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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

State Highway (SH) 276

From SH 205 To east of FM 549

City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas

CSJs: 1290-02-017 & 1290-03-027

This notice is to advise the public that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed improvements to State Highway (SH) 276.

SH 276 would be widened from an existing two-lane rural roadway to a four-lane divided urban arterial that would ultimately accommodate a six-lane divided urban minor arterial. The limits of the widening begin at the intersection of the realignment with the existing alignment at Wildrose Drive and continue east to approximately FM 549. SH 276 would be realigned between SH 205 and Wildrose Drive through an existing reserved roadway corridor to conform to the City of Rockwall Thoroughfare Plan (2012b). The existing SH 205/SH 276 intersection would be relocated to Sids Road, approximately 0.5 mile to the south of its current location. Traffic travelling eastbound from the existing intersection along existing SH 276 would no longer be able to travel directly to FM 549. This direct link would be discontinued through the use of a proposed cul-de-sac east of Townsend Drive. Upon completion, SH 276 would accommodate one 11-foot travel lane and one 14-foot shared use lane in each direction, a 40-foot median, and five-foot sidewalks with two-foot buffers on each side of the roadway. The proposed section would also accommodate an ultimate six-lane facility. This future section would consist of two 11-foot travel lanes and one 14-foot shared use lane in each direction, and an 18-foot-wide raised median. Five-foot-wide sidewalks with two-foot buffers between the sidewalk and curb would remain on both sides of the roadway between SH 205 and FM 549. At various cross streets, a 10-foot-wide left-turn bay would be provided in the median. Intersections would be constructed at Faircrest Drive and Graystone Drive.

Copies of the FONSI Document, the approved Environmental Assessment, the Public Hearing Transcript for January 12, 2016 public hearing, the Public Hearing Summary and Analysis Report, which includes the Responses to Public Comments, and the Certification of Public Involvement for this project, are available for public inspection and reproduction at the TxDOT Dallas District Library, at 4777 East Highway 80, in Mesquite, Texas 75150. For further information, please contact Mr. Stephen Endres, P.E., Project Manager at TxDOT Dallas District Office at (214) 320-4469.

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 the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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