



Finding of No Significant Impact for a State Funded Project

Proposed Action: FM 1093/FM 359 Westpark Tollway Phase II

Project Limits: FM 723/Spring Green Boulevard to FM 359 in Fulshear

City: Fulshear **County:** Fort Bend **State:** Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 1258-02-034, 1258-03-044, 1258-03-045, 0543-02-063, 0543-02-064, 0543-02-065

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 FM 1093/FM 359 Westpark Tollway Phase II 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 2016 and the entire project record. This decision documents the selection of Alternative 3, presented in the final EA as the Preferred Alternative, which is described as:

Alternative 3, the preferred Build Alternative, would widen FM 1093 from a two-lane undivided facility to a four-lane divided facility. The Build Alternative also allows for the extension of the same section of the Westpark Tollway that runs from Post Oak Boulevard in the Uptown District of Houston (Harris County) west to Cross Creek Ranch Boulevard in Fort Bend County. The proposed project would consist of a four-lane controlled access tollway with continuous non-toll, one-way two-lane frontage roads from 0.4 mile west of FM 723/Spring Green Boulevard to Cross Creek Ranch Boulevard. The toll lanes would terminate and tie into the non-toll, one-way two-lane frontage roads west of the Cross Creek Ranch Boulevard intersection. The four-lane divided facility would continue west through the intersection of FM 359 in Fulshear and transition back to the existing FM 1093 at James Lane. A five-foot sidewalk is proposed on the north side of the facility for the entire length of the proposed project. A five-foot sidewalk is also proposed along portions of the south side of the facility. Construction of the non-toll four-lane divided facility would occur first with construction of the tollway following once it becomes toll viable.

Grade separation overpasses for the tollway mainlanes would occur at the FM 1463/FM 359 and Cross Creek Ranch Boulevard intersections. These existing cross street signalized intersections would be reconstructed into cross street timed signalized intersection pairs with the non-toll, one-way two-lane frontage roads. Turns lanes would be included at these cross street and one-way frontage road intersections to provide traffic turning movements with a level of service meeting design criteria. U-turns would be constructed at both overpass locations to facilitate eastbound and westbound non-toll frontage road access from other side streets within the project limits.

Right turn lanes would be constructed with the non-toll, one-way two-lane frontage roads and four-lane divided facility at side street intersections. Side streets considered to need right turn lanes include Flewellen Way, Flewellen Place Lane, the proposed Fulshear Parkway, Tiki Lane, Bois D'Arc Lane, Katy Fulshear Road, Syms Street and FM 359/proposed Fulshear Trace in Fulshear.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on March 24, 2016.

A Notice Affording Opportunity for a Public Hearing was published in the *Houston Chronicle* on March 24, 2016, and April 13, 2016 and in the *Houston Chronicle Community* papers for Katy and Fort Bend on March 24, 2016, and April 14, 2016. The notice was also published in Spanish in *La Voz* on March 27, 2016, and April 10, 2016. The notice was mailed to adjacent property owners and elected officials. No requests for a Public Hearing were received.



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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 has been prepared and is available for review on request.

The final EA 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 1093/FM 359 Westpark Tollway Phase II project from FM 723/Spring Green Boulevard to FM 359 in Fulshear.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA May 2016, Section 4.3. 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

6/16/16

Date