



Notice

**Finding of No Significant Impact
Available for Public Review**

10/69 INTERCHANGES PROJECT

I-10 from Walden Road (County Road 131) to 7th Street

US 69 from Fannett Road (State Highway 124) to 11th Street

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Jefferson County, Texas

This notice advises the public that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the proposed 10/69 Interchanges Project, and that the FONSI is available for public review. The proposed project would reconstruct and expand I-10 and US 69 where they converge in the city of Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas. The project would widen the existing I-10 from Walden Road (CR 131) to 7th Street and existing US 69 from Fannett Road (SH 124) to 11th Street. Between the Cardinal Drive and Eastex Freeway interchanges, the roadway would be widened in each direction from four lanes to five lanes. The roadway approaches to the Cardinal Drive and Eastex Freeway interchanges on I-10 and US 69 would be widened in each direction from two lanes to three lanes. The project also includes new frontage roads for continuity throughout the limits, relocating I-10 ramps, and constructing two-lane direct connectors in each direction where I-10 and US 69 converge within the project limits. In addition, the project includes the removal of the Maury Meyers Bridge (Liberty/Laurel Overpass) to address a height constraint for freight movements and includes upgrading drainage infrastructure to current design standards.

To avoid noise impacts that may result from future development adjacent to a proposed highway project, a traffic noise analysis is included in the final environmental assessment (EA), which includes predicted noise impact contours for currently undeveloped areas. These impact contours are intended as a general guide to assist local planning officials and developers plan and construct new activities in locations that would not result in traffic noise impacts.

On the date of approval/clearance of an EA/FONSI (including the traffic noise analysis) for a proposed highway project, TxDOT is no longer responsible for providing noise abatement for new development. Additionally, as TxDOT does not provide retroactive (retrofit) abatement (known as a Type II program), this project area would not be eligible for potential noise abatement until the next major highway improvement project.

The FONSI and approved final environmental assessment (EA) are available online at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/beatmont/080720.html>.

For further information or to request a copy of the FONSI and/or approved final EA, please contact Leanna Sheppard, Environmental Specialist, at (409) 898-5732 or by email bmtprojects@txdot.gov.

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 a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.
