



State Loop (SL) 288 Public Meeting

From east of Interstate 35 (I-35) to east of Geesling Road on
United States Highway (US) 380
Denton County, Texas

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June 13, 2024

Hello and welcome to the Public Meeting for State Loop 288 from east of I-35 to east of Geesling Road on US 380. This meeting has been convened by the Texas Department of Transportation and is being held to receive and consider comments from the public.

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

HELP #EndTheStreakTX

End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

TxDOT.gov (Keyword: #EndTheStreakTX)



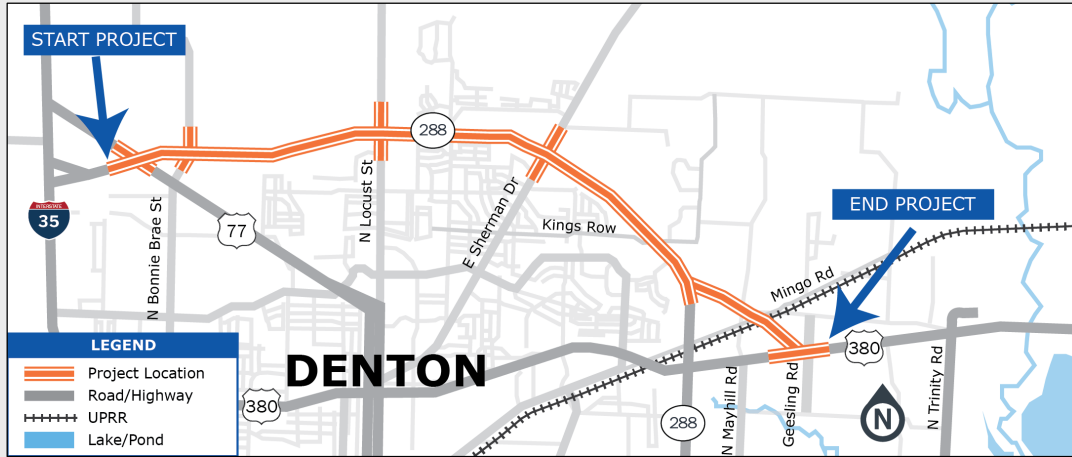
#EndTheStreakTX Toolkit



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November 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on roadways in Texas. That means for over two decades, at least one person has died every single day. We all have a part to play to change that. This message is that reminder – to End the Streak of deaths on Texas highways. We need drivers and passengers to act more responsibly and help us reach our goal of zero deaths by 2050. 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.

Project Location Map



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This project is for State Loop 288 from east of I-35 to east of Geesling Road on US 380. The proposed improvements include reconstructing and widening the State Loop 288 mainlanes from four to six lanes and constructing frontage roads, two lanes in each direction.

Public Meeting Purpose and Protocol

- Inform the public of project status and recommendations
- Describe the project so the public can determine how they may be affected
- Provide the public an opportunity to provide input
- Develop a record of public participation

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You may have attended previous public meetings conducted by TxDOT. Due to changes in TxDOT public involvement protocols, we will not have a live speech or take comments from the floor at this public meeting. In lieu of a live speech, we are showing this pre-recorded presentation. Verbal comments will still be accepted on our voicemail line.

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 status of planning for the project and present the recommendations based on studies performed to date.
2. Describe the project so those attending can determine the project's potential to affect their lives and property.
3. Provide the public with an opportunity to see information and express their views at this stage in the planning process when flexibility to respond to comments still exists, and 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.

This public meeting is being held in compliance with both federal and state laws.

Following this meeting, TxDOT will proceed with the preparation of the environmental study. Your statements and comments will be addressed in this document and will be given full consideration in the preparation of the final recommendation and design for this project along State Loop 288 from east of I-35 to east of Geesling Road on US 380.

Viewing the Project Information

Websites:

- www.keepitmovingdallas.com
Under "Public Hearings/Meetings"
- www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/state-highways/SL288East
Direct website link to the posted materials

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The design schematic and current environmental documentation for the State Loop 288 project are available for inspection and reproduction at the Texas Department of Transportation Dallas District Office, located at 4777 East US Highway 80 in Mesquite, Texas 75150. In addition, the design schematic may be viewed at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under "Public Hearings/Meetings." The information on this website is the same information being shown in this presentation.

Project Purpose and Need

Project Purpose:

Improve safety, increase mobility and meet current design standards.

Project Need:

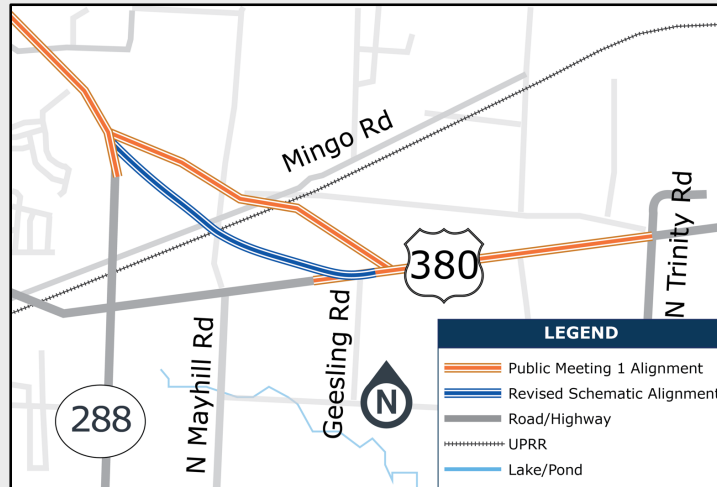
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The purpose of the State Loop 288 from east of I-35 to east of Geesling Road on US 380 project is to improve safety, increase mobility and meet current design standards.

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Project History Map



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A feasibility study was previously performed by TxDOT to evaluate an alternative connection between State Loop 288 and US 380. This study was completed in August 2022. The public meeting held in July 2023 showed the original feasibility alignment along with an alternative that is shown in orange on this map. Following the July 2023 public meeting and after review of the public comments, a modified revised schematic alignment is being proposed that eliminates residential impacts and is closer to the original feasibility alignment shown in blue on this map.

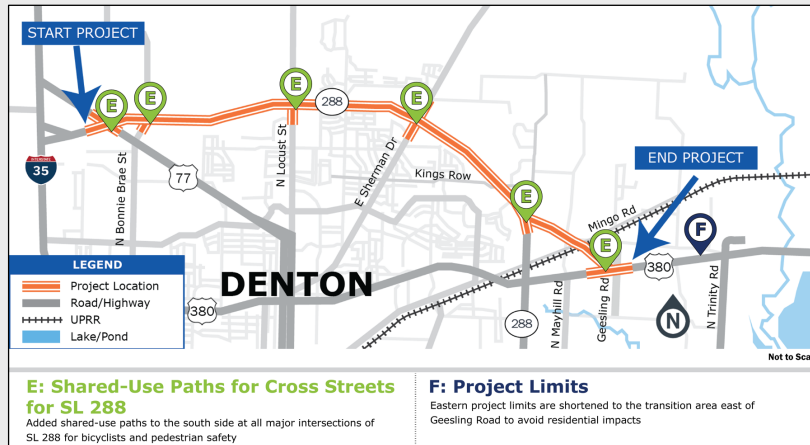
Changes made since Public Meeting 1 (July 27, 2023)



In addition to the changes to the alignment for the connector between State Loop 288 and US 380, the project team has made additional refinements to the proposed design based on feedback received at the July 2023 public meeting. Those refinements include:

- Removing the braided ramp at FM 428, also known as Sherman Drive, and extending the exit ramp through Locust Street in order to access Sherman Drive.
- Reversing entrance and exit ramps at Sherman Drive, for better access and operations. This will allow for a westbound exit and an eastbound entrance to State Loop 288.
- Eliminating the Kings Row through-connection and developing a new Kings Row connection by extending Deerwood Parkway and Windsor Drive to the State Loop 288 at-grade intersection east.
- Eliminating the frontage road and access from Kings Row to US 380 for safety and improved connectivity.

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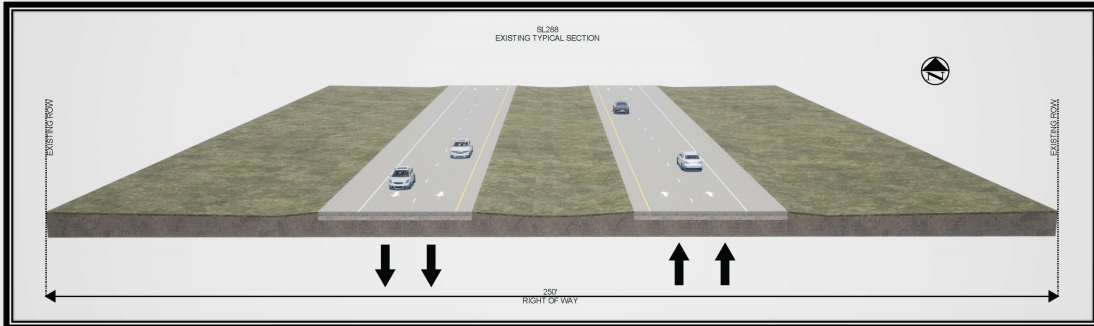


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Additional changes from the public meeting in July 2023 include:

- Adding shared-use paths to the south side and at all major intersections of State Loop 288 for bicyclists and pedestrian safety.
- Shortening of the eastern project limits to the transition area east of Geesling Road to avoid residential impacts.

Existing Typical Section – SL 288

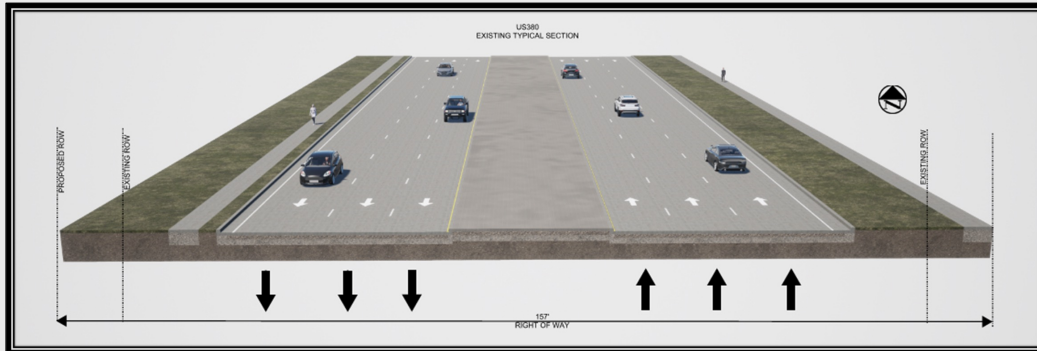


- Consists of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction with 4-foot inside shoulders and 10-foot outside shoulders
- Existing right of way is a minimum of 250-feet-wide
- No existing sidewalk, bicycle or pedestrian facilities

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The existing roadway on State Loop 288 includes 250-feet of right of way and consists of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction, northbound and southbound on State Loop 288. There is a 4-foot shoulder on the inside of both northbound and southbound lanes and a 10-foot outside shoulder on both sides. There are no existing sidewalk, bicycle or pedestrian facilities.

Existing Typical Section – US 380

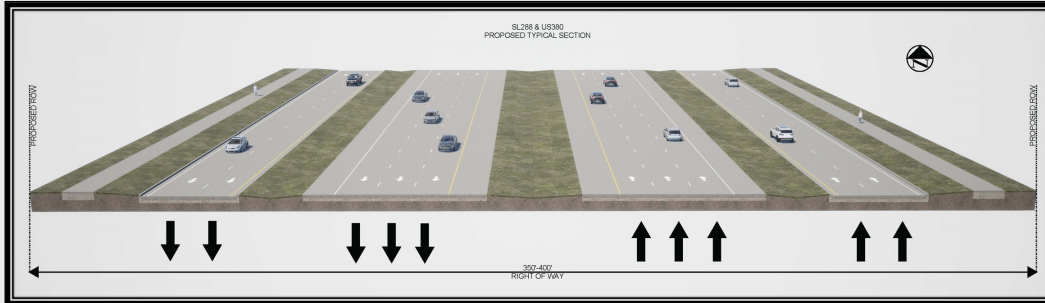


- Consists of three 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction
- Existing right of way is 157-feet-wide
- Partial existing sidewalk, bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Raised median

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The existing roadway on US 380 includes 157-feet of right of way and consists of three 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction with a two-way left-turn lane between the travel lanes. There is a partial existing sidewalk for bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Proposed Typical Section (SL 288 and US 380)

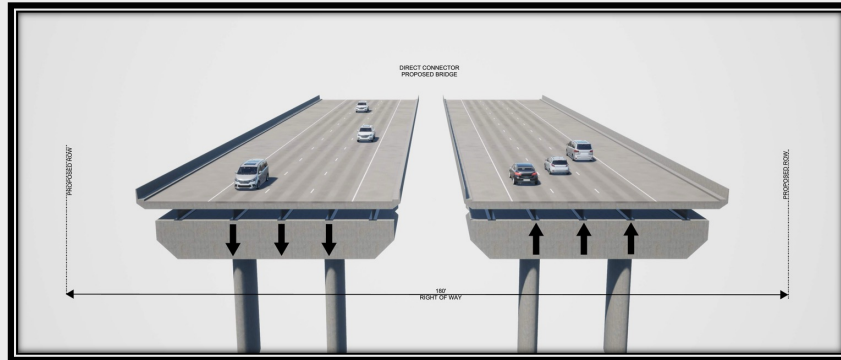


- Widen to six-lane freeway section
- Construct two-lane frontage road in both directions
- Addition of a 10-foot shared-use paths on both sides
- Interchange improvements at US 77, Bonnie Brae Street, Locust Street and Sherman Drive
- Proposed right of way ranges from 350- to 400-feet

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The proposed project is to improve safety, increase mobility and meet current design standards. The proposed project includes a right of way of 350- to 400-feet and would add an additional lane in each direction, as well as two 12-foot frontage roads in each direction. The proposed project also includes the addition of a 10-foot shared-use path on both sides of the roadway. Grade-separated interchanges would be included at US 77, Bonnie Brae Street, Locust Street and Sherman Drive.

Proposed Typical Section (Bypass Connector)

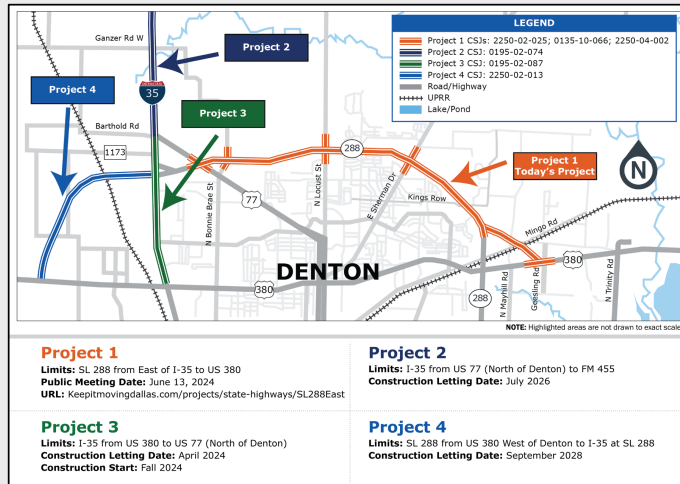


- Six-lane freeway section (three lanes in each direction)
- No frontage roads
- No sidewalk/shared-use path

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The proposed bypass connector connecting State Loop 288 with US 380 is a six-lane freeway section with three lanes in each direction. There are no frontage roads or sidewalks or shared-use paths.

Adjacent Projects



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There are four projects in this area. Three are in the final design phase or are awaiting construction. This project is in the planning and environmental phase. The project associated with this public meeting is shown in orange.

Project Cost and Schedule



Anticipated Ready to Let Date
2028



*Estimated Construction Cost**
\$815M

**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.*

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The State Loop 288 from east of I-35 to east of Geesling Road on US 380 project is anticipated to be "Ready to Let" by 2028. "Ready to Let" is when TxDOT notifies the construction community that a project is ready to be bid on after all right of way is acquired and utilities are relocated. Construction on a project begins after the letting process is complete. The total construction cost for the project is approximately \$815 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.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Assignment to the Texas Department of Transportation

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.

La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo o han sido, llevado a cabo por TxDOT en virtud de 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento fechado el 9 de diciembre del 2019, y ejecutado por la FHWA y TxDOT.

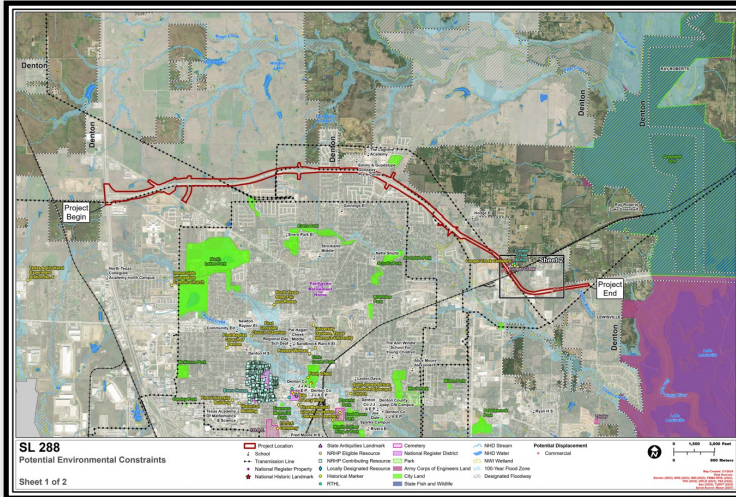
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Prior to December 16, 2014, the Federal Highway Administration, or FHWA, reviewed and approved documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act, known as NEPA; however, on December 16, 2014 the Texas Department of Transportation assumed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

Environmental studies will be conducted for the proposed State Loop 288 project to support an environmental clearance in accordance with NEPA. These environmental analyses are necessary to identify, avoid, and minimize effects to the Human and Natural Environments.

Notices for this public meeting were advertised in the Denton-Record Chronicle, Al Dia, on the TxDOT.gov website under "Hearings and Meetings Schedule", and on Keepitmovingdallas.com under "Public Hearings / Meetings." The TxDOT Public Information Office also prepared a news media release to advertise the public meeting. The TxDOT technical reports will be made available for your review on the project website once they are completed.

Constraints Map



To view a full-size environmental constraints map, please visit the project page at: www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/state-highways/SL288East

Preliminary environmental constraints have been identified and will be further evaluated as part of the technical studies phase of the proposed project. The environmental constraints identified thus far in the proposed project area include streams and wetlands, floodplains, historical markers, public parkland, cemeteries, archeological sites and potential hazardous materials sites. To view a full-size environmental constraints map, please visit the project page at www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/state-highways/SL288East.

Right of Way

Proposed Right of Way & Displacements:

- The proposed project would require the acquisition of approximately 125 acres of additional right of way
- The proposed project would displace one non-residential property
- Right-of-way acquisition will be in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970

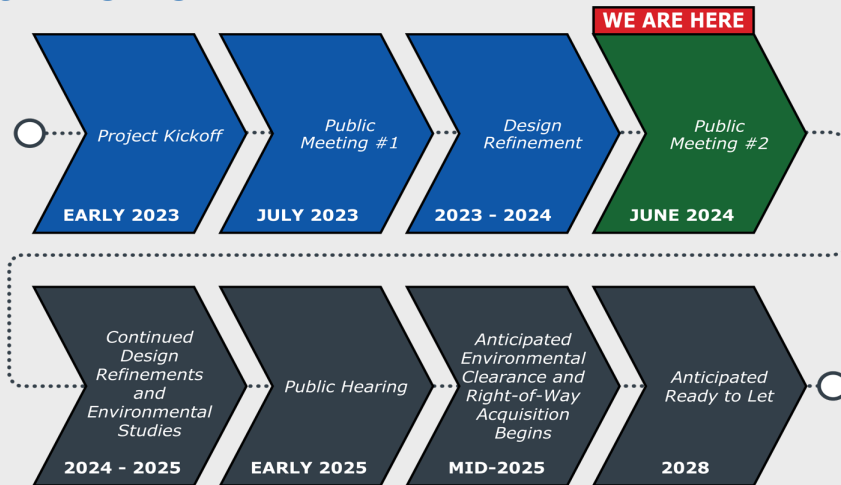
Please visit the project website for more information about the Uniform Act and TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program information.

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The proposed project would require the acquisition of approximately 125 acres of additional right of way to complete the proposed improvements, as well as one non-residential property displacement.

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. 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 the TxDOT right-of-way acquisition process.

Project Timeline



Dates are approximate and subject to change.

The public comment period for this public meeting ends Friday, June 28, 2024. Following this meeting, documentation of this public meeting will be reviewed by TxDOT. A public hearing is planned for early 2025 and final environmental clearance is expected by Summer of 2025.

As mentioned earlier, the project has an anticipated Ready to Let Date of 2028.

This concludes the environmental evaluation portion of the presentation.

How to Submit Comments

Please submit your comments regarding this Public Meeting using any of the methods below.

Comments must be received or postmarked by **Friday, June 28, 2024**, to be included in the Public Meeting Summary.

For general questions about the presentation, please contact TxDOT Project Manager Nelson Underwood, P.E., at Nelson.Underwood@txdot.gov.



Comment Online

[Keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/state-highways/SL288East](https://keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/state-highways/SL288East)



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Mail-In Comments

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Comments will be accepted in a variety of ways as shown on this slide. If you would like to leave a verbal comment, please call the number shown here.

Comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, June 28, 2024, to be included in 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 final environmental document for this proposed project. This document will then be made available for public review online at the project website.

Thank you for participating!



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We sincerely appreciate your participation and interest concerning the proposed design of the State Loop 288 project. Your questions, comments and concerns will receive careful consideration. Thank you very much.