



# **Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project**

**Proposed Action:** Kenney Fort Boulevard – Segments 2 and 3

**Project Limits:** Forest Creek Drive south to SH 45

**City:** Round Rock

**County:** Williamson

**State:** Texas

**TxDOT CSJ(s):** 0914-05-195

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the City of Round Rock, has determined that Kenney Fort Boulevard – Segments 2 and 3 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 April 2021 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:

A limited-access six-lane divided major arterial consisting of three 12-foot travel lanes in each direction. Directions of travel would be separated by a variable-width raised median. A curb, gutter and storm sewer would be installed the entire length of the project. A continuous sidewalk and a shared-use path would connect neighborhoods along the route to the existing Brushy Creek Trail system and Old Settler's Park. Improvements to the intersections of Kenney Fort Boulevard with Gattis School Road and with State Highway 45 would be included in the project.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on November 14, 2020.

A public hearing for this project was held on December 3, 2020.

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 Kenney Fort Boulevard – Segments 2 and 3 project from Forest Creek Drive south to State Highway 45.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA (April 2021), Section 8.0 (Post-Environmental Clearance Activities and Design/Construction Commitment). TxDOT will ensure that any and all local, state, or federal permit requirements and conditions are met and otherwise complied with.



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Mitigation required by the following environmental laws will be implemented for this project: 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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