



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

Proposed Action: Erskine Street

Project Limits: Texas Tech Parkway to Indiana Avenue

City: Lubbock **County:** Lubbock **State:** Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 0905-06-086

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that the Erskine Street (from Texas Tech Parkway to Indiana Avenue) widening from two lanes to five lanes, 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 April 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 proposed improvements would take place along the existing Erskine Street, with new right-of-way to be added at various locations on both sides of the existing roadway. Improvements would consist of a five-lane suburban section with two 11-foot wide lanes, two 13.5-foot wide lanes, and a 14-foot wide center left turn lane. An additional 11-foot wide right turn lane would be located at the northwest corner of the project area leading up to the terminus at Texas Tech Parkway. Drainage would be accomplished via curb and gutters to a pond north of Erskine Street and through streets east of the project. The proposed typical right-of-way would be 90 to 100 feet wide. Additional sidewalks would be added on the north side of the project at the locations where sidewalks are not present.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on June 24, 2015.

A Notice Affording an Opportunity for Public Hearing (NAOPH) was published January 24, 2016. No comments or requests for a public hearing were received during the 30 day period.

No changes to the draft EA were made since no comments were received on the draft EA during the posted comment period.

A Notice Affording an Opportunity for Public Hearing Report and certification that the required hearing opportunity was offered has been prepared and is available for review upon request.

The final EA, the Meeting of Affected Property Owners Documentation, 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 Environmental Assessment for the Erskine Street project from Texas Tech Parkway to Indiana Avenue.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA April



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2016, Section 10.0 (Environmental Permits, Issues, and Commitments). TxDOT will ensure that any and all local, state, or federal permit requirements and conditions are met and otherwise complied with.

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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TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

4/7/16

Date