



Finding of No Significant Impact for a State Funded Project

Proposed Action: FM 565 Extension

Project Limits: From SH 146 to LP 207

City: Mont Belvieu **County:** Chambers **State:** Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 1024-01-070

In accordance with 43 T.A.C. Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter D, Section 2.83, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that the FM 565 Extension project will not have a significant impact on the human or natural environment.

This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Preferred Alternative is based on the final Environmental Assessment dated May 2015 and the entire project record. This decision documents the selection of the Proposed Action, presented in the final EA as the Preferred Alternative, which is described as:

A new two-lane roadway on a new location as an extension of FM 565 that involves constructing two 12-foot wide travel lanes with 10-foot wide outside shoulders and no median in a right-of-way width of 120 feet. The new roadway will generally continue the existing alignment of FM 565 at LP 207 and incorporate the alignment of the existing city street, Avenue B, from 3rd Street to SH 146. A traffic signal will be installed at the new intersection of SH 146 and FM 565 with turn lanes on FM 565 and SH 146. Gates will be installed on LP 207, at a point south of West Williams Street and at SH 146, with this section of LP 207 becoming private with no public access. The stop sign on FM 565 at LP 207 will be removed and stop signs will be installed on both sides of LP 207 @ FM 565. The existing traffic signal at LP 207 and SH 146 will remain.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on February 6, 2015.

A Notice Affording Opportunity for a Public Hearing was published on February 22, 2015.

Changes to the draft EA were made to indicate the project involves one business displacement/relocation and to clearly identify the environmental commitments. No comments were received during the public comment period; therefore, no changes to the draft EA were made as a result of comments received on the draft EA during the posted comment period.

A *Notice Affording Opportunity for a Public Hearing* and certification that the hearing opportunity was offered have been prepared and are available for review on request.

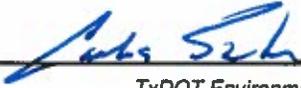
The final EA, Certification of Public Hearing Opportunity, and reports contained in the file of record have been independently evaluated by TxDOT and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, purpose, alternatives, environmental issues, impacts of the proposed project, and appropriate mitigation measures. These documents provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. These documents are incorporated by reference into this decisional document.

Based upon TxDOT's review and consideration of the analysis and evaluation contained in the EA for this project, and after careful consideration of all social, economic, and environmental factors, including input from the public involvement process, TxDOT hereby issues this Finding of No Significant Impact for the FM 565 Extension project from SH 146 to LP 207.



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TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA April 2015, Section 4 Permits/Agency Coordination/Commitments. TxDOT will ensure that any and all local, state, or federal permit requirements and conditions are met and otherwise complied with.



TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

5/22/15

Date