

MEMORANDUM



TO: *SH* Stan Hall, P. E.
APD Engineer
Dallas District

DATE: February 14, 2005

FROM: Chuck McLendon, P.E. *Chuck McLendon*
Project Management Director
Environmental Affairs Division

SUBJECT: NH 2005(148) & (255)
Re-evaluation of Supplemental FEIS
Dallas County
CSJs 2964-01-004, 009, 010, 029, 030, 031 & 034;
2374-04-040 & 054; 1068-04-115 & 129

S.H. 161: From I.H. 20 to S.H. 183

Attached is a copy of ENV's letter dated February 10, 2005 indicating the FHWA's approval of the Re-evaluation of Supplemental FEIS covering the above-described section of SH 161. The project includes a court mandated mitigation for two parks (Waggoner and Mike Lewis Parks) (CSJ 2964-01-034) impacted by SH 161 that is scheduled for the March 2005 letting. As verified by Jay McCurley of your staff on February 11th, the project is authorized under a Nationwide Permit 25 without a Pre-construction notification to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The mandatory boxes to be checked off in ETS before projects can be environmentally approved to advance to letting regarding the TIP/STIP and EPICs incorporated into the PS&E were checked off today. The Letter of Authority date was February 11, 2005.

Please ensure that the appropriate parties are notified of the environmental commitments as indicated in the EPIC sheet. You may now proceed to the next stage of project development.

Attachment



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S.H. 161: From I.H. 20 to S.H. 183

Mr. C. D. Reagan
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Reagan:

By letter dated February 2, 2005, copies of the Re-evaluation of Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) covering the above-described section of SH 161 were submitted to your office for concurrent review with TxDOT ENV. FHWA's and ENV's comments on the re-evaluation were forwarded to TxDOT's Dallas District by e-mail dated February 7, 2005. The Dallas District is planning to forward an electronic submittal of the revised re-evaluation by today. The court mandated mitigation for two parks (Waggoner and Mike Lewis Parks) impacted by SH 161 is scheduled for the March 2005 letting (CSJ 2964-01-034) and is discussed in the re-evaluation under Section 4.12.7. A FEIS re-evaluation covering SH 161 from SH 183 to IH 635 which included the SH161/SH 183 Interchange project (CSJ 2964-01-024) was approved by FHWA on June 10, 2004. The project was let in July 2004.

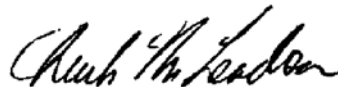
Copies of coordination letters from the Texas Historical Commission (archeology and historic structures) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality covering the subject project are attached. Tribal coordination was initiated by letter dated March 30, 2004 and no comments were received within the 45-day comment period. Coordination with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) was initiated by letter dated March 17, 2004 and verbal comments from Dr. Ray Telfair (now retired) were received in March 2004. They pertained to mitigation for impacts to riparian woodlands. Several meetings between TPWD and the Dallas District have been held regarding the mitigation plan and the details are still in development and should be finalized by the end of this month. We will notify Anita Wilson, P.E., of your staff once it is

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complete. Copies of coordination letters with the U. S. Coast Guard regarding a lighting exemption and bridge permit exemption are included in the appendices. While the project scheduled for the March 2005 letting (CSJ 2964-01-034) does not require any U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permits, other sections of the above-described project scheduled for upcoming lettings will require them. The permit requirements are discussed in Section 5.2 of the re-evaluation.


Your approval of the SFEIS Re-evaluation is requested. If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED].

Sincerely,



Chuck McLendon, P.E.
Project Management Section Director
Environmental Affairs Division

Attachments

Approved: 
Federal Highway Administration

Date: 2/10/2005