



Notice

Finding of No Significant Impact Available for Public Review

IH 40 AT SL 335 INTERCHANGE

IH 40 from Whitaker Road to SS 468
SL 335 from 34th Avenue to SE 3rd Avenue

CSJ(s): 0275-01-190, 0275-01-182, 0275-01-183, 2635-01-033, 2635-02-031

Potter and Randall 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 IH 40 at State Loop (SL) 335 Interchange project on IH 40 from Whitaker Road to State Spur (SS) 468 (Airport Road) in Potter County and on SL 335 from 34th Avenue in Randall County to SE 3rd Avenue in Potter 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 proposed IH 40 at SL 335 Interchange project would consist of the following roadway improvements, including bicycle and pedestrian accommodations:

- The conversion of SL 335 from 34th Ave. to SE 3rd Ave. from a non-freeway section to a freeway section with frontage roads, ramps, grade separations over intersecting cross streets, and a four mainlane section with a provision for future expansion to an ultimate six mainlane section.
- The proposed SL 335 roadway would consist of four 12-foot mainlanes (two lanes in each direction) with 4-foot inside shoulders and 10-foot outside shoulders; 14-foot ingress and egress ramps with 2-foot inside shoulders and 6-foot outside shoulders; north and southbound two-lane frontage roads (curbed section with a 12-foot inside lane and 14-foot outside shared lane in each direction); and, 6-foot sidewalks along each frontage road, all within an approximately 350 to 362 foot proposed right-of-way (ROW).
- The proposed IH 40 roadway would consist of six 12-foot mainlanes (three in each direction) with 11-foot inside and 10-foot outside shoulders, west and eastbound two-lane frontage roads (curbed section with a 12-foot inside lane and 14-foot outside shared lane in each direction); and, 6-foot sidewalks along each frontage road, all within an approximately 305 to 430-foot proposed ROW.
- Reconstruction of the existing interchange of IH 40 with SL 335 consisting of a frontage road system at the first level, the IH 40 mainlanes on the second level, SL 335 at the third level, and direct connection ramps on the fourth and fifth levels.
- An interim phase of construction has been developed that would initially construct the 3-level interchange at the intersection of IH 40 and SL 335. No direct connectors would be built as part of the interim phase. The direct connectors would be constructed during the ultimate phase of the proposed project.

The proposed project would require the acquisition of approximately 44.8 acres of additional ROW impacting 62 parcels. Approximately 0.2 acre of temporary construction easements associated with driveways to provide access to adjacent properties would be required.

The project length on IH 40 will be approximately 2.0 miles and on SL 335 the project length will be approximately 1.8 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 Amarillo District Office, 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX 79110, (806) 356-3200. For further information, please contact John Wimberley, Environmental Coordinator for the Amarillo District at (806) 356-3200 or john.wimberley@txdot.gov.