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Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
and Nationwide 4(f) Determinations and
Approvals for Net Benefit to Section 4(f)
Property

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IH 35E Middle: From President George Bush Turnpike to FM 2181
Dallas and Denton Counties
CSJs: 0196-02-068, 0196-01-096, 0196-
02073, 0196-02-114, 0196-03-245

Ms. Dianna F. Noble, P.E.
Director, Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation
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Dear Ms. Noble:

We have thoroughly reviewed our records on this project which include, but are not limited to, the Revised Environmental Assessment (EA) that included the Draft Nationwide 4(f) Evaluations for Net Benefit to Section 4(f) Property (Draft Net Benefit Evaluation) dated January 2011, and the revised Public Hearing Summary and Analysis (which includes responses to public comments) prepared by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) dated January 2011. Based upon our own agency review and consideration of the analysis and evaluation contained in the revised EA and Draft Net Benefit Evaluations, as documented in the enclosed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) document and Final Net Benefit Determinations and Approvals, and after further consideration of all social, economic and environmental factors, including input from the public involvement process, we hereby issue a FONSI with Net Benefit Determinations and Approvals as attachments to the FONSI for Interstate Highway 35 East from President George Bush Turnpike to Farm to Market 2181 in Dallas and Denton Counties.

Based upon our own independent review and analysis we find that the January 2010 Final EA for the IH 35E Middle project analyzed and considered all of the relevant potential environmental impacts, mitigation and issues. FHWA finds that based upon the EA that: (1) the Build



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Alternative is the selected alternative for the IH 35E Middle project, (2) the Build Alternative best meets the purpose and need of the project with the least amount of impacts to the resource areas, and (3) the project when implemented with all the required mitigation and coordination as detailed above 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,



Salvador Deocampo
District Engineer

Enclosures