



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: FM 2001

Project Limits: From I-35 to SH 21

City: Buda & Niederwald **County:** Hays and Caldwell **State:** Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 1776-02-018

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that the FM 2001 project from I-35 to SH 21 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 April 2020 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 FM 2001 project from I-35 to SH 21 would improve and realign FM 2001 to include construction of four travel lanes, two in each direction, with a raised median and sidewalks along urban portions of the proposed roadway, and a center left turn lane and wide outside shoulders in the suburban section. The project length is approximately 8.5 miles. The project would require approximately 114.5 acres of new ROW and 7.7 acres of permanent drainage easements to implement. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety, improve mobility, and reduce congestion along the FM 2001 corridor between I-35 and SH 21.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on March 3, 2017.

A public hearing for this project was held on March 28, 2017.

Based on comments received at the March 28, 2017 public hearing, it was determined that a structure for business use was developed within the footprint of the recommended alignment. To avoid impacting the business and structure, there was a slight redesign between approximately 1,700 feet northwest of Satterwhite Drive and the intersection of the existing FM 2001 and Turnersville Road. This realignment also removed impacts to a residence within these limits.

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 FM 2001 project from I-35 to SH 21.



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TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA dated April 2020, Section 8. 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: 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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TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

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Date

Transportation Improvement Program

2021 – 2024



Appendix B – Project Development and Environmental Review

Transportation projects that have moved beyond the conceptual stage and are being furthered in the development process are listed here, including those projects undergoing the federal and state environmental review process. These projects are anticipated to be individually listed in future Transportation Improvement Programs. Projects that were selected to be deferred through the special funding decision by the Transportation Policy Board are listed here and can be identified with the fiscal year NA; these projects will be prioritized when future funding sources become available.

Project Development and Environmental Review

MPO ID	CSJ	County	Roadway	Limits (From)	Limits (To)	Description	Sponsor(s)	FY	Total Cost
41-00171-00	1776-02-018	Hays	FM 2001	IH-35	SH 21	Widen To 4-Lane Divided Roadway by Adding Two Lanes and Shoulders	Hays County, TXDOT	2021	\$48,410,280.00
41-00195-00	1776-02-019	Hays	FM 2001	Sun Bright Blvd.	FM 2001	Upgrade from a 2-Lane to a 4-Lane Divided Roadway with New Traffic Signals and Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements	Hays County, TXDOT	2021	\$6,294,000.00
61-00128-00	2103-01-036	Williamson	RM 2243 (Leander Rd)	Norwood Drive	SW Bypass	Upgrade to a four-lane divided with new traffic signals and pedestrian improvements	City of Georgetown	2021	\$7,233,000.00
21-00006-00	0151-02-026	Burnet	SH 29	RM 243 North	Williamson County Line	Reconstruct from 4-lane to four 11-foot lanes, 12-foot continuous turn lane and 5-foot shoulders	Burnet County	2021	\$5,568,000.00
11-00032-00	0265-03-043	Bastrop	SH 71	Travis / Bastrop County Line	.65 Miles East of Tucker Hill Lane	Construct Overpass and Add 2 Lane One-Way Eastbound and Westbound Frontage Roads	TXDOT	2022	\$27,609,792.00
11-00230-00	0807-05-024	Bastrop	FM 535	Travis County Line	Wolf Lane	Widen existing 2-lane roadway to 4-lane divided arterial with 5' bike lanes and 6' sidewalks on both sides		2023	\$1,120,700.00