



## **Final EA and FONSI Notice of Availability**

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### **Notice**

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

#### **FM 1960**

#### **From BF 1960A to Atascocita Shores Drive**

#### **CSJs: 1685-03-058 and 1685-03-098**

#### **Harris County, 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 FM 1960 Reconstruction and Widening project from Business Farm-to-Market (BF) 1960-A to Atascocita Shores Drive in Harris 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 FM 1960 reconstruction and widening project from BF 1960A to Atascocita Road and from Pinehurst Trail to Atascocita Shores Drive would consist of six travel lanes (two 12-foot lanes, and one 15-foot shared lane in each direction) with 1-foot curb offsets. An 18-foot raised median and two 5-foot sidewalks are also included within a 150-foot ROW. The proposed FM 1960 reconstruction and widening project from Woodland Hills Drive to Atascocita Road would consist of a grade separation with a total of 10 lanes (4 through lanes on the grade separation and 6 local access lanes). Eastbound local access lanes would consist of one 15-foot shared lane, and two 12-foot through lanes with 1-foot curb offsets. Westbound local access lanes would consist of one 15-foot shared lane, and two 12-foot through lanes, with 1-foot curb offsets. The grade separated through lanes would consists of four 12-foot lanes (two in each direction) and four-foot curb offsets. A 6-foot raised median would separate the through lanes on the grade separation. The grade separation would span Atascocita Road, West Lake Houston Parkway, and Farmingham Road. Two 5-foot sidewalks would be constructed outside the local access lanes on the eastbound and westbound side. The ROW width for this proposed section varies with a maximum width of 246 feet.

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 the TxDOT Houston District Office, located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007, telephone number (713) 802-5000 or go to: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>.



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