



Notice

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

Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 2493

From FM 346, S. to US 69

CSJ(s): 0191-03-083, 0191-04-008, and 0191-02-066

Smith and Cherokee Counties, 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 2493 project from FM 346, S. to US 69 in Smith and Cherokee Counties, 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 2493 project would widen the existing 2-lane undivided highway to a 4-lane highway with a flush median (continuous left turn lane). The project includes a grade separation at US 69 and an approximate 1-mile transition east of US 69. Approximately 68 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW) would be required to implement the proposed improvements. The length of the project is 5.2 miles.

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 at christine.crosby@txdot.gov.