

Notice of Public Meeting SL 288 From east of I-35 to east of Geesling Road on US 380 CSJs: 2250-02-025; 0135-10-066; 2250-04-002

Denton County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in coordination with Denton County are proposing improvements to State Loop (SL) 288, from east of Interstate 35 (I-35) to east of Geesling Road on United States Highway (US) 380 in Denton County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. The same information will be available at both the in-person and virtual meetings.

<u>In-Person Meeting (Open House)</u> Thursday, June 13, 2024, 5 - 7 p.m. Denton High School 3001 Bronco Way, Denton, TX 76207 <u>Virtual Meeting*</u> Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 5 p.m. through Friday, June 28, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/statehighways/SL288East *Not a live event

The in-person meeting will begin at 5 p.m. and will be in an open house format where the public may come and go at their convenience. Staff will be available to answer questions and receive comments. The virtual meeting can be viewed Thursday, June 13, 2024, starting at 5 p.m. through Friday, June 28, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. Materials will be posted to the project website listed above and will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation that includes both audio and video components, along with other exhibits. The virtual public meeting is not a live event, and the materials can be viewed at your convenience. If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6628 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process. Please note the materials will not be available until June 13, 2024, at 5 p.m.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public meeting which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants and leave written comments. Details about the in-person meeting are listed above.

The proposed improvements include reconstructing and widening the SL 288 mainlanes from four to six lanes and constructing frontage roads, two lanes in each direction. The proposed improvements also include the construction of new U-turns at Kings Road along SL 288, as well as adding mainlanes, frontage roads and grade-separated intersections between SL 288 and US 380 in Denton County. A 10-foot shared-use path will be added on the north and south sides of the project. The project is approximately seven miles in length. The existing right of way is approximately 250-feet-wide and the proposed right of way ranges between 350- and 400-feet.

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

and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (214) 320-6675.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and an action in a floodplain.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East U.S. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150. Please call (214) 320-6628 to schedule an appointment. Project materials are also available online at the project website. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public meeting and in-person option 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 an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact the Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480, TxDOT Dallas District, no later than 4 p.m. Friday, June 7, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

La reunión pública virtual y la presencial se llevarán a cabo en inglés. Si usted necesita un intérprete o un traductor de documentos porque su idioma 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 reunión pública virtual o en persona, por favor póngase en contacto con Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480, TxDOT Dallas District, a más tardar a las 4:00 p.m. hora central, Viernes 7 de Junio del 2024. Por favor sepa que es necesario dar aviso con anticipación, 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, Attn: Nelson Underwood, P.E., 4777 East U.S. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 or by email to Nelson.Underwood@txdot.gov. Verbal comments can be submitted by calling (940) 202-9015. All comments must be received before or postmarked by Friday, June 28, 2024. Responses to comments received will be available online at the project website once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or inperson option, please contact Nelson Underwood, TxDOT Project Manager, by phone at (214) 320-6628 or email at Nelson.Underwood@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.