



Notice

**Final Environmental Assessment
Available for Public Review**

FM 973

From SH 130 to US 290

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Travis County, Texas

This notice advises the public that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued a final environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Farm-to-Market (FM) 973 project, and that the final EA is available for public review. The proposed project would realign and widen a portion of FM 973 by constructing a roadway, partially in a new location, between State Highway (SH) 130 and United States Highway (US) 290 east of Manor in Travis County. The project length is 5.7 miles. The proposed improvements would expand FM 973 from 2 to 6 travel lanes - three in each direction - and include a grassy median and turn lanes in various locations. The project would also include drainage improvements, overpasses, sidewalks and shared-use paths.

The approved final EA is on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Austin District Office, 7901 N. I-35, Austin, TX 78753. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "FM 973."

Pursuant to 23 CFR 771.119(h), TxDOT will issue a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for this project no sooner than 30 days after the issuance of this notice of availability.

For further information or to request a copy of the approved final EA, please contact Troy Olney, TxDOT Environmental Program Manager, at (512) 832-7056 or at Troy.Olney@txdot.gov.

The EA is written in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to review the EA, please contact Brad Wheelis, TxDOT Austin District Public Information Officer, at (512) 832-7060 no later than 4 p.m. CT, at least three business days before the date on which you would like to review the EA. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

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 a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.