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## Notice

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

#### US 59 Upgrade Project

#### From FM 2919 to FM 710

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#### Wharton County, Texas

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, 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 US 59 Upgrade Project from FM 2919 to FM 710 in Wharton 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 US 59 project will upgrade US 59 through Wharton County to current Interstate Highway standards. The project will consist of a four-lane divided freeway facility (two 12-foot lanes in each direction) with 12-foot inside shoulders and 12-foot outside shoulders divided by a concrete traffic barrier. The freeway facility will have continuous frontage roads (two 12-foot lanes in each direction) with 10-foot outside shoulders and 4-foot inside shoulders. Drainage will be open ditch. The mainlanes footprint will differ than the existing mainlanes footprint in that the proposed mainlanes will shift and be closer to the centerline of US 59 eliminating the depressed grass median. The right of way (ROW) will vary from 350 feet to 500 feet in width. Approximately 441 acres of additional ROW will be required.

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 the TxDOT Yoakum District Office, 403 Huck Street, Yoakum, TX 77995 (361) 293-4300. For further information, please contact Mr. Jeffery Vinklerek, P.E., Director of Transportation, Planning and Development, by phone at (361) 293-4363 or email at [jeffery.vinklerek@txdot.gov](mailto:jeffery.vinklerek@txdot.gov).

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