



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: Inspiration Road/Military Parkway Loop

Project Limits: From Interstate Highway 2 (IH-2) to Military Parkway, and from Inspiration Road to Farm-to-Market (FM) 1016

City: Mission

County: Hidalgo

State: Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 0921-02-395

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that the Inspiration Road/Military Parkway 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 December 2023 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 Preferred Alternative would widen and reconstruct Inspiration Road and Military Parkway.

Inspiration Road, from approximately 200 feet south of I-2 to Military Parkway, would be widened to provide four 11 to 14-foot-wide travel lanes, two 10-foot-wide shoulders, a 12 to 16-foot-wide continuous left turn lane, and 5 to 6-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of the roadway within a variable 80 to 140-foot-wide ROW; a length of 2.5 miles.

On Military Parkway, west of Inspiration Road, from County Road (CR) 2791 to Inspiration Road, a transition would be provided. Military Parkway, from Inspiration Road to FM 1016, would be widened and reconstructed to include four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, one 16-foot-wide continuous left turn lane, two 10-foot-wide shoulders, and a 6-foot-wide sidewalk on both sides of the roadway with the exception of the section of the levees which would be a 5-foot-wide sidewalk along the north side only within a proposed 120 to 200-foot-wide ROW; a length of 2.0 miles.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on April 4, 2023.

A Virtual Public Hearing for this project was held on April 25, 2023, with an in-person option on April 26, 2023.

No changes to the draft EA were made as a result of 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 from the public involvement process, TxDOT hereby issues this Finding of No Significant Impact for the Inspiration Road/Military Parkway project from IH-2 to Military Parkway, and from Inspiration Road to FM 1016.



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TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA (December 2023), 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 and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

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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