



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: SL 1853 Madisonville Loop

Project Limits: From SH 21 approximately 0.7 mile east of FM 1452
To SH 21 approximately 0.4 mile west of FM 2346

City: Madisonville

County: Madison

State: Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 0917-31-030, 0171-11-002, 0171-11-003, 0171-11-004, & 0675-05-105

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that the SL 1853 Madisonville Loop 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 February 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 project would provide a limited access, new location roadway around the south side of the city of Madisonville. It would include two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction separated by a 68-foot-wide grassy median. The travel lanes would be bounded by 4-foot wide inside and 10-foot-wide outside shoulders. Through the Caney Creek floodplain, the 68-foot-wide grassy median would be replaced by a concrete median barrier and 10-foot-wide inside shoulders on each side. Construction would also occur along US 190/SH 21 to provide turning lanes onto the proposed roadway, and along Interstate Highway (IH) 45, where new ramps would provide access to and from the proposed roadway. There would be grade separations at the crossings of SH 90, SH 75, IH 45, Pee Dee Lane, and the Caney Creek floodplain. No dedicated bicycle or pedestrian accommodations would be constructed as part of the proposed project. Drainage along the proposed roadway would be provided via open ditches. The project length is approximately 7.5 miles.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on May 2, 2023.

A public hearing for this project was held on May 23, 2023.

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 technical 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



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TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA, dated February 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. This project will use a Nationwide Permit with PCN for Section 404 authorization. If impacts exceed threshold for requiring compensatory mitigation, then Section 404 compensatory mitigation will be undertaken. The need for an individual standard permit under Section 404 is not anticipated; however, if it is later determined that an individual standard permit is needed, one will be obtained.

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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TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

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