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Notice of Availability
Of Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
for Public Review
FARM-TO-MARKET (FM) 548
From North of United States (US) 80 to State Highway (SH) 205
CSJs: 2588-01-017 and 2588-02-008
Kaufman and Rockwall Counties, 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 FM 548 project from US 80 to SH 205 in Kaufman and Rockwall Counties, 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.

The FM 548 proposed improvements would consist of the reconstruction and widening of FM 548 from US 80 to SH 205 in Kaufman and Rockwall Counties, Texas, a distance of approximately 7.8 miles.

There are two segments to the proposed project. Segment 1 would involve the expansion from a two-lane roadway to a six-lane divided urban minor arterial from US 80 to Windmill Farms Boulevard. Segment 2 would involve the expansion from a two-lane rural roadway to a four-lane divided urban arterial (six-lane ultimate) from Windmill Farms Boulevard to SH 205. The proposed roadway at Segment 1 would include a 16-foot wide median, six total lanes (two 11-foot wide inside lanes and one 14-foot wide outside shared use lane for each direction of traffic) with one-foot wide curb offsets and six-foot wide sidewalks on each side back of curb for the length of the project. The proposed roadway at Segment 2 would include four total lanes (one 12-foot wide inside lane and one 14-foot wide outside shared use lane for each direction of traffic) with two-foot wide curb offsets and five-foot wide sidewalks on each side back of curb for the length of the project. The proposed 40-foot wide median would accommodate the future two 12-foot wide lanes for the proposed ultimate six-lane divided roadway. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width is approximately 100 feet wide. The proposed project ROW width is approximately 122 feet and would require approximately 63.4 acres of new ROW and 8.01 acres of proposed permanent drainage easements for the proposed improvements.

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 EA and FONSI Document, the Public Hearing Summary and Analysis Report, which includes the Responses to Public Comments, and the Certification of Public Involvement for this project, and supporting documentation are available for public inspection at TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643. The project materials are available online at <http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com>. For further information, please contact Mr. Daniel Salazar, Environmental Specialist, at (214) 320-4463 or by email at Daniel.Salazar@txdot.gov.

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