

Notice

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

LOOP 375 (PURPLE HEART MEMORIAL HIGHWAY)

From Spur 601 (Liberty Expressway) to US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)

CSJ(s): 2552-02-028, 1046-03-005, and 1046-03-096

El Paso County, Texas

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, this notice advises the public that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the proposed Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway) project from Spur 601 (Liberty Expressway) to US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) in El Paso County, Texas. 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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

The proposed Loop 375 project would improve mobility and reduce congestion by widening Loop 375 from the existing four-lane facility to a six-lane facility (three lanes in each direction), with three-lane frontage roads on either side of Loop 375 and a hike and bike trail along the southbound Loop 375 frontage road, which would be constructed in the first phase. The proposed project would also provide improvements to the Loop 375 and Spur 601 intersections by constructing three direct connectors, which would be constructed in a subsequent phase(s). The length of the proposed project is approximately 5.3 miles along Loop 375 and 0.1 mile along Spur 601. Approximately 109.9 acres of new right-of-way and permanent easement would be required for the proposed improvements.

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.

Copies of the approved final EA and FONSI, certification of public involvement, and supporting documentation are available for public inspection at the TxDOT El Paso District, 13301 Gateway West, El Paso, TX 79928, (915) 790-4200. For further information, please contact Mr. Godwin Ubanyionwu, P.E., TxDOT Project manager at (915) 790-4359.