

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from the Fairfield Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) to widen and reconstruct Old Mexia-Fairfield Road Improvements in Fairfield, Freestone County, Texas. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDA is conducting an environmental assessment of the potential of the proposed project to affect the environment and/or historic properties, floodplain/wetlands as defined by Executive Order (EO) 11988 and/or EO 11990.

The project aims to make improvements to Old Mexia-Fairfield Road to accommodate the expected increase in commercial and industrial traffic in the area. This includes reconstruction of the existing roadway by replacing it with an industrial grade concrete road and construction of storm drainage structures including curb inlets, box culverts, headwalls and storm sewer piping. The project will be located southwest of the intersection of FM 27 and IH 45 inside the City of Fairfield's city limits. The road section of interest runs from the southbound IH 45 Service Rd to approximately 3,750 feet west along Old Mexia-Fairfield Road. Project information is available for review at:

Fairfield Economic Development Corporation 101 South Mount Fairfield, Texas 75840-1531 903-389-7059

If you have any information regarding potential impacts to historic properties or environmental resources including wetlands or floodplains associated with this proposed project, please provide it in writing to:

Lisa Larsen, Regional Environmental Officer Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration 903 San Jacinto Blvd., Suite 206 Austin, Texas 78701 Email: llarsen@eda.gov

Comments received in the EDA Regional Office by 5:00 pm (CST) on June14, 2021 will be considered. A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office.