



Reevaluation Consultation Checklist (RCC)

Original NEPA Approval Date: 8/1/2013

Proposed Letting Date: 5/31/2018

Reevaluation Date: 7/30/2015

Project Number: N/A

District Contact: Reina Gonzalez

TxDOT Reviewer: Troy Olney

Project Name: SH 146 Exit Ramp Improvement Project

Project Limits: SH 146 Between NASA Road 1 and FM 518

Control Section Job Number (CSJ): Control CSJ (Original EA): 0389-05-088; 0389-06-096; 0389-05-116 & 0389-06-095

District/County Name: Houston/Harris&Galveston

Project Description: The original EA included the following: 1) widening of the east and westbound existing facility to a total of 12-lanes and thus, would include eight main lanes (four in each direction) with two auxiliary/access lanes (one in each direction) at selected locations from Red Bluff Road to Redpsdorph Road; 2) an eight-lane divided freeway (four in each direction) with two two-lane access roads in each direction from Repsdorph Road to NASA Road 1; and 3) a six-lane arterial facility (three in each direction) with a four lane-elevated express facility (two in each direction) on the west side of and adjacent to the arterial lanes from NASA Road 1 to FM 518. This Reevaluation (Reevaluation #2) includes ramps just North of FM 518 on both sides of SH 146. The SH 146 express lane exit ramp changes between Nasa Rd 1 and the Harris/Galveston County line, developed since the FONSI, would provide access to local businesses along SH 146 directly from the proposed express lanes.

Project Phasing Plan and Portions Completed (if warranted): N/A

Portion of Project Currently Being Advanced: N/A

Date(s) of Prior Reevaluations: N/A

I. Project Funding & Planning Consistency

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Project is consistent with current MTP, STIP/TIP

II. Environmental Classification

- Categorical Exclusion (CE)



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- Unassigned CE
- C-List
- D-List
- C-22 – Projects within Existing Operational Right-of-way
- C-23 – < \$5 million Federal Funds
- Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
- Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
- Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

III. Project Information (The following questions will provide information related to any changes to the proposed project. The questions may also be used as a screening tool for determining if a reevaluation is required.)

1. EIS Projects

- Y N Has it been more than three years since the Draft EIS was circulated, and an acceptable Final EIS has not been submitted to the delegate?
- NA If yes, the RCC cannot be used. A written reevaluation is required. Consult with the department delegate on how to proceed.

2. Proposed Action (Any NEPA Class of Action)

- Y N A. Have substantial changes occurred to the project design concept and/or scope since the original approval or subsequent reevaluations?
- If Yes, describe: The project has added northbound and southbound exit ramps from the proposed SH 146 express lanes for improved access along the SH 146 mainlanes and frontage roads in Kemah and Seabrook, Texas.
- Note: Attach schematics, typical sections and/or maps to illustrate any proposed design changes.*
- Y N B. Is the project still consistent with the current MTP, STIP/TIP?
- Note: If the response is "No," contact the department delegate to discuss how to proceed.*



3. Project Limits

- Y N Has there been a change to the project limits from what was described in the approved environmental document?

If yes, describe:

Note: Only transitions for construction purposes or a reduction in the limits are permitted for the RCC to be processed.

4. Right of Way

- Y N Have the ROW requirements changed?

If yes:

Amount of ROW originally required: acres

Additional ROW required acres

Total ROW required: acres

Describe: No additional ROW is needed.

- Y N Would any additional ROW be required from a significant publicly owned park, recreation area, wildlife or waterfowl refuge, or historic site?

If Yes, describe:

- Y N Has an ENV Archeologist and Historian been contacted to determine if additional coordination is required?

5. Easements

- Y N Would additional temporary or permanent easements be required?

If Yes, describe:

6. Displacements

- Y N Will changes, if any, result in residential or business displacements?

If Yes, describe:

Displacements originally required: 10

Additional Displacements: 0

7. Access

- Y N Will changes, if any, to the project design result in an temporary or permanent adverse change of access to any residences or businesses?



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If Yes, describe: The proposed SH 146 Exit Ramp Improvement Project would add two exit ramps which would connect the northbound and southbound express lanes with the mainlanes. The original design did not allow access from the express lanes to Seabrook or Kemah. The two proposed exit ramps would improve access to Seabrook and Kemah from the express lanes. Changes in access would be beneficial to the local area.

8. Traffic

Y N **Have there been substantial changes to the projected ADT from what was described in the approved environmental document?**

If Yes, describe:

9. Laws and Regulations

Y N **Have there been any changes to laws or regulations that would result in the need for any updated analyses?**

If Yes, describe: Texas Department of Transportation Environmental Review of Transportation Projects Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department effective September 1, 2013. The proposed project was re-evaluated based on the 2013 MOU.

10. Land Use & Population

Y N **Have there been any substantial changes in land use or population within the project area since the original approval?**

If Yes, describe:

IV. Required Action

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- If responses to all questions in Section III, questions 1-10 are "No," further evaluation is not required. Sign as indicated below and the project may proceed.

Project Sponsor

Date

- If any responses of "Yes" are selected in Section III, questions 1-10, additional information is required. Please complete the remainder of this checklist.



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V. Environmental Setting and Affected Environment

Indicate changes in impacts from the original approval to the human, socio-economic or natural environment as a result of any changes to laws, regulations, design or environmental setting of the proposed project.

NA should only be selected if a resource was not addressed in the original environmental documentation and does not need to be addressed as a result of the changes.

YES	NO	NA	Resource/Setting	If yes, please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Relocations/Displacements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Justice	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Socio-economics	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Farmlands	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Threatened/Endangered Species	Previous coordination with TPWD and USFWS occurred for the EA project (limits from Red Bluff Road to FM 518) that was NEPA cleared on 08/01/2013; however, the current Reevaluation project and design only extends from Red Bluff Road to NASA Road 1, therefore, the findings of the previous TPWD and USFWS do not apply to this section of the current project area. A Biological Evaluation Form (BEF) per current TxDOT and TPWD MOU guidance was prepared for this Reevaluation (attached) and the findings of the BEF resulted in no TWPD coordination required.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vegetation	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Quality	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wetlands/Waters of the U.S. (including any changes in permitting)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floodplains	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air Quality	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Noise Impacts	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hazardous Materials	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Archeological Resources	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Resources	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 4(f)/6(f)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visual Resources/Aesthetics	



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- Indirect and Cumulative Impacts
 Others

VI. Resource Agency Coordination

Describe additional resource agency coordination required. Copies of coordination must be submitted along with this checklist. NA should only be selected if coordination was not required in the original environmental documentation and is not required as a result of the changes.

N/A	Agency	Previous Coordination Completed	Additional Completed
	Texas Historical Commission		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Archeology	4/5/2006	Click to add date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historic Structures	12/6/2005	Click to add date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department	6/23/2005	Click to add date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	1/27/2005	Click to add date
<input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	2/25/2005	12/31/2015
<input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Coast Guard	Click to add date	Click to add date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	3/8/2005	Click to add date
<input type="checkbox"/>	FHWA (Conformity Determination)	8/1/2013	7/23/2015
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	3/2/2005	Click to add date



VII. Additional Studies

If applicable, describe any additional environmental studies that were conducted. NA should be selected if additional studies are not required as a result of changes to the project.

N/A Describe additional Environmental Studies:

- Community Impacts Technical Report, Wetland Delineation Report, Essential Fish Habitat Assessment, Public Meeting Summary and Analysis Report, Traffic Noise Analysis Technical Report and Biological Evaluation Form.

VIII. MTP/TIP Consistency

Y N Is the project located outside the MPO area?

Y N Is the project listed in the current MTP and TIP?

If Yes, what is the ETC? 2018 (0389-05-116) & 2019 (0389-06-095)

Y N Is the current ETC consistent with the ETC indicated in the initial environmental document or last reevaluation?

Y N If No, has a revised CO and MSAT analysis been conducted?

Total Project Cost: \$160,100,000

Y N Is the project located in a non-attainment area?

Y N Would any changes to the project* result in an inconsistency with the fiscally constrained MTP and TIP?

If Yes, describe the next steps required:

*Note: Estimated Time of Completion (ETC) is the fiscally constrained MTP/LRTP ultimate proposed project versus an interim, intermediate and/or phase of an ultimate proposed project.

Y N Will a revised conformity determination** be required?

If Yes, describe the next steps required: Project level conformity determination was received from FHWA on 07/23/2015.

**Note: Shifts (earlier or later vs. within) in AQ analysis years can cause revisions to conformity.



IX. EPICs

Indicate the status of required permits and describe any changes in permitting or permit requirements. Select all that apply.

- Project required no mitigation or commitments.
- All mitigation and/or commitments from the original approval remain the same.
- Mitigation and/or commitments have changed since the approval.

Describe:

- There is additional mitigation and/or commitments.

Describe:

X. Public Involvement

Attach summary or required documentation to the checklist.

YES NO

- Is additional public involvement required? Date Completed: May 28, 2015

If yes, indicate type:

- MAPO
- Public Meeting
- Public Notice
- Opportunity for a Public Hearing
- Public Hearing

- Have all TAC requirements for public involvement been met?

XI. Attachments

List any studies, permits, coordination, etc., that is attached to this checklist. NA should be selected if no attachments are included.

N/A List all attachments below

- BEF, Essential Fish Habitat, Noise Report, Conformity Letter, Socioeconomic Report, PMSR.



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XII. Conclusion and Recommendation

Project Name: SH 146 Roadway Improvement Project **Control Section Job Number (CSJ):** 0389-05-088 & 0389-06-095

- The environmental decision has been reevaluated as required by 23 CFR 771.129 and/or 43 TAC §2.85 and it has been determined that no substantial changes have occurred to the social, economic or environmental impacts of the proposed action that would substantially impact the quality of the human or natural environment. Therefore, the original environmental decision remains valid. It is recommended that the project be advanced to the next phase of project development.
- The environmental decision has been reevaluated as required by 23 CFR 771.129 and/or 43 TAC §2.85 and it has been determined that a written reevaluation is required.

After review of the information provided in this checklist, the above recommendation is submitted for delegate approval.

Reina Gonzalez
Reina Gonzalez, Project Sponsor, SH 146 Roadway Improvement Project, Control Section Job Number (CSJ) 0389-05-088 & 0389-06-095
Project Sponsor

7/31/15
Date

- I do not concur with the recommendation; project sponsor must set up a meeting with the department delegate to resolve items.
- I concur with the recommendation; approval is granted to proceed to the next step to advance action.

Approved By: Jenise Walters
TxDOT/Delegate

10/29/15
Date

"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."



Appendix A

The following table shows the revision history for this checklist.

Revision History	
Effective Date Month/Year	Reason for and Description of Change
November/2013	Revised Section III on Page 2. The note to the "No" response was changed to indicate that supporting documentation should be attached.
?/2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FHWA Reviewer was replaced with TxDOT Reviewer on top of page 1 • Deleted PS&E and ROW fields on top of page 1 • Deleted references to continuous activity • Deleted PCE in Section II and added additional selections under CE • Added a description for Section III • Included a question related to EISs on page 2 • Deleted purpose and need question in Section III • Deleted the question related to census data • Question 10, Section III changes from "Other" to "Land Use" • Reduced Section IV to two bullets and a signature line • Moved the TIP information to page 6, Section VIII. • Deleted column for "Additional Initiated" date in Section VI • Added fields for "Project Name" and "CSJ" to Section XII • Deleted the 2nd and 4th box under Section XII, as they were repetitive • Revised approval block for project sponsor in Section XII • Revised wording for first box under the "Project Sponsor" signature line in Section XII • Sections renumbered as a result of changes