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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) 552
From State Highway (SH) 205 to SH 66
CSJ: 1017-01-015
Rockwall County, 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 Farm-to-Market (FM) 552 project from States Highway (SH) 205 to SH 66 in Rockwall County, for a total distance of approximately 5.19 miles through the Cities of Fate, and Rockwall.

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 FM 552 from SH 205 to SH 66 for a total distance of approximately 5.19 miles, through the cities of Fate, and Rockwall, in Rockwall County.

The proposed project would consist of an urban median separated roadway with four travel lanes (two in each direction). The two inside travel lanes would be 12-ft wide and the outside travel lanes would be 14-ft wide to accommodate shared-use of bicycles and vehicles. The proposed facility would include a raised median from SH 205 to John King Boulevard and from Dismore Lane to SH 66; and a 20-ft flush median between John King Boulevard and Dismore Lane. The project includes 6-ft or 10-ft wide sidewalks along the road within an approximate variable Right-of-Way (ROW) of 130- to 197 ft. The proposed design speed is 45 mph. The proposed improvements would require 40.26 acres of additional ROW 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 http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com. For further information, please contact Mohammed Shaikh, Environmental Program Manager, at (214) 320-6148 or by email at Mohammed.Shaikh@txdot.gov.