



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: US 79 Widening

Project Limits: From I-35 to East of FM 1460

City: Round Rock

County: Williamson

State: Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 0204-01-063

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that US 79 Widening 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 July 2022 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:

Improvements include widening the existing US 79 roadway to add a third 12-foot travel lane in each direction and installing a raised median for safety. The width of the medians varies throughout the project. Improvements to intersections would include overpasses at US 79/Mays Street and US 79/FM 1460 and alteration of the US 79/I-35 Intersection. Driveways and access points would be modified to improve safety and traffic flow. The improvements also include installing 10 foot shared-use paths on both sides of US 79 to improve pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. The shared-use paths would be constructed on the outside edge of the pavement and separated from the travel lanes by a 5-foot clearance zone and a curb and gutter. The project would require approximately 10 acres of new right-of-way.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on November 4, 2020.

A public hearing for this project was held on December 4, 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 US 79 Widening project from I-35 to East of FM 1460.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA July 2022, Section 8.0. 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:

-Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (relocation of the driveway pillars of the Henna House and the relocation of the historic walls on the TBCH property)

-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

Date

Transportation Improvement Program

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Project Development and Environmental Review

MPO ID	CSJ	County	Roadway	Limits (From)	Limits (To)	Description	Sponsor	FY	Total Cost
51-00225-00	0914-05-194	Williamson	Lakeline Blvd.	Lynchurst Blvd.	Parmer Lane	Expand current 2-Lane roadway with 2 additional travel lanes and upgrade bicycle facilities and sidewalks	City of Austin	N/A	\$18,107,290.00
64-00980-35	0914-05-187	Williamson	CS	On N. Austin Ave. from 2nd Street	Morrow Street	Reconstruct the North and South Austin Avenue bridges	City of Georgetown	N/A	\$7,100,000.00
61-00118-00	0204-01-063	Williamson	US 79	IH 35	East of FM 1460	Add One Lane in each direction	TXDOT	N/A	\$51,080,211.00
61-00127-00	0914-05-197	Williamson	New Hope Drive	Ronald Reagan Blvd.	CR 175/Sam Bass Rd.	Widen existing roadway and extend as a new four-lane divided roadway with bicycle and pedestrian facilities	City of Cedar Park	N/A	\$19,699,300.00
61-00133-00	3417-02-030	Williamson	FM 734	RM 1431	SH 45	Reconstruct Existing 4-Lane Divided Roadway to a 6-Lane Divided Roadway	TxDOT, City of Austin	N/A	\$62,473,700.00
61-00138-00	0683-01-100	Williamson	RM 620	Travis County Line	North of Hatch Road	Reconstruct intersection to add overpass at Anderson Mill Road	TXDOT	N/A	\$16,855,500.00
61-08745-00	0273-04-045	Williamson	US 183	SH 138	0.23 Miles N. of CR 254	Widen with continuous left turn lane and shoulders	TXDOT	N/A	\$12,000,000.00

CONSTRAINED PROJECT LIST

ROADWAY

MPO ID	COUNTY	SPONSOR / CO-SPONSOR	ROADWAY/FACILITY NAME	DESCRIPTION	LIMITS FROM	LIMITS TO	LIMITS AT	LET YEAR	ANTICIPATED TOTAL COST
51-00365-00	TRAVIS	CTRMA	LOOP1	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT AN AUXILIARY LANE ON SB MOPAC FROM THE BEE CAVE RD. ENTRANCE RAMP TO THE SB LOOP 360 EXIT RAMP INCLUDING ACCELERATION LANE	BARTON SKYWAY	SL 360		2021	\$11,050,000
51-00205-00	TRAVIS	TXDOT	SH 130	WIDEN FROM 4 TO 6- LANES (3 LANES IN EACH DIRECTION)	SH 71	SH 45 SE		2030	\$15,394,541
61-00086-00	WILLIAMSON	TXDOT	SH 130	WIDEN FROM 4 TO 6- LANES (3 LANES IN EACH DIRECTION)	IH 35	SH 45 N		2030	\$126,235,233
61-00175-00	WILLIAMSON	WILLIAMSON COUNTY	SH 130	CONSTRUCT NEW 2-LANE FRONTAGE ROAD IN EACH DIRECTION	US 79	LIMMER LOOP		2023	\$6,760,000
51-00001-01	TRAVIS	CTRMA	SL1	ADD DIRECT CONNECTORS WITH TRANSITIONS	US 183	RM 2222		2021	\$158,601,000
51-00096-00	TRAVIS	CTRMA	MOPAC	2 EXPRESS LANES IN EACH DIRECTION	CESAR CHAVEZ	SLAUGHTER LANE		2022	\$540,000,000
61-00091-00	WILLIAMSON	TXDOT	US 79	WIDEN FROM 4-LANE UNDIVIDED TO 6-LANE DIVIDED	FM 1460	FM 619		2035	\$124,339,733
61-00092-00	WILLIAMSON	TXDOT	US 79	ADD ONE LANE IN EACH DIRECTION	IH 35	E OF FM 1460		2022	\$45,000,000
51-00001-02	TRAVIS	CTRMA/TXDOT	US 183	WIDEN FROM 3 TO 4 GENERAL PURPOSE LANES	WILLIAMSON COUNTY LINE	SL 1		2021	\$65,628,000
61-00114-00	WILLIAMSON	CTRMA/TXDOT	US 183	WIDEN FROM 3 TO 4 GENERAL PURPOSE LANES	RM 620/SH 45	TRAVIS COUNTY LINE		2021	\$65,833,860
21-00013-00*	BURNET	TXDOT	US 183	WIDEN 4-LANE UNDIVIDED TO 4-LANE WITH CONTINUOUS LEFT TURN LANE	0.3 MILES OF CR 218	RJ RANCH RD		2025	\$4,100,000
51-00218-00	TRAVIS	TXDOT	US 183	CONSTRUCT A BICYCLE OR PEDESTRIAN PATH			COLORADO RIVER	2025	\$4,800,000
51-00192-00	TRAVIS	TXDOT	US 183	CONSTRUCT 1-LANE SOUTHBOUND FRONTAGE ROAD ALONG US 183 THAT MERGES WITH US 183S-71W DIRECT CONNECTOR	0.46 MILES SOUTH OF THOMPSON LN	0.07 MILES SW OF AIRPORT COMMERCE DR		2023	\$5,265,375
51-00220-00	TRAVIS	TXDOT	US 183	RECONSTRUCT EXISTING 4-LANE ROADWAY TO 4-LANE DIVIDED	SH 71	SH 130		2031	\$273,776,509
61-00135-00	WILLIAMSON	TXDOT	US 183	CONSTRUCT 2-LANE GRADE SEPARATED NORTHBOUND AND SOUTH BOUND FRONTAGE ROADS	RM 1431	AVERY RANCH BLVD		2023	\$83,098,407
61-00116-00	WILLIAMSON	CITY OF CEDAR PARK	US 183	REALIGNMENT OF EXISTING US 183 TO OLD HWY 183. OLD HWY 183 TO BE WIDENED AND REALIGNED INCLUDE RELOCATION.	CEDAR PARK DRIVE	SOUTH OF BUTTERCUP CREEK BLVD.		2022	\$12,110,087
71-00014-00	WILLIAMSON, BURNET	TXDOT	US 183	RECONSTRUCT EXISTING 4-LANE TO 4-LANE DIVIDED-RURAL DEPRESSED MEDIAN	LAMPASAS COUNTY LINE	SH 29		2035	\$231,313,184

* Grouped Project