



Notice

Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Available for Public Review

FM 521 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

From Beltway 8 to FM 2234

CSJs: 0111-01-067, 0111-03-031, and 2105-01-048

Fort Bend and Harris Counties, Texas

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 FM 521 Roadway Improvement project from Beltway 8 to FM 2234 in Fort Bend and Harris Counties, 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 FM 521 roadway improvement project would widen FM 521 to a "typical" four-lane divided curb and gutter section with a 16-foot raised median from Riley Road to FM 2234, and ties to the existing seven-lane section north of Riley Road, a distance of roughly 0.9 miles. The proposed project also includes grade separations at the Union Pacific Railroad crossings on both FM 2234 and FM 521. Proposed improvements would also consist of a mix of 15 foot outside lanes, 6 foot shoulders, and 5-6 foot sidewalks to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians.

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 EA and FONSI, certification of public involvement, and supporting documentation are available for public inspection at the Houston District Headquarters located at 7600 Washington Ave. Houston Texas 77007 and at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/fm-521-bw-8-fm-2234.html>. For further information, please contact Andrew Leske, Environmental Specialist, at (713) 802-5885 or at Andrew.Leske@txdot.gov