



Notice

**Finding of No Significant Impact
Available for Public Review**

**UNITED STATES HIGHWAY (U.S.) 69: GATEWAY TO THE BIG THICKET,
BEAUMONT DISTRICT**

From 0.1 miles south of Black Creek to Hardin County Line (CSJ 0200-08-049)

From Tyler County Line to 0.75 miles south of FM 1003 (CSJ 0200-09-069)

Tyler and Hardin Counties, Texas

This notice advises the public that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the proposed U.S. 69: Gateway to the Big Thicket, and that the FONSI is available for public review. The proposed project would improve the roadway to include two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, 4-foot inside shoulders and a 10-foot outside shoulder on the southbound lanes, and a 12-foot outside shoulder on the northbound lanes that would also serve as an "evaculane" along U.S. 69 from 0.1 miles south of Black Creek to Hardin County Line and from Tyler County Line to 0.75 miles south of FM 1003 in Tyler and Hardin Counties, Texas.

In addition to the improved roadways and shoulders, the project would extend the existing 10-foot hike-and-bike trail along the entire length of the project limits, in an effort to improve potential connectivity to the existing hike-and-bike trails within the Big Thicket National Preserve. Three new trailheads and one new parking area would also be constructed. The proposed project would incorporate Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) improving awareness of the surrounding resources by use of new, special, monuments and iconic signage identifying the locations of local amenities such as Big Thicket National Preserve and John Henry Kirby State Forest.

The project would require the acquisition of up to 200-feet of right-of-way, resulting in a new typical right-of-way width of 300-feet and the possible displacement of one commercial and five residential displacement structures.

The FONSI and approved final environmental assessment (EA) are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT Beaumont Office, 8350 Eastex Freeway Beaumont, Texas 77708-1701, and (409) 892-7311. They are also available online at www.txdot.gov. Search: US 69 Big Thicket Finding of No Significant Impact.

For further information or to request a copy of the FONSI and/or approved final EA, please contact the TxDOT Beaumont District at (409) 892-7311.

The FONSI and EA are 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 FONSI or EA, please contact Sarah Dupre, at (409) 898-5745 no later than 4 p.m. CT, at least three business days before the date on which you would like to review the FONSI or EA. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.
