

Notice of Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option FM 663 From FM 875 to US 287 CSJ: 0815-08-040 Ellis County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 663 from FM 875 to US Highway (US) 287 in Ellis 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 the in-person and virtual meeting.

In-Person Meeting Thursday, May 15, 2025 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Open House) Midlothian Bible Church 4250 FM 663, Midlothian, TX 76065 <u>Virtual Meeting*</u> Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 5 p.m. through Friday, May 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. <u>www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/fm-roads/fm663</u> * Not a live event

The in-person public meeting will be held in an open house format. Representatives from TxDOT and project consultants will be available to answer questions about the project. The virtual meeting can be viewed on Thursday, May 15, 2025, starting at 5 p.m. through Friday, May 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Materials will be posted to the project website at <u>www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/fm-roads/fm663</u> and will include a pre-recorded presentation with audio and video components, along with exhibits and other information. **Please note, the virtual public meeting is not a live event. The materials can be viewed at your convenience.** If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6244 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials. **Please note that meeting materials will not be available until Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 5 p.m.**

The proposed project consists of the reconstruction and widening of FM 663 from FM 875 to US 287, for approximately 3.5 miles in Ellis County, Texas. The proposed improvements consist of two (ultimate three) 12-foot-wide lanes in each direction divided by a raised median. A shared-use path on the southbound side and a sidewalk on the northbound side are proposed. The project would also include turn-lanes and intersection improvements at side and cross streets. The proposed right of way width varies from approximately 125 to 185 feet.

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. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners can be obtained by calling the TxDOT Dallas District Right of Way office at (214) 320-6675 or by visiting the project website.

The proposed project may involve construction in wetlands. Any environmental documentation or studies, any 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 Monday through Friday by appointment between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the TxDOT Dallas District office at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150. Please call (214) 320-6244 to make 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 TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Officer at (214) 320-4480 no later than 4 p.m., Friday, May 9, 2025. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

La reunion pública virtual y opciones en persona 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 reunion pública, por favor póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Información Publica de TxDOT, al número (214) 320-4480 a más tardar a las 4:00 p.m. hora central, viernes, 9 de mayo del 2025. 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: Kibru Andargie, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 or by email to Kibru.Andargie@txdot.gov. Verbal comments may be submitted by leaving a voicemail at (469) 920-2505. All comments must be received on or before or postmarked by 11:59 p.m., Friday, May **30, 2025**. Responses to comments received will be available online at the project website once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting or in-person option, please contact the TxDOT Project Manager, Kibru Andargie, P.E., by phone at (214) 320-6244, or by email at kibru.andargie@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.