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Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
IH 35E North: From FM 2181 to US 380
Denton County
CSJs: 0195-03-050, 0195-03-071, 0195-03-
075, 0196-01-056 and 0196-01-074

Mr. Carlos Swonke
Director, Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Swonke:

We have thoroughly reviewed our records on this project which include, but are not limited to, the Environmental Assessment (EA) dated August 2011, the revised Public Hearing Summary and Analysis (which includes responses to public comments) prepared by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) dated January 2012, the revised consistency report and all previous environmental studies and findings. Based upon our own agency review and consideration of the analysis and evaluation contained in the EA as documented in the enclosed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) document and after further consideration of all social, economic and environmental factors, including input from the public involvement process, we hereby issue a FONSI for Interstate Highway 35E North project.

We concur in the findings of the August 2011 EA in that: (1) the Build Alternative is the selected alternative for the project, (2) the Build Alternative best meets the purpose and need of the project with the least amount of impacts to the resource areas, and (3) the project when implemented with all the required mitigation and coordination as detailed above will have no significant impacts on the quality of the human or natural environment under NEPA. In addition, based on this review, we find that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for this project.

Sincerely,

Anita N. Wilson
Urban Programs Engineer