



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: US 77 Reconstruction

Project Limits: From South of FM 66 to North of McMillan Street

City: Waxahachie **County:** Ellis **State:** Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 0048-03-050 & 0048-03-055

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that the US 77 Reconstruction 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 March 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 Build Alternative would include the addition of a new two-lane bridge on new alignment west of the existing viaduct, a new (replacement) two-lane bridge on the existing alignment, and the conversion of Elm Street and Monroe Street to a one-way couplet system.

The Build Alternative would add a new two-lane structure west of the existing viaduct for southbound traffic only. The existing viaduct would be replaced and utilized as a two-lane structure for northbound traffic only. Additionally, Elm Street and Monroe Street would be converted into a one-way couplet system. Each street would carry two lanes of traffic. Northbound traffic in downtown Waxahachie would use the existing Elm Street roadway, while southbound traffic would be diverted onto Monroe Street. Elm Street and Monroe Street would consist of two travel lanes, parking lanes on one side, and adjacent sidewalks.

This alternative is financially viable, is consistent with planned development, has support from residents, historical societies and the City of Waxahachie, and would enhance mobility. The preferred build alternative is expected to meet the purpose and need of the project because the bridge replacement and addition of two additional travel lanes on an additional bridge will increase the current capacity of the main arterial streets in downtown Waxahachie, which will alleviate congestion, improve the LOS inadequacies, and create a safer roadway for the traveling public.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on December 26, 2016.

A public hearing for this project was held on January 26, 2017.

The draft EA was revised to include a summary of the public hearing, historical mitigation, a programmatic 4(f) for the US 77 viaduct, a 4(f) *de minimis* completed for the Waxahachie Hike and Bike Trail, a 4(f) Exception for the Vacuum Shop located at 400 Jefferson Street, and a 4(f) Exception for Archeology Site 41EL246.

Public Hearing Documentation 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



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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 US 77 Reconstruction project from South of FM 66 to North of McMillan Street.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA March 2017, Section 8, 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

3/27/17

Date



Environmental Document Certification Form

Project Name: US 77

Control Section Job Number (CSJ): 0048-03-050 & 0048-03-055

Document Type: EA EIS FONSI ROD

Document Stage: Draft Final

This checklist shall be used to certify that an environmental document is ready for public review (draft documents) or approval (final documents).

When all required items are satisfactorily completed, the District and ENV representatives will sign this form indicating the environmental document is certified and may proceed to public review or is ready for final approval.

This project meets all the following requirements:

- A. A project scope has been completed for the project.
- B. The document has been determined to be administratively complete.
- C. The document meets the requirements of technical review (43 TAC §2.49) as required to date.
- D. The required public participation has been completed as required to date.
- E. All consultation and coordination required for the environmental decision is complete and appropriately documented (for final environmental documents).
- F. Legal Review or Legal Sufficiency Review has been completed, as required.
- G. Current funding has been reviewed, and is as follows:
 - Mix of Federal/State/Local funding
 - State-only funding

Date Verified: 03/15/17

Comments:

Signed: Jim Dobbins
District Core Team Member

Date: 3/27/17

Print Name: Jim Dobbins

Signed: Michelle Lueck
ENV Core Team Member

Date: 3-27-17

Print Name: Michelle Lueck

Approved for Circulation (EAs only):

Signed: _____
Project Delivery Director

Date: _____

Print Name: _____



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Project Management

Reports

Support

Project Management > Area List > STIPs (M-DALLAS-FORT WORTH) > Revisions () > TIP Instances (Unassigned) > Highway Projects (Unassigned) > Project Details

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Statewide

TIP Revision None

Phase Construction

Construction

Total Project Cost Information

District DALLAS

County ELLIS

Engineering

Prelim Engineering \$700,000

MPO DALLAS-FORT WOF

Highway US 77

Environmental

ROW Purchase \$2,450,000

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TIP FY 2018

Engineering

Construction Cost \$13,137,250

Right-of-Way

Const Engineering \$260,191

Acquisition

Contingencies \$375,831

Utilities

Indirect Costs \$282,740

Transfer

Bond Financing \$0

Revision Date 07/2016

NOX (Kg /D): 0.0000

Potential Chg Ord \$0

Project Sponsor TXDOT-DALLAS

VOC (Kg /D): 0.0000

Total Project Cost \$17,206,012

MPO Proj Number 51220

PM10 (Kg /D): 0.0000

YOE Cost

MTP Reference RSA1-1 580 310

PM2.5 (Kg /D): 0.0000

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City WAXAHACHIE

CO (Lbs /D):

TCM

Limits From SOUTH OF FM 66

Limits To NORTH OF MCMILLAN STREET

Project Description RECONSTRUCT AND CONVERT 2 LANE UNDIVIDED TO 4 LANE DIVIDED ONE-WAY COUPLER

P7 Remarks CAT 1 FUNDS ARE PROP 1 FUNDS

Project History

Authorized Funding by Category/Share

Category	Federal	State	Regional	Local	Local Contributions	Total
1	\$0	\$3,137,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,137,250
6	\$8,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
Total	\$8,000,000	\$5,137,250	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,137,250

DISTRICT	MPO	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	YOE COST		
DALLAS	DALLAS-FORT WORTH	ELLIS	0048-03-055	US 77	C	WAXAHACHIE	\$ 13,137,250		
LIMITS FROM: SOUTH OF FM 66						PROJECT SPONSOR: TXDOT-DALLAS			
LIMITS TO: NORTH OF MCMILLAN STREET						REVISION DATE: 07/2016			
PROJECT RECONSTRUCT AND CONVERT 2 LANE UNDIVIDED TO 4 LANE DIVIDED ONE-WAY COUPLER						MPO PROJ NUM: 51220			
DESCR:						FUNDING CAT(S):			
REMARKS P7: CAT 1 FUNDS ARE PROP 1 FUNDS						PROJECT HISTORY:			
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION			AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE						
PRELIM ENG: \$	700,000	COST OF APPROVED PHASES	CATEGORY	FEDERAL	STATE	REGIONAL	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL
ROW PURCH: \$	2,450,000		6	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,000,000
CONST COST: \$	13,137,250	1	\$ 0	\$ 3,137,250	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,137,250	
CONST ENG: \$	260,191	TOTAL	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 5,137,250	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 13,137,250	
CONTING: \$	375,831								
INDIRECT: \$	282,740								
BOND FIN: \$	0								
POT CHG ORD: \$	0								
TOTAL COST: \$	17,206,012								

TIP History

07/2016 STIP		07/2016 Revision: Approved 12/19/2016							
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INDIRECT: \$	282 740								
BOND FIN: \$	0								
POT CHG ORD: \$	0								
TOTAL COST: \$	17 206 012								

Comment History

Time	User	Comment	Related Approval
2016/09/26 13 36 25	Barbara Maley	Approved Based on 9/28 COG/BFlood confirmation that TIP limits are w/in MTP limits (RSA-1 580 310).	07/2016: Approved

DCS2B010-NO CHANGES MADE; PLEASE CONTINUE.

STIP UPDATE SCREEN - DISTRICT TIP INFORMATION

DCIS.315

CTL-SEC-JOB 0048-03-050 HIGHWAY NO US 77 DISTRICT 18 DALLAS
LOCATION FROM: OVERPASS OF FM 1446 CNTY 071 ELLIS
TO : IN WAXAHACHIE
LAYMANS DESC : REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES

PROJECT HIST :

MPO PROJ ID _____ GROUPED PROJ CSJ: 50000953
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY TXDOT _____ MPO CODE 1106
PHASE C X PE X ROW X TR _ CITY CODE 00000
TIP YEAR 2017
REVISION DATE 05 2015 (MM YYYY)
REMARKS: SEE GROUPED CSJ; WITH DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY CSJ 0048-03-055
COMMENTS: _____

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