

Notice

Final Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review

**LOOP 9
From Interstate 35 East (I-35E) to Interstate 45 (I-45)
CSJ: 2964-10-005
Dallas and Ellis Counties, Texas**

This notice advises the public that a final environmental assessment (Final EA) is available for public review for the proposed construction of the Loop 9 project between Interstate 35 East (I-35E) and Interstate 45 (I-45) through Dallas and Ellis counties, Texas. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) no sooner than 30 days from the date of this publishing. 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 Loop 9 is a six-lane new location frontage road system which consists of three 12-ft lanes in each direction with a wide median (200 to 364 ft. wide), an 8-ft inside shoulder, an 8-ft outside shoulder for bicycle accommodations within the rural section of the proposed roadway, and one 14-ft-wide outside shared-use lane and a 6-ft sidewalk within the urbanized section of the roadway at I-35E. The proposed project would also construct intersections at major cross roads and grade separations at I-35E and the BNSF Railroad. The proposed project would typically require a width of 240 feet of new right of way (ROW) and is approximately ten miles in length. The proposed project would be phased.

Approximately 541.23 acres of new ROW, to include permanent drainage easements, totaling 3.35 acres, would be necessary for the proposed project construction. The proposed project would potentially displace 25 residences, 7 commercial structures, and 68 other structures.

Copies of the approved Final EA, certification of public involvement, and supporting documentation are available for public inspection at TxDOT – Dallas District Library, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and the project materials are available online at: <http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/projects/other/loop-9-from-i-35e-to-i-45>. For further information, please contact Ms. Sandra Williams, Environmental Specialist, at (214) 320-6686 or by email at Sandra.williams2@txdot.gov.