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Finding of No Significant Impact
CSJ: 0196-03-138, 0196-03-180, 0196-03-240
IH-35E from IH-635 to President George Bush Turnpike
Dallas County

Mr. Mark A. Marek, P.E.
Interim Director
Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
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Dear Mr. Marek:

We have thoroughly reviewed our records on this project which include, but are not limited to, the revised Environmental Assessment (EA) dated August 2011, the Public Hearing Summary and Analysis Report and public involvement materials, and all of the previous environmental studies and findings. Based upon our own independent agency review and consideration of the analysis and evaluation contained in the EA for this project and after further consideration of all social, economic, and environmental factors, including input from the public involvement process, we hereby approve issuance of a FONSI for the IH-35E South project.

We concur in the findings of the August 2011 EA in that (1) the Build Alternative is the recommended alternative for the project, (2) the Build Alternative best meets the need and purpose of the project with the least amount of impacts to the resources in the area, and (3) the project will have no significant impacts on the quality of the human or natural environment under NEPA. In addition, based on this review, we find that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for this project.

Sincerely,

Anita N. Wilson
Urban Engineer

Enclosure

Cc: Moosa Saghian, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development,
Dallas District