



Notice

Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Available for Public Review

IH 20 AT RANGER HILL, BROWNWOOD DISTRICT

From 3.5 miles east of LP 254 to SH 16

Eastland County, Texas

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, this notice advises the public that a final environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the proposed IH 20 at Ranger Hill project from 3.5 miles east of LP 254 to SH 16 in Eastland County, Texas. 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.

The proposed IH 20 at Ranger Hill project would consist of interstate improvements that would update the IH 20 design to meet current TxDOT design standards within the approximately three-mile project area. The design would realign IH 20 approximately 500 feet south of the existing alignment to reduce the existing horizontal curvature ("s" curve) to approximately one degree. The proposed design also would reduce the vertical grade from six to no more than three percent and would update the interstate from a superelevation (banking) of eight percent to four percent.

The proposed interstate would include two 12-foot main lanes in each direction with room for 10-foot shoulders. In addition there would be a new 12-foot climbing (or passing) lane for westbound traffic. The proposed interstate also would consist of construction of two new continuous two-way frontage roads on either side of the IH 20 main lanes. The frontage roads would consist of two 12-foot lanes with a four-foot inside shoulder and an eight-foot outside shoulder. It is anticipated that construction would begin in January 2017 and last approximately three years.

The proposed right-of-way (ROW) would vary from 300 to 1,380 feet for a total of approximately 260 acres, including an existing TxDOT safety rest area. TxDOT would acquire approximately 89 acres of ROW from adjacent private landowners for the expansion of the proposed project. Although additional ROW is required, no residential or non-residential structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition may be obtained from the district office at the address listed below and at the hearing.

To avoid noise impacts that may result from future development adjacent to a proposed highway project, a traffic noise analysis is included in the final EA, which includes predicted noise impact contours for currently undeveloped areas. These impact contours are intended as a general guide to assist local planning officials and developers plan and construct new activities in locations that would not result in traffic noise impacts. On the date of approval/clearance of an EA/FONSI (including the traffic noise analysis) for a proposed highway project, TxDOT is no longer responsible for providing noise abatement for new development.

Copies of the approved, final combined EA and FONSI, certification of public involvement, and supporting documentation are available for public inspection at the TxDOT website, <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/brownwood/i20-ranger-hill.html> and for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Brownwood District office at 2495 Highway 183 North,



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