



Notice

Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

Available for Public Review

US 377 Cresson Relief Route

From Approximately One mile South of SH 171 to Approximately One mile North of SH 171

CSJs: 0080-11-001 & 0080-12-001

Hood and Johnson Counties, Texas

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, this notice advises the public that a final environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the proposed US 377 Cresson Relief Route project in Hood and Johnson Counties, Texas. The proposed project begins approximately one mile south of the intersection of US 377 and SH 171 and ends approximately one mile north of the intersection. 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 US 377 Cresson Relief Route project would construct a four-lane relief route west of US 377 and the City of Cresson. The proposed roadway would be a four-lane divided roadway with two 12-foot wide lanes in each direction, 10-foot wide outside shoulders, and a 48-foot wide median, which includes four-foot wide inside shoulders. The proposed relief route would bridge over SH 171 and the Fort Worth & Western Railroad. At the project termini, grade-separations with 14-foot wide ramps would provide connectivity to existing US 377. The proposed relief route would typically require a width of 240 feet of new ROW. Additional ROW width will be required at locations where slope adjustments are needed for roadway excavations or embankments and near interchanges with US 377 at the beginning and end of the project. The proposed project is approximately three miles in length.

Approximately 115 acres of additional ROW and no easements would be required to accommodate the proposed facility. No residential or commercial displacements would be required for the proposed project. Access would be controlled along the relief route and no driveways leading directly to the proposed roadway would be allowed.

Permanent impacts to jurisdictional waters of the U.S. would total 0.61 acre (0.5 acre of streams and 0.11 acre of wetlands). The proposed project would cross the 100-year floodplain.

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 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.

Copies of the approved, final combined EA and FONSI, certification of public involvement, and supporting documentation are available for public inspection at TxDOT Fort Worth District Office - 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133; telephone (817) 370-6549, Donna Fowler, Fort Worth District Open Records Coordinator and online at txdot.gov KEYWORD: US 377 Cresson Relief Route.