



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

Proposed Action: Loop 1604 Improvements

Project Limits: US 90 to FM 1957 (Potranco Road)

City: San Antonio **County:** Bexar **State:** Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 2452-01-059

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that the Loop 1604 Improvements project 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 the Build Alternative, presented in the final EA as the Preferred Alternative, which is described as:

Construct both mainlanes and frontage roads throughout the project area in order to convert the existing roadway to a four-lane expressway (non-toll lanes) with continuous frontage roads. The existing northbound mainlanes would be converted to a continuous northbound frontage road. The existing southbound mainlanes would be converted to northbound mainlanes, and new southbound mainlanes and southbound frontage roads would be constructed. The proposed project would also include the construction of grade separations at major intersections located within the project limits (and overpasses or underpasses to separate traffic at the intersections of Marbach Road and Dove Canyon) as well as a direct connector from southbound LP 1604 to eastbound US 90.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was published on March 30, 2016, as part of the Notice Affording Opportunity for Public Hearing (NAOPH).

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 required hearing opportunity was offered are available for review on request.

The final EA, public involvement 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 Loop 1604 Improvements project from US 90 to FM 1957 (Potranco Road).

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA (May 2016), Section 5.0. TxDOT will ensure that any and all local, state, or federal permit requirements and



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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.

TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

5/27/16

Date