



Loop 88 – Segment 3

Final EA and FONSI Notice of Availability

Notice

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

LOOP 88

From 0.5 miles north of U.S. 62 to 0.5 miles east of U.S. 87

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Lubbock 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 Loop 88 project from 0.5 miles north of U.S. 62 to 0.5 miles east of U.S. 87 Lubbock 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 Loop 88 project would convert the existing two-lane rural FM 1585 roadway section to an access-controlled, divided freeway section with frontage roads and ramps. The improved roadway has been designated as State Loop 88. Two-level interchanges are proposed at Quitsna Avenue, FM 179/Inler Avenue, Alcove Avenue, Upland Avenue, Milwaukee Avenue/County Road (CR) 1700, Frankford Avenue, FM 1730/Slide Road, Quaker Avenue, Indiana Avenue/CR 2100, and University Avenue/CR 2200. A multi-level interchange is proposed at the U.S. 87 interchange and an at-grade intersection is proposed at U.S. 62/82. The project length is approximately 12.4 miles. The proposed improvements would require ROW acquisition of approximately 503.1 acres, including 41.1 acres of drainage easements. Total existing and proposed ROW is approximately 736.6 acres.

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 TxDOT Lubbock District Office, 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas 79404 at 806-745-4411. For further information, please contact Kylan Francis, director of transportation planning and development, at 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas 79404, by phone at 806-748-4490, or email kylan.francis@txdot.com.