

**Notice**

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

**FM 494 (SHARY RD)**

**From SH 107 to FM 1924 (Mile 3 North Rd)**

**CSJs: 0864-01-068 (control) & 0864-01-069**

**Hidalgo County, 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 494 (Shary Rd.) project from SH 107 to FM 1924 (Mile 3 North Rd) in Hidalgo 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 494 (Shary Rd) project would widen and reconstruct FM 494. The total distance of this project is approximately 4.4 miles. The proposed project would provide a five-lane curb and gutter roadway with four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, two 10-foot-wide shoulders, and a 16-foot-wide continuous left turn lane in a proposed 120-foot-wide ROW. Drainage would be provided by an underground storm drain system. An approximate 1,296-foot section of the proposed roadway, from 0.5 mile north of FM 1924 to 0.3 mile south of Mile 4 North Road, would be built within the existing 80-foot-wide ROW to avoid impacts to an eligible historical property. In this section, four 12-foot wide travel lanes and a 14 –foot wide continuous left turn lane without shoulders would be provided.

The existing 80-foot-wide ROW would be increased to 120-foot-wide. The proposed project would require approximately 20.1 acres of additional ROW. Although additional ROW is required, no residential or commercial structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition may be obtained from the district office at the address listed below. A total of 1.9 acres of floodplains would be impacted by the proposed project. No other resources would be impacted.

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 Pharr District office located at 600 W. Interstate 2, Pharr, Texas. For further information, please contact Robin Gelston, Environmental Coordinator at 956-702-6100 or email [Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov](mailto:Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov).

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