



## **FONSI Notice of Availability**

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### **Notice**

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

#### **Zaragoza Port of Entry, Pan American Drive and Winn Road Build Improvements**

#### **From State Loop 375 to Zaragoza Port-of-Entry**

**CSJs: 0924-06-418**

#### **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 Zaragoza Port-of-Entry, Pan American Drive and Winn Road Build Improvements project from State Loop 375 to Zaragoza Port-of-Entry 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 Zaragoza Port-of-Entry, Pan American Drive and Winn Road Build Improvements project would consist of widening the existing Winn Road between Pan American Drive and Southside Road to a 90-foot-wide four-lane divided facility with concrete pavement, raised medians, sidewalks, illumination, and drainage improvements. The proposed project would also involve construction of a new location roadway extension heading west and then north from Southside Road to connect the existing Winn Road to Rio Del Norte Drive. The proposed right-of-way for the Winn Road extension is also 90 feet wide and would have the same features as described above plus a bridge to accommodate stormwater across the Playa Intercepting Drain. Proposed right-of-way would be acquired between Pan American Drive and Rio Del Norte Drive for the widening of Winn Road and the extension of Winn Road, as described below. Proposed improvements to Pan American Drive would entail adding raised medians where none exist, adding illumination, landscaping, resurfacing the existing pavement, and restriping to four lanes.

In an aerial view, the overall project forms a "J" shape and is approximately 2.03 miles long. Stormwater would be accommodated with a 2.89-acre expansion of an existing detention basin (Basin "G", here after "detention basin") west of the extension of Winn Road and in the southwest corner of the project area. Approximately 7.6 acres of proposed right-of-way would be required for project implementation, including land for roadway construction and the expansion of the detention basin. In addition, the project includes 0.6 acres of permanent construction easements and 3.7 acres of temporary construction easements. The proposed project design would alleviate congestion, facilitate movement of cross-border traffic through the Zaragoza Port-of-Entry, and help reduce freight congestion on State Loop 375.

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.

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Copies of the approved final EA and FONSI, certification of public involvement, and supporting documentation are available for public inspection at City of El Paso, Capital Improvement Department, Mr. Cepeda, 218 N. Campbell St., Second Floor, El Paso, TX 79901, or [CepedaJI@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:CepedaJI@elpasotexas.gov). For further information, please contact Mr. Cepeda, Capital Improvement Department, (915) 212-0065 or [CepedaJI@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:CepedaJI@elpasotexas.gov).

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