



FONSI Notice of Availability

**Notice
Finding of No Significant Impact
Available for Public Review
FARM-TO-MARKET (FM) 664
From Interstate Highway (IH) 35 East (E) to IH 45
CSJ(s): 1051-01-051, 1051-03-001, 0442-03-042, and 0092-03-053
Ellis County, Texas**

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, this notice advises the public that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the proposed FM 664 project from IH 35E in Red Oak to IH 45 south of Ferris, 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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

The proposed FM 664 project improvements would consist of reconstruct and widening the existing FM 664 from a two/four-lane undivided rural roadway to a six-lane rural, curb and gutter divided facility with a raised median. A 2.5-mile bypass south of the City of Ferris would be constructed (zero to six-lane urban roadway) on new location to connect to a new interchange at IH 45. Major interchanges are proposed at IH 35 on the western terminus and at IH 45 on the eastern terminus. The existing FM 664 ROW width is approximately 100 feet. The FM 664 ROW would be widened to a varying width from 125 feet to 295 feet, the IH 35E ROW would vary between 300 feet to 324 feet; and the IH 45 ROW would vary between 350 feet to 462 feet. The project would be both within the existing right-of-way (ROW) and within new ROW.

The proposed project would require approximately 164 acres of additional ROW and 8 acres of permanent easements from adjacent properties. The proposed project would potentially displace 17 residential structures and 10 commercial properties. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

Waters of the U.S. (WOUS) and wetlands are located within the proposed project area and may be impacted by the proposed project. Impacts to WOUS and wetlands would be authorized under a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 404 Permit. Permanent impacts have been minimized to the greatest extent possible and all permanent fills would comply with conditions of Section 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act. The proposed project would impact the FEMA designated 100-year floodway and the FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain. The hydraulic design for this project would be in accordance with current FHWA and TxDOT design policies.

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 environmental assessment (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. Additionally, as TxDOT does not provide retroactive (retrofit) abatement (known as a Type II program), this project area would not be eligible for potential noise abatement until the next major highway improvement project.

Copies of the approved final EA and FONSI, certification of public involvement, responses to comments received, and supporting documentation are available for public inspection at Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150. Project information is also available online at www.KeepItMovingDallas.com under "Public Hearings/Meetings," and www.txdot.gov under "Hearing and Meetings Schedule." For further information, please contact Nelson Underwood, P.E., TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East US Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643 or by e-mail addressed to nelson.underwood@txdot.gov.
