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Notice
Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact
Available for Public Review
UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 77 (US 77) PROJECT
Project Limits: From South of FM 66 to North of McMillan Street
CSJs: 0048-03-050 & 0048-03-055
Ellis County, Texas

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, this notice advises the public that a final environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the proposed US 77 Project from South of FM 66 to North of McMillan Street in Ellis 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.

TxDOT proposes improvements to US 77 within the City of Waxahachie, in Ellis County, Texas. The project is approximately 1.2 miles in length. The proposed project would: 1) replace the existing US 77 viaduct; 2) construct a new parallel bridge west of the existing viaduct; and 3) reconstruct the existing US 77 and Monroe Street in downtown Waxahachie to a couplet system that would tie into the existing and proposed bridges. In this case, US 77 (Elm Street) would carry all northbound traffic, and Monroe Street would carry all southbound traffic through downtown Waxahachie instead of each roadway carrying both types of traffic. The existing US 77 facilities include minimal sidewalks within the proposed project limits, and while sections of Monroe Street do include sidewalks, they are not contiguous. The project would require 3.8 acres of new right of way and 0.14 acres of permanent easement. Five businesses and no residences would be displaced as a result of this project.

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 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.

Copies of the approved, final combined EA and FONSI, certification of public involvement, and supporting documentation are available for public inspection at TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643. For further information, please contact Ms. Denise Lunski, P.E., Project Manager at (214) 320-6154 or by email at denise.lunski@txdot.gov.

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