



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: Mile 3 North Road
Project Limits: FM 492 to FM 2221
City: Peñitas **County:** Hidalgo **State:** Texas
TxDOT CSJ(s): 0921-02-321 & 0921-02-332

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that Mile 3 North Road will not have a significant impact on the human or natural environment.

This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Preferred Alternative is based on the final Environmental Assessment dated December 2016 and the entire project record. This decision documents the selection of the Build Alternative presented in the final EA as the Preferred Alternative, which is described as:

Section I, from FM 492 to Tom Gill Road, would be to widen and reconstruct Mile 3 North Road to a 69-foot-wide urban roadway with two 12-foot-wide travel lanes, two 14-foot-wide shared use lanes, and a 14-foot-wide continuous left turn lane within a minimum 85-foot-wide to maximum 198-foot-wide ROW. Five-foot-wide sidewalks would be included on both sides of the roadway from 0.2 mile east of Volcano Road to 0.3 mile west of Tom Gill Road, and on the north side of the roadway from Texan Road east for 0.3 mile. Drainage would be handled by a storm drain system. A 14-foot-wide right turn lane would be included at intersections, where the proposed ROW would be 100-foot-wide.

Section II, from Tom Gill Road to FM 2221, would be to construct a 44-foot-wide new location rural roadway with two 12-foot-wide travel lanes and 10-foot-wide shoulders within a minimum 80-foot-wide to maximum 120-foot-wide ROW. Drainage would be handled via roadside ditches. The area from 0.3 mile west of Tom Gill Road to Tom Gill Road would have the same proposed typical section as mentioned above in Section I. The proposed project would include a 14-foot-wide right turn lane at the intersection with FM 2221 and 0.8 mile east of FM 2221.

A proposed bridge would be constructed approximately 1.2 miles west of Tom Gill Road. The bridge would be 120-feet-long and 46-feet-wide. The bridge would include two 12-foot-wide travel lanes and 10-foot-wide shoulders within a 120-foot-wide ROW. The proposed bridge is an underpass crossing for industrial truck traffic.

The proposed project would include the realignment of FM 492 with Brushline Road. The existing Mile 3 North-FM 492 intersection is misaligned; traffic must turn west on Mile 3 North Road, then travel approximately 75-feet to turn north on Brushline Road. The proposed project would shift FM 492 to the west to eliminate the "dog-leg" and provide a direct north-south intersection alignment with Brushline Road. The proposed intersection would include two 14-foot-wide travel lanes and a 14-foot-wide left turn lane within an 80-foot-wide ROW.

In an effort to improve drainage in the project area, an outfall is proposed at Mile 3 North Road along Volcano Road. The outfall would run south of Mile 3 North Road for approximately 0.3 mile, then west for approximately 0.2 mile into a detention pond. The outfall would be approximately 0.5 mile long within a minimum 50-foot-wide to maximum 150-foot-wide ROW.



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A public meeting for this project was held on November 19, 2014.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on June 21, 2016.

A public hearing for this project was held on July 21, 2016.

No changes to the draft EA were made as a result of comments received on the draft EA during the posted comment period or from comments made at the public hearing.

Public Hearing Documentation has been prepared and is available for review on request.

The final EA, Public Meeting Summary and Analysis, Community Impacts Analysis, Air Quality Technical Report, Traffic Noise Analysis, Hazardous Materials Technical Report, Cultural Resource Reports, Biological Technical Report, Public Hearing Documentation and reports contained in the file of record have been independently evaluated by TxDOT and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, purpose, alternatives, environmental issues, impacts of the proposed project, and appropriate mitigation measures. These documents provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. These documents are incorporated by reference into this decisional document.

Based upon TxDOT's review and consideration of the analysis and evaluation contained in the EA for this project, and after careful consideration of all social, economic, and environmental factors, including input from the public involvement process, TxDOT hereby issues this Finding of No Significant Impact for the Mile 3 North Road project from FM 492 to FM 2221.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA December 2016, Section VIII. TxDOT will ensure that any and all local, state, or federal permit requirements and conditions are met and otherwise complied with.

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 the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

4/7/17

Date