



# ***Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project***

**Proposed Action:** Farm to Market (FM) 565 Road Widening (Non-Freeway)

**Project Limits:** State Highway (SH) 99 to SH 146

**City:** Beaumont

**County:** Chambers

**State:** Texas

**TxDOT CSJ(s):** 1024-01-077 and 1024-01-083

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that the FM 565 from SH 99 to SH 146 road widening project 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 September 2024 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 Build Alternative is described in Section 2.0 and would consist of a four-lane divided roadway with two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, a 16-foot median, 10-foot outside shoulders, and a 2-foot curb offset between the inside travel lanes and median. Left- and right-turn lanes would be constructed at various intersections and cross-streets throughout the project limits. A grade separation would be constructed over the UPRR, and a new intersection of the redesignated FM 565 and new extension of FM 1405 would be constructed 0.5 miles east of SH 146. An additional intersection of FM 565 and FM 1405 would be constructed approximately 0.2 miles west of the UPRR. West of Ameriport Drive, connection between the existing FM 565 frontage road and newly widened FM 565 would be constructed at two locations.

The Build Alternative would also consist of improvements to FM 1405, which would include a 0.5-mile-long extension on new location to include one 12-foot travel lane in each direction, a 16-foot raised median or center left-turn lane (depending on location), 10-foot outside shoulders, and a 2-foot curb offset between the travel lanes and raised median. Left- and right-turn lanes would be constructed at various intersections and cross-streets.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on May 5, 2024.

A public hearing for this project was held on May 21, 2024.

No changes to the draft EA were made because 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



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from the public involvement process, TxDOT hereby issues this Finding of No Significant Impact for the FM 565 from SH 99 to SH 146 road widening project.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA November 2024, Section 8.0. TxDOT will ensure that any and all local, state, or federal permit requirements and conditions are met and otherwise complied with.

Mitigation required by the following environmental laws will be implemented for this project: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

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 the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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