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Notice of Availability Of Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Public Review Interstate Highway (IH) 30

From Bass Pro Drive to West of Farm-To-Market Road (FM) 2642 CSJs: 0009-11-238; 0009-12-215; 0009-12-219; 0009-12-220 Dallas 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 IH 30 project from Bass Pro Drive in Dallas County to west of FM 2642 in Rockwall County, approximately 17 miles through the Cities of Garland, Rowlett, Rockwall, Mobile City, Fate, and Royse City., Dallas 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.

TxDOT is proposing the reconstruction and widening of IH 30 project from Bass Pro Drive in Dallas County to west of FM 2642 in Rockwall County, approximately 17 miles through the Cities of Garland, Rowlett, Rockwall, Mobile City, Fate, and Royse City., Dallas and Rockwall Counties, Texas.

Beginning at Bass Pro to Horizon, the proposed improvements would widen this existing section of the roadway to accommodate adding shoulders along the existing 4 mainlanes (currently 3 lanes and one auxiliary lane in each direction). From Dalrock Road to SH 205, the proposed improvements would reconstruct and widen this section from six mainlanes (3 lanes in each direction) to eight mainlanes (4 lanes in each direction), and would reconstruct the four discontinuous frontage roads (2 lanes in each direction) to six-lane continuous frontage roads (3 lanes in each direction), to include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations crossing Lake Ray Hubbard. From SH 205 to West of FM 2642 (Hunt County Line), the proposed improvements would reconstruct and widen this section from four mainlanes (2 lanes in each direction) to six mainlanes (3 lanes in each direction), and would reconstruct the existing four lane frontage roads (two lanes in each direction). Other improvements for this project include the reconstruction of interchanges at Horizon Road, FM 548, and FM 35, construction of new interchanges at Ben Payne Road / Rochelle Road, Blackland Road, and Floyd Road (future Outer Loop), and associated ramp modifications

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 Ms. Sandra Williams, Environmental Specialist, at (214) 320-6686 or by email at Sandra.williams2@txdot.gov.