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**Notice for Finding of No Significant Impact  
Available for Public Review  
FM 1488 MAGNOLIA RELIEF ROUTE  
From Existing Farm to Market (FM) 1488 to Proposed State Highway (SH) 249  
Control 0523-09-018 and 0523-08-013  
Montgomery 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 FM 1488 Magnolia Relief Route project from Existing FM 1488 to Proposed SH 249 in Montgomery 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 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT.

The proposed Magnolia Relief Route project would construct a four lane (two in each direction) divided highway on new location. This construction would include grade separated overpasses at FM 1774 and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and at the proposed SH 249. The construction of the roadway would be from existing FM 1488 west of Magnolia to the proposed SH 249 east of Magnolia, a distance of approximately 5.4 miles. The proposed project would require approximately 155 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW) and would potentially displace 11 residential properties or associated outbuildings, two commercial structures, one storm water detention pond and one utility facility; depending on final design. ROW acquisition would be conducted in accordance with federal guidelines.

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/Finding of No Significant Impact(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 Houston District Office located, at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007, (713) 802-5000 and at the TxDOT Montgomery Area Office located, at 9001 North FM 3083, East Conroe, Texas 77303, (936) 538-3300, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding state holidays. For further information, please contact Samuel Ainabe, TxDOT Project Manager, at (713) 802-5260 or [Samuel.Ainabe@txdot.gov](mailto:Samuel.Ainabe@txdot.gov).