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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

LOOP 9 FROM INTERSTATE 35 EAST (I-35E) TO INTERSTATE 45 (I-45) DALLAS AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS CSJ: 2964-10-005

This notice is to advise the public that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed construction of a six-lane new location frontage road system between Interstate 35 East (I-35E) and Interstate 45 (I-45) through Dallas and Ellis counties, Texas. Loop 9 is an approximately 10-mile proposed new location roadway intended to address population growth, transportation demand, system linkages and connectivity among the existing roadway facilities. As currently proposed, the project would consist of a single two-lane, two-way frontage road within the ultimate proposed ROW footprint for the project (Phase 1). The new location frontage road system would consist of three 12-ft lanes with a wide median, an 8-ft inside shoulders, an 8 ft. outside shoulder for bicycle accommodations within the rural section of the proposed roadway, and one 14-ft-wide outside shared-use lane and a 6-ft sidewalk within the urbanized section of the roadway at I-35E. The proposed project would also construct intersections at major cross roads and grade separations at I-35E and the BNSF Railroad. The proposed ROW would include a median (200 to 364 ft. wide) that would accommodate the future construction of an ultimate access-controlled mainline facility. As traffic warrants and funding becomes available, Phase 2 of the proposed project would involve the construction of the second two-lane frontage road and the conversion of the two-way frontage road built in Phase 1 to a one-way operation. As traffic warrants and funding becomes available, Phase 3 would involve the construction of a third frontage road lane in each direction and include the construction of grade separations at specific high-volume intersections. Phase 4 would involve the construction of the ultimate access-controlled mainlane facility in both directions. Construction of the ultimate access-controlled mainlane facility would be based on projected traffic and funding and would require additional environmental analysis prior to construction.

Copies of the FONSI Document, the approved Final Environmental Assessment, the Public Hearing Transcript for the June 20, 2017 public hearing, the Public Hearing Summary and Analysis Report, which includes the Responses to Public Comments, and the Certification of Public Involvement for this project, are available for public inspection and reproduction at the TxDOT Dallas District Library, at 4777 East Highway 80, in Mesquite, Texas 75150. For further information, please contact Mr. Travis Owens, P.E., Project Manager at TxDOT Dallas District Office at (214) 320-6625.

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 the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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