



# **Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project**

**Proposed Action:** US 80 and Spur 557

**Project Limits:** US 80 (from FM 460 to Spur 557) and Spur 557 (from US 80 to IH 20)

**City:** Forney and Terrell      **County:** Kaufman County      **State:** Texas

**TxDOT CSJ(s):** 0095-03-106, 0095-04-076, 0495-01-081

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In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that US 80 and Spur 557 improvements will not have a significant impact on the human or natural environment.

This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Preferred Alternative is based on the final Environmental Assessment (EA) dated March 2024 and the entire project record. This decision documents the selection of the Build Alternative presented in the final EA as the Preferred Alternative, which is described as:

The reconstruction of US 80, from FM 460 to Spur 557, and Spur 557, from US 80 to IH 20, from a four-lane divided highway to a six-lane divided highway. This project is approximately 12 miles in length.

The proposed improvements along US 80 consist of three 12-foot-wide travel lanes with typical ten foot inside shoulders in each direction divided by a concrete barrier along the centerline. The proposed improvements would also include one-way continuous two-lane frontage roads in each direction with ramp improvements that connect frontage roads to mainlanes with an auxiliary lane. Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations are proposed to include 10-foot shared use paths on the outside of the frontage roads in each direction. The proposed typical ROW width varies from 300 to 420 feet along US 80, with wider footprints to accommodate large cross-street interchanges.

From US 80 to IH 20, the proposed improvements consist of reconstructing Spur 557 from a four-lane divided to a six-lane divided highway with a concrete barrier along the centerline. The proposed project would also include one-way continuous two to three-lane frontage roads in each direction with ramping improvements, shared use paths and sidewalks. The proposed typical ROW width varies from 375 to 520 feet along Spur 557, with wider footprints to accommodate large cross-street interchanges.

Interchange improvements would occur at US 80 and Spur 557, and at Spur 557 and IH 20.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on January 20, 2024.

A public hearing for this project was held on February 8, 2024.

No changes to the draft EA were made as a result of comments received on the draft EA during the posted comment period or from comments made at the public hearing.

Public Hearing Documentation has been prepared and is available for review on request.

The final EA, and reports contained in the file of record have been independently evaluated by TxDOT and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, purpose, alternatives, environmental issues, impacts of the proposed project, and appropriate mitigation measures. These documents provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. These documents are incorporated by reference into this decisional document.



## Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Based upon TxDOT's review and consideration of the analysis and evaluation contained in the EA for this project, and after careful consideration of all social, economic, and environmental factors, including input from the public involvement process, TxDOT hereby issues this Finding of No Significant Impact for the project on US 80 (from FM 460 to Spur 557) and Spur 557 (from US 80 to IH 20).

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA March 2024, Section 8.0. TxDOT will ensure that any and all local, state, or federal permit requirements and conditions are met and otherwise complied with.

Mitigation required by the following environmental laws will be implemented for this project for Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and 23 CFR 772 – Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise (pending the results of the noise workshop and potential design considerations).

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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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