



FARM TO MARKET ROAD (FM) 548
From SH 66 to Crenshaw Road
CSJ: 1014-02-048
Virtual And In-Person Public Meeting Script

SLIDE 1 – Welcome Slide

Hello and welcome to the public meeting for the FM 548 project from SH 66 to South of Crenshaw Road presented by the Texas Department of Transportation, or TxDOT. We appreciate your interest in this project and welcome each of you. For those of you viewing this presentation online, you may pause it at any point to allow more time to review the information.

SLIDE 2 – End The Streak

November 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways and over 80,000 people have lost their lives since then. That’s a streak we want to break. Help TxDOT End the Streak of roadway fatalities by buckling up, driving the speed limit, putting down your phone, and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

SLIDE 3 – Project Location

The FM 548 project limits extend from SH 66 to South of Crenshaw Road. The total project length is approximately 2.97 miles located in Rockwall County, Texas. The project limits are shown on the map on this slide. The orange color indicates the project limits.

SLIDE 4 – Existing Typical Sections

The existing FM 548 roadway consists of two 12-foot-wide lanes, one in each direction, with three- to six-foot-wide shoulders. Drainage is conveyed by open ditches and culverts along roadside. Current right of way varies from approximately 60-feet to 80-feet-wide.

SLIDE 5 – Proposed Typical Sections

The proposed two-lane undivided typical section would consist of 12-foot-wide undivided lanes, one in each direction, with a 14-foot-wide two-way left-turn lane with five-foot-wide accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists on each side. Right of way would vary from 70-feet to 98-feet-wide.



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SLIDE 6 – Proposed Typical Sections

The proposed four-lane typical section would consist of two 12-foot-wide lanes in each direction, divided by a 20-foot-wide median with a ten-foot-wide shared-use path and a five-foot-wide sidewalk for pedestrians and bicyclists, one on either side. The right of way would be approximately 112-feet-wide.

SLIDE 7 – Right of Way

Approximately 13.2 acres of new right of way would be required for the proposed project. The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, potentially displace one residence and two commercial facilities. All of the right of way acquisition would be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended. Brochures, including two booklets titled “The Purchase of Right of Way” and “Relocation Assistance”, are also available on the project website. These booklets contain detailed information to inform you of your rights and provide information about TxDOT’s right-of-way acquisition process.

SLIDE 8 – Review and Approval of Environmental Document

Prior to December 16, 2014, the Federal Highway Administration, or FHWA, reviewed and approved documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act, known as NEPA; however, on December 16, 2014 TxDOT assumed responsibility from FHWA through a Memorandum of Understanding to review and approve certain assigned NEPA environmental documents. This Memorandum of Understanding between TxDOT and FHWA was updated on December 9, 2019.

SLIDE 9 – Projected Cost and Schedule



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The FM 548 project's anticipated Ready to Let Date is December 2027. "Letting" is when TxDOT notifies the construction community that TxDOT is ready to receive bids for constructing the project. Construction on a project begins after the letting process is complete. The total estimated construction cost for the project is approximately \$65 million. The project is currently unfunded for construction and cannot let until funding is identified; however, right of way acquisition can proceed even if the project is not funded.

SLIDE 10 – Project Timeline

The project timeline is shown on the screen. The public comment period for the public meeting ends on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. Following this public meeting, summary documentation of the meeting will be provided to the public. Schematic design and environmental clearance would be expected in 2025 followed by an anticipated Ready to Let date in December 2027.

SLIDE 11 – We Request Your Feedback

Comments will be accepted in a variety of ways as shown on the screen. If you would like to leave a verbal comment, please call the number listed. Comments must be received or postmarked by **Wednesday, June 5, 2024** to be part of the official public meeting record.

All substantive comments and questions will be fully considered and responded to in the project record and made part of the summary documentation for this public meeting. This document will then be made available for public review online on the project website.

SLIDE 12 – Thank You

We sincerely appreciate your participation and interest in the FM 548 Project. Your questions, comments and concerns will receive careful consideration. Thank you, this concludes the presentation.