



Finding of No Significant Impact for a NEPA Assigned Federal Aid Project

Proposed Action: FM 3549 Roadway Widening

Project Limits: IH 30 to North of SH 66

City: Rockwall and Fate **County:** Rockwall **State:** Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 1015-01-023

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that the FM 3549 Roadway Widening Project From IH 30 to North of SH 66 in Rockwall County, Texas 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 February 2016 and the entire project record. This decision documents the selection of the Build Alternative, presented in the final EA as the Preferred Alternative, which is described as:

The Build Alternative consists of widening the existing two-lane rural roadway to a four-lane urban section. The project will consist of a four-lane urban divided section with selected left-turn lanes. The proposed typical section provides one additional 12-foot travel lane, one 14-foot multipurpose lane for bicycle use, and 2-foot offset to a concrete curb. The typical section also provides a 5-foot sidewalk for pedestrian use adjacent to the north and southbound lanes. A raised median is also provided to control the ingress and egress. The ROW will vary from 100 to 130 feet with 120 feet usual width. The design speed for the Build Alternative is 45 mph with a 30-mph speed limit for cross streets. A total of 4.322 acres of ROW and 0.172 acre for a temporary construction easement would be required. The drainage easement would also consist of approximately 0.553 acre.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on December 16, 2015.

A public hearing for this project was held on January 21, 2016.

No changes to the draft EA were made as a result of comments received on the draft EA during the posted comment period or from comments made at the public hearing.

A Public Hearing Summary and Analysis report and certification that the required hearing was held has been prepared and is available for review on request.

The final EA, the Public Hearing Summary and Analysis report, 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 3549 Roadway Widening project from IH 30 to SH 66.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA (February 2016), Section 8.0. TxDOT will ensure that any and all local, state, or federal permit requirements and conditions are met and otherwise complied with.



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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.

TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

3/8/16

Date