

Notice

Opportunity for a Public Hearing

FM 148

From South of US 80 to SPUR 557

CSJ: 0751-01-046

Kaufman County, Texas

The City of Terrell in conjunction with The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the Joint Lead Agency proposing to widen existing FM 148 from a rural two-lane to a four-lane divided highway from South of US 80 to SPUR 557 in Kaufman County, Texas. The total distance of the project is approximately 1.1 miles. This notice is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project. 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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

The proposed project would widen and reconstruct FM 148 from two lanes to a four-lane divided highway. Sidewalks would be added to provide accommodations for pedestrians, and 14-foot wide shared use lanes would accommodate cyclists. The existing FM 148 bridge over SPUR 557 would be converted for southbound travel, and a new northbound bridge would be constructed over SPUR 557. Westbound ramps at the FM 148/SPUR 557 intersection would be reconfigured.

Approximately 2.74 acres of additional right-of-way and 1.85 acres of drainage/utility easements would be required for the proposed improvements. Although additional right-of-way is required, no residential or non-residential structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition may be obtained from the district office at the address listed below.

A portion of the project crosses the 100-year floodplain associated with Bachelor Creek. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current FHWA and TxDOT design policies. The facility would permit the conveyance of the 100-year flood, inundation of the roadway being acceptable, without causing significant damage to the facility, stream, or other property.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Dallas District TxDOT Office located at 4777 US Highway 80 Mesquite, Texas 75150.

Any interested citizen may request a public hearing covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this project. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before Monday, May 22, 2017 to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Travis Owens, P.E., Project Manager, TxDOT Dallas District Advanced Project Development, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 752150.