



Finding of No Significant Impact for an FHWA Project

Proposed Action: SL 335 Segment B2

Project Limits: From FM 2590 to SW 9th Avenue

City: Amarillo

County: Potter, Randall

State: Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 0904-02-038, 0904-11-058, 0275-01-178

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that SL 335 Segment B2 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 (EA) dated July 2017 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 project consists of upgrading existing roadways and a new location alignment to a controlled access facility including bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. The proposed project would generally follow the FM 2186 alignment west from FM 2590 to Helium Rd. and then follow Helium Rd. north to near the Randall/Potter County line where it would veer northeast, on a new location alignment, crossing IH 40 and BI 40-D, to merge with the existing SL 335 near SW 9th Ave.

The proposed controlled access facility would include four 12-ft mainlanes (two in each direction) grade separated over intersecting cross streets, two-lane frontage roads with a 12-ft wide inside lane and a 14-ft wide outside shared-use lane, and connecting ramps. The design would accommodate future expansion to an ultimate 6-mainlane section. The proposed project would also include curb and gutter along the frontage roads and 6-ft sidewalks along both sides of the proposed facility. The proposed project would be constructed within a variable right-of-way width of approximately 304- to- 460 ft.

The proposed project would generally be constructed in phases. The general phasing of the project would consist of the construction of the frontage roads including the IH 40 mainlane bridge at level two, then construction of the mainlanes including the SL 335 mainlane bridge at level three, and then finally, the construction of the ultimate condition of the IH 40/SL 335 interchange based on the availability of funding.

The proposed IH 40/SL 335 interchange would consist of an interim and ultimate condition. The interim condition would consist of a three-level interchange, with frontage roads at level one, IH 40 mainlanes at level two, and SL 335 mainlanes at level three. The ultimate condition would include direct connector ramps over the three-level interchange.

Additionally, improvements along IH 40 to the mainlanes, ramps and frontage roads are proposed to accommodate the IH 40/SL 335 interchange.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on May 21, 2017.

A public hearing for this project was held June 8, 2017.

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.

Public Hearing Documentation has been prepared and is available for review on request.



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

The final EA, the Public Hearing Summary and Analysis Report, Public Meeting Summaries, Purpose and Need Supporting Data Report, Community Impacts Technical Report, Indirect Effects Technical Report, Section 4(f) Net Benefit Programmatic for Historic Sites checklist, Water Resources Technical Report, Biological Evaluation, Biological Resources Technical Report, Hazardous Materials Initial Site Assessment, Hazardous Material Technical Report, Traffic Noise Technical Report, Report for Intensive Archeological Survey, Historic Resource Survey Report, Section 106 Coordination and documents 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 FONSI for the SL 335 Segment B2 project from FM 2590 to SW 9th Ave.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA July 2017 Section 7.0. 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.

TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

7/21/17

Date