



**Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment
Available for Public Review and Public Hearing**

**STATE HIGHWAY (SH) 5
From SH 121 to County Road (CR) 375
CSJ: 0047-04-022
Collin County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, is proposing to reconstruct and widen SH 5 from SH 121 to CR 375 in Collin County, TX. This notice advises the public that draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on **Thursday, May 10, 2018, at the Anna Middle School, 1201 North Powell Parkway, Anna, Texas 75409**. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 7:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project would reconstruct and widen the existing two-lane SH 5 roadway to a four-lane urban divided highway. The proposed improvements would require right-of-way (ROW) acquisition of approximately 43.24 acres, including easements. A 14-foot wide shared-use outside lane with 1-foot wide outside curb offset and 5 to 6-foot wide American with Disabilities Act compliant sidewalks in both directions would be included throughout the entire project limits. SH 121 and CR 375 are logical termini for the roadway improvements and this project would have independent utility.

The proposed project would potentially displace approximately nine residential structures, five commercial structures, two storage buildings (a shed and barn), one publicly owned structure, and two churches. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

Impacts to waters of the U.S. would be permitted under Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14 with no pre-construction notification required. The proposed project crosses the approximate 100-year floodplain (Zone A) associated with a tributary to Slayter Creek. Coordination with the local floodplain administrator will be conducted. No wetlands would be impacted by the proposed project.

The proposed project would result in direct impacts to one historical resource, the Scott-Barker House, located at 1501 W. Harrison Street in Melissa. It was determined that the taking of a portion of the parcel would not have an adverse effect on the structure. A Section 4(f) *de minimis* determination is anticipated for this resource. The proposed project would also impact the Melissa Zadow Community Park, a 13.2-acre park located on the west side of SH 5 within the project area. The Melissa Zadow Community Park is subject to both Section 4(f) as well as Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. The transportation use of the park is not expected to adversely affect any of the activities, features, and attributes that qualify the resource for protection under Section 4(f) and Chapter 26. The City of Melissa and TxDOT will consider comments received during the environmental process before making a final Section 4(f) *de minimis* determination.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150; at the TxDOT Collin County Area Office located at 2205 South SH 5, McKinney, TX

75069 [(214) 320-4472]; and online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting. This information will also be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to Ms. Rakhshanda Mahar, P.E. at 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150. **Comments must be received on or before Friday, May 25, 2018, to be part of the official public hearing record.**

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Ms. Rakhshanda Mahar, P.E. at (214) 320-6244 or email at Rakhshanda.Mahar@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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.