



Notice

**Finding of No Significant Impact
Available for Public Review**

Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 16

From 4 miles west of FM 849 (CR 481-E) west of Lindale, east to US Highway 69

CSJ(s): 0522-04-032

Smith 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 FM 16 Project from 4 miles west of FM 849 (CR 481-E) west of Lindale, east to US Highway 69 in Smith 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 Build Alternative would include the resurfacing of the existing roadway from 4 miles west of FM 849 (CR 481-E) to approximately 1250 ft. west of CR 479. After resurfacing, this section would be striped to accommodate two 12-ft.-wide lanes in each direction with 2-ft.-wide shoulders. No capacity would be added or other improvements made within this section. The roadway, between the resurfaced section and US 69, would be reconstructed as either three-lanes or five-lanes, as described below. The length of the project, including all transitions, is approximately 4.4 miles.

From approximately 1250 ft. west of CR 479 to approximately 500 ft. west of the intersection with CR 436, FM 16 would be reconstructed as a three-lane rural highway. From west of CR 436 to the future intersection with Toll 49, FM 16 would be reconstructed as a five-lane rural highway. From Toll 49 to US 69, FM 16 would be reconstructed as a five-lane urban section. Approximately 64.1 acres of additional ROW would be required to implement the proposed improvements.

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 The Texas Department of Transportation, Tyler District Office, 2709 W. Front St., Tyler, Texas, 75702. For further information, please contact Christine Crosby, Environmental Specialist, at (903) 510-9159, or Christine.crosby@txdot.gov.