



TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Interstate Highway 30 from Cooper Street to State Highway 161
and SH 360 from Brown Boulevard/Avenue K southward to Road to Six Flags
in Tarrant and Dallas Counties

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Fort Worth District will conduct a public hearing to present proposed improvements to approximately 5.0 miles of Interstate Highway (IH) 30 extending from Cooper Street to State Highway (SH) 161, including the SH 360 interchange area extending from Brown Boulevard/Avenue K to Road to Six Flags (1.6 miles), in Tarrant and Dallas counties.

The purpose of the public hearing is to present the preliminary design of the proposed project and the anticipated social, economic and environmental effects. The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2015 beginning 7:00 PM at the Hilton Arlington Hotel, 2401 E. Lamar Boulevard, Arlington, Texas 76006. Prior to the public hearing, an open house will be held from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions during the open house. The formal public hearing presentation will begin at 7:00 PM followed by a public comment period.

The proposed project is needed to address current and projected traffic demands, safety, and existing facility design and operational deficiencies. The project would provide up to ten general-purpose lanes and auxiliary lanes on IH 30 from Cooper Street to SH 161. The capacity of IH 30 would also be improved by converting the existing two concurrent high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to a reversible two-lane managed toll/HOV facility from Center Street to SH 161. The limits and general configuration of the existing IH 30 frontage roads would not be altered, except that one-way collector-distributor roadways between Ballpark Way and Six Flags Drive would be constructed to facilitate local access.

The proposed improvements would provide from six to eight general-purpose lanes along SH 360 from Brown Boulevard/Avenue K to Road to Six Flags and a fully-directional interchange to improve connectivity between IH 30 and SH 360. The proposed interchange would require reconstructing the SH 360 main lanes, local access ramps and frontage roads. The project design also includes plans for constructing sidewalks and shared-use bicycle accommodations.

Proposed projects along IH 30 and SH 360 were previously environmentally approved in 2007 to provide the improved interchange between IH 30 and SH 360 and include a one-lane reversible managed toll/HOV facility along IH 30. This project is being developed to update the previous design. The ROW width for IH 30 varies widely, but generally ranges from 350 feet to over 1,500 feet. The proposed project would require approximately 15 acres of new right-of-way (ROW) and easements, and is expected to result in the displacement of seven commercial buildings. The project would not result in the displacement of any residential buildings. Existing control of access along the IH 30 corridor would be retained and new control of access would be required along SH 360 near relocated local access ramps between Brown Boulevard/Avenue K to Avenue J.

Anticipated impacts to stream channels that are waters of the U.S. would be less than 0.1 acre per crossing. No impacts to wetlands are anticipated. The impacts are anticipated to be authorized by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under Nationwide Permit 14 for Linear Transportation Projects without a Preconstruction Notification. Portions of the proposed project would encroach or cross within the 100-year floodplains adjacent to Arbor Creek and Johnson Creek and its tributaries. Potential fill within the floodplains would be determined during final design and coordinated with the appropriate local floodplain administrators. The proposed project would not raise the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations or ordinances.

The additional ROW needed would include approximately 1.8 acres of an approximately 16.1-acre property at 2905/2910/2920 East Avenue F in Arlington, a property determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). TxDOT is considering a *de minimis* Section 4(f) determination for impacts to this historic property. A Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact finding means that implementation of this proposed project would have no adverse effect on the historic property.

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. Code Section 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding executed by the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT, dated December 16, 2014.

The proposed project's environmental document and preliminary design layouts will be presented at the public hearing. For project information or to view the documents, please contact Mr. Nazrul Chowdhury, P.E. at (817) 370-6944 in the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133. The documents will also be available for viewing through local officials by contacting Mr. Keith Brooks, P.E., CFM of the City of Arlington, 101 W. Abram Street, Arlington, Texas, 76010 at (817) 459-6535 or Mr. Daon Stephens of the City of Grand Prairie, 206 W. Church Street, Grand Prairie, Texas 75053 at (972) 237-8319. Materials that will be presented at the public hearing will also be available for viewing and downloading online: <http://txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/fort-worth/i-30.html>.

Written and verbal comments regarding the proposed project may be presented at the public hearing. Written comments submitted after the public hearing must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before July 10, 2015 and will become part of the project documentation. Written comments may be submitted to Mr. Brian R. Barth, P.E., District Engineer, TxDOT Fort Worth District, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing. Persons interested in attending the public hearing who have special accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Ms. Tanya Fitzgerald at (817) 370-6610 at least three (3) work days prior to the public hearing. Since the hearing will be conducted in English, requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least three (3) work days prior to the public hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.