



FONSI Notice of Availability

Notice

Finding of No Significant Impact Available for Public Review

STATE HIGHWAY (SH) 146

From Business Highway (BS) 146 to Ferry Road

CSJ: 0389-03-039

Harris 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 SH 146 project from BS 146 to Ferry Road 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 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT.

The majority of the existing roadway within the project limits has six 12-foot lanes divided by a grassy median. The proposed SH 146 project would extend four additional main lanes with 10-foot outside shoulders, between the existing six 12-foot lanes. The existing six-lane roadway with a grassy median would become the proposed future frontage roads. A grade separation would be constructed for the main lanes of SH 146 over Alexander Drive. The proposed project would be constructed entirely within the 300-336-foot existing ROW. The proposed project would include drainage improvements within the project limits and would not require the acquisition of additional ROW.

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.

Copies of the approved final EA and FONSI, certification of public involvement, and supporting documentation are available for public inspection at Houston District Headquarters, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007, (713)802-5241, and online at, <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh146-ferry-road.html>. For further information, please contact Mr. Pat Henry, P.E. at (713) 802-5241 or Pat.Henry@txdot.gov.
