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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) 35

From US 380 to 0.7 Mile North of FM 3002 CSJs: 0195-02-074, 0195-02-076, 0195-01-116, and 0195-03-087 Denton and Cooke 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 35 project from United States Highway (US) 380 (University Drive West) in Denton County to 0.7 Mile North of Farm to Market Road (FM) 3002 (Lone Oak Road) in Cooke County, for a total distance of approximately 15.1 miles through the Cities of Denton, Sanger, and Valley View.

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 to widen and reconstruct IH 35 from United States Highway (US) 380 (University Drive West) to approximately 0.7 mile north of Farm to Market Road (FM) 3002 (Lone Oak Road) for a total distance of approximately 15.1 miles, through the cities of Denton and Sanger in Denton County, and the city of Valley View in Cooke County, Texas.

The proposed action would construct three main lanes in each direction and two frontage road lanes in each direction along the project corridor. The existing interchanges would be reconstructed and the existing two-way frontage roads would be converted to one-way operation. The improvements that are proposed at the cross streets would accommodate one-way frontage road operations and turnarounds. In addition, existing ramps would generally be reconfigured from a "diamond" to an "X" configuration at each intersection. Overall, 13 intersections are proposed to be reconstructed and 47 ramps are proposed to be reversed, relocated, or modified to improve mobility and safety. The pedestrian overpass in Sanger would be reconstructed at approximately the same location in order to extend over the expanded main lanes and frontage roads. Approximately 256 acres of additional ROW and 4.7 acres of permanent easements are required to accommodate 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 <a href="http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com">http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com</a>. For further information, please contact Mohammed Shaikh, Environmental Program Manager, at (214) 320-6148 or by email at Mohammed. Shaikh@txdot.gov.