



Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment and Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option
INTERSTATE 345 (I-345) CONNECTS PROJECT
From I-30 To Woodall Rodgers Freeway (Spur 366)
CSJ: 0092-14-094
Dallas County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to reconstruct I-345 from I-30 to Woodall Rodgers Freeway (Spur 366) in Dallas County. 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 two in-person options. The same information will be available at the in-person and virtual hearings. The hearing dates and times are listed below.

In-Person Hearing 1
Tuesday, April 22, 2025
5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Open House)
Live presentation at 5:30 p.m.
Pilgrim Rest Missionary
Baptist Church
1819 N. Washington Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204
Served by DART bus routes 003,
023, 207

In-Person Hearing 2
Thursday, April 24, 2025
5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Open House)
Live presentation at 5:30 p.m.
St. Philip's School and
Community Center Gymnasium
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Dallas, TX 75215
Served by DART bus route 13,
104 or the South Dallas GoLink

Virtual Hearing*
Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at
5 p.m. through Friday, May 9,
2025, at 11:59 p.m.
www.345connects.com
**This is not a live event. A
pre-recorded presentation will
be posted online.*

The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The materials will be posted online by Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 5 p.m., and will remain online for at least 15 days. To view the virtual public hearing, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.345connects.com. **Please note, the virtual public hearing is not a live event and can be viewed at your convenience.** If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6100 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials. **Please note hearing materials will not be available until Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 5 p.m.**

The existing I-345 facility is an elevated, urban highway that consists of six 12-foot-wide mainlanes (three in each direction) with 10-foot-wide shoulders on each side. The existing facility is an elevated steel structure over all cross streets between I-30 and Spur 366. Existing discontinuous frontage road lanes are 12-foot-wide with two and three lanes in each direction. Discontinuous sidewalks are located within the project limits.

The proposed improvements would consist of depressing six 12-foot-wide mainlanes (three in each direction) with 10-foot-wide shoulders. Discontinuous frontage roads would be constructed along the facility between Pacific Avenue and Ross Avenue. The project would include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations at cross streets and frontage roads. The project would include rebuilding the interchange at I-30/I-345, connections to Spur 366, and a Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) connection.

All improvements would occur within existing right-of-way (ROW) which varies in width from approximately 280- to 635- feet. No relocations or displacements are anticipated and surplus ROW would result from the proposed project.

The proposed project is anticipated to impact the following property protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966: Carpenter Park, located at 2201 Pacific Avenue, which is a City of Dallas public park. TxDOT anticipates making a *de minimis* determination for this use under Section 4(f)

of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of Carpenter Park may be submitted as described below.

The draft EA, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project will be on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Dallas District Office at 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643. Please call (214) 320-6100 to make an appointment. Project materials will be available online at www.345connects.com and in hard copy form for review at the in-person options.

The virtual public hearing and in-person options will be conducted 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 accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public hearing or in-person option, please contact TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480 no later than 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

La audiencia pública virtual y opciones en persona se llevarán a cabo en inglés. Si usted necesita un intérprete o un traductor de documentos porque su lenguaje principal no es el inglés o tiene alguna dificultad para comunicarse eficazmente en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si usted tiene alguna discapacidad y necesita ayuda, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para atender la mayoría de las necesidades. Si usted necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción o usted es una persona con alguna discapacidad que requiera una adaptación para asistir a y participar en la audiencia pública, por favor póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Información Pública de TxDOT, al número (214) 320-4480, a más tardar las 4 p.m. hora central, antes del martes 15 de abril del 2025. Tenga en cuenta que se requiere aviso previo ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que TxDOT los organice.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention: Grace Lo, P.E., 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643 or by email to 345connects@txdot.gov. Verbal comments may be submitted by calling (903) 329-9307. All comments must be postmarked or received by 11:59 p.m., Friday, May 9, 2025.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Grace Lo, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, by phone at (214) 320-6100, or by email at 345connects@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.