations. This is followed by an explanation of how to provide comments for the proposed project and the adjournment.

### SLIDE 2 – Welcome

My name is Ricardo Gonzalez, and I serve as the Director of Transportation, planning and development for the Fort Worth District of the Texas Department of Transportation, better known as TXDOT. Your input on the proposed improvements is valuable and will help benefit the community and shape the final project recommendations. The virtual public materials and project information can be found at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) by typing the project keyword in the search box in the upper right-hand corner. After the project information is presented, we would appreciate your feedback.

### Slide 3 – End the Streak TX

November 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on roadways in Texas. That means for nearly 22 years, at least one person has died every single day. We all have a part to play to change that.



This message is that reminder – to End the Streak of deaths on Texas highways. We need drivers and passengers to act more responsibly and help us reach our goal of zero deaths by 2050. Texans can play a major role in ending fatal crashes with a few simple driving habits: wear seatbelts, drive the speed limit, put away the phone and other distractions, and never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. So please do your part and share this message with your friends and family. Thank you and please enjoy the rest of this presentation.

#### SLIDE 4 – Public Meeting Displays

Please note that the Public Meeting Displays can also be viewed in person at the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office on the following days: Friday, September 30th thru Friday, October 14th. In-person viewing will be by appointment only. Please call (817) 370-3523 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make an appointment and receive more detailed instructions.

#### SLIDE 5 – Public Meeting Displays

A full version of the Public Meeting Displays is also available for download at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov). Search “North Las Vegas Trail” when looking for the Public Meeting Displays on our website.

#### SLIDE 6 – Agenda

Today’s presentation will cover the project goals, project overview, existing and proposed construction, environmental analysis, Right of Way, project schedule and how to share your input.



## SLIDE 7 – Public Meeting Purpose

This public meeting is convened by the Texas Department of Transportation and is being held to present updates and information regarding the project design for the North Las Vegas Trail Project from Quebec Drive to I-820.

You may have attended previous public meetings conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation. However, for the benefit of those of you who have never attended one, I would like to explain why the Department conducts a public meeting. The public meeting is meant to present the project to the public, share information about the project design, communicate effectively and timely with the public and our partners and offer the opportunity to provide input that could benefit the project.

## SLIDE 8 – Project Goals

There are four goals for this project. Those goals are 1. To widen the existing roadway from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway with turn lanes. 2. To construct shared-use paths for pedestrian access. 3. Improve the intersections along Heron Drive and Shore View Drive. 4. And enhance safety and operations for the traveling public by restoring sidewalks, curb appeal and more.

## SLIDE 9 – Project Overview

This project extends 0.3 miles from Quebec Drive to I-820 within White Settlement and Fort Worth, Texas, in Tarrant County.



#### SLIDE 10 – Project Limits

The limits of the North Las Vegas Trail project start at Quebec Drive and end at I-820.

#### SLIDE 11 – Existing Roadway

Presently, the North Las Vegas Trail is two 12-foot-wide travel lanes with discontinuous shoulders and no sidewalks.

#### SLIDE 12 – Proposed Typical Section

The goal of the project along North Las Vegas Trail is to widen and reconstruct the existing two-lane roadway into a four-lane roadway with 12-foot-wide lanes with turn lanes and shoulders.

We also plan to add a 10-foot-wide Shared-Use Path (SUP) on both sides of the roadway.

The goal for Shore View Drive is to widen and reconstruct the street by adding a right-turn lane from Shore View Drive onto North Las Vegas Trail with shared-use paths.

On Heron Drive, we plan to widen and reconstruct two 12-foot-wide lanes with shared-use paths.

#### Slide 13 – Environmental Process

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.



#### SLIDE 14 – Environmental Process

Documentation supporting a Categorical Exclusion (CE) determination is being prepared in accordance with NEPA and includes evaluations of the right of way and easements, Section 4(f) properties, community impacts, cultural resources, vegetation and wildlife, hazardous materials, water resources, traffic noise and air quality.

#### SLIDE 15- Environmental Process

The proposed project has the potential to impact John Griggs Park, managed by the City of White Settlement. This property is managed as a public park and recreation facility and is protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. TxDOT will pursue a de minimis finding for any potential impacts at the park.

#### SLIDE 16 – Environmental Process

Agency Coordination is being managed by the following:

- North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
- Texas Historical Commission (THC)
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and
- Federal Highways Administration (FHWA).

#### SLIDE 17 – Right of Way



The required Right of Way for this project is approximately 0.235 acres. The required Easements are approximately 0.859 acres. Although additional right of way is required no residential or non-residential displacements are proposed.

#### SLIDE 18 – Right of Way

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 is a law that was designed to ensure that anyone who owned property needed for a public purpose is treated fairly. The law establishes guidelines for the acquisition of property and the relocation of displaced individuals and businesses.

It is the policy of TxDOT that individuals impacted by transportation systems expansion shall not be denied benefits excluded from participation or otherwise be subjected to discrimination based on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, handicaps, or national origin.

#### SLIDE 19 – Right of Way

Each impacted property owner is offered “just compensation” for the property needed for the project. To arrive at this value, independent appraisers were hired to prepare detailed appraisals and establish value. A written offer to the property owners is made based on the value determined in the appraisals. Property owners are given a minimum of 30 days to consider the offer.

If you are interested in learning more, Right-of-Way Brochures are available on the TxDOT Website.



## SLIDE 20 – Anticipated Schedule

The project schedule is set to kick off as follows: Environmental Completion in Spring of 2023, Detail Design Completion and Right-of-Way Acquisition Completion in Spring 2024 with Utility Coordination Completion in Spring 2025. Construction is anticipated to begin in Fall 2025.

## SLIDE 20 – Share Your Input

Following the public meeting, the Department will proceed with the preparation of the final environmental documentation. Your statements and comments will be addressed in this document and given full consideration in the preparation of the final recommendation and design for this Project. TxDOT is committed to continuing our efforts to gain public feedback about this project. Comments will be accepted in several ways.

You may submit a Comment Online by clicking the “Submit Your Comment” link on the [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) website, or you can submit a written comment via email to [Jennifer.Carpenter@txdot.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Carpenter@txdot.gov), or via mail to Fort Worth District Office, Attention Jennifer Carpenter, P.E., Project Manager, 2501 S.W. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133.

The public may also call 817-370-3525 during regular office hours or email project staff to ask questions about the project at any time in the project development process.



There is a link for a PDF Comment Form that can be filled out on the computer and emailed to the address provided, or printed, filled out by hand, and then mailed to the address provided. Comments must be received on or before Friday, October 14th, 2022, to be included in the official hearing documentation.

SLIDE 21 – Thank you

Ladies and gentlemen, we sincerely appreciate your attendance and interest in the proposed design of the North Las Vegas Trail Project. Your questions, comments and concerns will receive careful consideration. Please do not forget to submit your comments by Friday, October 14, 2022. Thank you, this concludes the formal presentation.