



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: State Loop (SL) 335, Segment C-2

Project Limits: From Farm-to-Market (FM) 1719 to Echo Street; and US 87, from south of Cherry Avenue to north of Hastings Avenue

City: Amarillo

County: Potter

State: Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 2635-04-040; 2635-01-040

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that SL 335, Segment C-2 project 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 December 2024 and the entire project record. This decision documents the selection of Build Alternative, presented in the final EA as the Preferred Alternative, which is described as:

The proposed project would reconstruct the existing SL 335 between FM 1719 and Echo Street to a controlled access, divided, four-lane facility with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. The SL 335 proposed facility would consist of two 12-foot main lanes in each direction including 12-foot intermittent auxiliary lanes and 10-foot outside and 6-foot inside shoulders.

West of US 87, the frontage roads would consist of two one-way lanes in each direction, with a 12-foot inside lane with a 4-foot inside shoulder and a 14-foot outside lane with curb and gutter including intermittent auxiliary lanes, and an 11-foot shared used path (SUP) along each side of SL 335 with a 5.5-foot flush median between the frontage roads and the SUP.

East of US 87, the frontage roads would consist of two one-way lanes, with a 12-foot inside lane with curb and gutter and a 14-foot outside lane with curb and gutter, and an 11-foot SUP along each side of SL 335 with a 5.5-foot flush median between the frontage roads and the SUP.

The project would also include improvements to US 87 from south of Cherry Street to north of Hastings Avenue to upgrade the existing interchange with SL 335 with a standard intersection, improved vertical clearance, and direct connectors.

The proposed US 87 facility north of SL 335 would consist of two 12-foot main lanes in each direction including 12-foot intermittent auxiliary lanes and 10-foot outside and 6-foot inside shoulders.

North of SL 335, the frontage roads would consist of two one-way lanes, with a 12-foot inside lane with curb and gutter and a 14-foot outside lane with curb and gutter, and an 11-foot shared used path along each side of US 87 with a 5.5-foot flush median between the frontage roads and the SUP.

The proposed US 87 facility south of SL 335 would consist of the two existing 12-foot main lanes and widening for auxiliary lanes in each direction with 10-foot outside and 6-foot inside shoulders.

South of SL 335, the frontage roads would consist of two 11-foot lanes, a 2-foot delineated separation on the outside edge between vehicular traffic, and a 5-foot bicycle lane. A 6-foot sidewalk would be located outside the curb on each side. The pedestrian bridge south of



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Colorado Avenue would be replaced. In addition, sidewalks and pedestrian crossings at the Central Avenue grade separation would be improved.

The proposed design would accommodate an ultimate six-lane section for both facilities. The total project length is approximately 7.5 miles (4.6 miles on SL 335; 2.9 miles on US 87). The total proposed ROW is approximately 133.3 acres.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on March 7, 2024.

A public hearing for this project was held on March 28, 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.

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 SL 335, Segment C-2 project from FM 1719 to Echo Street; and US 87, from south of Cherry Avenue to north of Hastings Avenue.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA December 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. A monitoring and compliance plan for mitigation is contained in Section 8.3 of the final EA.

Mitigation required by the following environmental laws will be implemented for this project: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (pending conditions of NWP 14 and coordination with the USACE); 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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