



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: SH 72 – Add 2 Lanes for 4 Lane Undivided Highway

Project Limits: From Karnes County Line to 0.25 mile east of FM 2980

City: Yorktown

County: DeWitt

State: Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 0270-02-041

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that the SH 72 project, adding 2 lanes to construct a 4 lane undivided highway, 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 (EA) dated March 2019 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:

The proposed improvements to SH 72 include the reconstruction and widening of the existing roadway from two lanes to four lanes. The improvements include the addition of one 12-foot-wide lane in each direction, a 4-foot-wide flush median, and 10-foot-wide shoulders. The existing ROW for the entire project is 123.0 acres. Approximately 98.24 acres of proposed ROW would be required for the proposed project. Due to extensive utility conflicts near the western end of the project, a one mile section of SH 72 has been shifted slightly to the south adjacent to the existing roadway. The proposed ROW is approximately 130 feet in width. No sidewalks or easements are proposed. No temporary or permanent construction easements are proposed.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on December 19, 2018.

A public hearing for this project was held on January 10, 2019

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 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 SH 72 add additional lanes project from the Karnes County Line to FM 2980.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA dated March 2019, Section 8.0. 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



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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

Date