

## SLIDE 1 - Title slide

Welcome to the Public Meeting for the FM 460 from US 80 to FM 740 and FM 740 from Ranch Road to Maverick Drive project in Kaufman County. Thank you for your time and attention today.

Please note, you may pause this presentation at any point to allow more time to review the information.

### **SLIDE 2 – Help End the Streak**

Before we begin, we would like to express our continued concern for safety by sharing TxDOT's "End the Streak" campaign. November 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on roadways in Texas. 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.

## SLIDE 3 – Public meeting purpose

You may have attended previous public meetings conducted by TxDOT. For the benefit of those who have never participated before, we will explain why the department conducts a public meeting.

A public meeting has four essential purposes:

- 1. Inform the public of the planning status for the project and present recommendations based on studies to date.
- 2. Describe the project so the public can determine the project's potential to affect their lives and property.
- 3. Provide the public with an opportunity to express their views in a stage of the planning process before location and design decisions are finalized.
- 4. And finally, to develop a record of public views and participation to accompany recommendations for subsequent decisions.



### **SLIDE 4 - Project background**

TxDOT is proposing to reconstruct and widen FM 460 and FM 740 in Kaufman County. The roads provide critical access in the region by connecting US Highway 80 (US 80) on the south and Rockwall County to the north.

### **SLIDE 5 – Existing typical section**

The existing roadway on FM 740 consists of two 11-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction and varying 11-to-18-foot turn lanes. Similarly, the existing roadway on FM 460 consists of two 11-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction and 12-foot turn lanes. There are no existing sidewalks, bicycle or pedestrian facilities.

### SLIDE 6 - Proposed ultimate typical section

The proposed improvements would reconstruct and widen FM 460 and FM 740, in Kaufman County to four lanes (ultimate six) and add shared use paths and sidewalks for bicycle and pedestrian use. The overall project length would be approximately five (5) miles.

#### **SLIDE 7 - Project schedule and cost**

The project is anticipated to be "Ready to Let" by 2029. Letting is when TxDOT notifies the construction community that a project is ready to be bid on for construction. Construction on a project begins after the letting process is complete. The total construction cost for FM 460 is \$14 million and FM 740 is \$75 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 for construction.

#### **SLIDE 8 – Environmental process**

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 – Environmental constraints**

During the past year TxDOT has analyzed the preliminary environmental constraints within the project area. As the proposed project is further refined, the environmental process will continue along with in-depth analyses and field studies to assess potential impacts. To view the full environmental constraints map, please visit the project website.

### SLIDE 10 - Right-of-way (ROW)

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right-of-way and potentially displace residential and commercial structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

All right-of-way acquisition would be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended. Detailed information to inform displaced persons of their rights is provided on the project website.

#### **SLIDE 11 – Project timeline**

This slide shows the project timeline, including next steps. Following this public meeting, TxDOT will continue developing the detailed schematic design and environmentally clearing the project by summer 2026. Final design and construction would occur after that point, as funding becomes available. The anticipated ready to let date is in 2029. Please note that this timeline is subject to change.

#### **SLIDE 12 – How to comment**

Comments will be accepted in a variety of way as shown on this slide.

Comments must be received or postmarked by Tuesday, August 13, 2024 to be included in the official public meeting record. Reponses to comments received will be posted on the public meeting website once they are prepared.

### SLIDE 13 - Thank you



We appreciate your interest in the FM 460 and FM 740 projects. Thank you.