



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: US 290 at the SH 36 Interchange

Project Limits: From FM 389 to 0.05 miles west of CR 49 (Windy Acres Road)

City: Brenham

County: Washington

State: Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 0186-06-082, 0114-09-091

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that the US 290 Brenham Interchange at SH 36 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 March 2024 and the entire project record. This decision documents the selection of Concept B Revised – Central District Connect, presented in the final EA as the Preferred Alternative, which is described as:

The Build Alternative consists of a modernized direct connect interchange design that would ultimately replace the existing clover leaf intersection. The proposed US 290 direct connect interchange would bridge over SH 36 just south of the current clover leaf intersection. Traffic on US 290 will flow continuously through the interchange with entrance and exit ramps to and from SH 36 and tie in west of Westwood Lane. The current clover leaf intersection would be removed and reconfigured with new ramps to SH 36. In addition, US 290 would be widened to a four-lane divided highway consisting of two travel lanes in each direction separated by a grassy median west of the new direct connect.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on December 31, 2023.

A public hearing for this project was held on January 18, 2024.

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 290 Brenham Interchange at SH 36 project from FM 389 to 0.05 miles west of CR 49 (Windy Acres Road).



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TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA March 2024, Section 8.0. 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: Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise (pending the results of the noise workshop and potential design considerations) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This project will use a Nationwide Permit with PCN for Section 404 authorization. If impacts exceed threshold for requiring compensatory mitigation, then Section 404 compensatory mitigation will be undertaken.

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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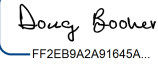
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