



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

**Proposed Action:** FM 1387 Widening

**Project Limits:** North Midlothian Parkway to FM 664

**City:** Midlothian

**County:** Ellis

**State:** Texas

**TxDOT CSJ(s):** 1394-02-027; 1394-01-002

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In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that FM 1387 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 October 2024 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:

The proposed project would include the expansion of the current two-lane roadway to an interim four-lane roadway (ultimate six-lane roadway). The proposed improvements consist of 11- to 12-foot-wide travel lanes with a 10-foot-wide shared-use path in the westbound direction and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk in the eastbound direction with a variable-width, raised median.

The project would also include turn lanes and intersection improvements at side and cross streets. The portion east of Longbranch Road would be realigned. The new alignment would begin at the intersection of FM 1387 and Longbranch Road and would extend to approximately 1,240 feet.

The proposed improvements would also include the reconstruction of a bridge that spans across North Prong Creek. For a length of approximately 210 feet, the bridge would consist of 12-foot-wide lanes (two in each direction for the interim phase and three in each direction for the ultimate phase) with an overall width of 122 feet. (0.2 mile) east of the existing FM 1387 and FM 664 intersection.

Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on August 7, 2024.

A public hearing for this project was held on August 22, 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.

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 FM 1387 Widening project from North Midlothian Parkway to FM 664.



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TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA October 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. A monitoring and compliance plan for mitigation is contained in Section 8.3 of the final EA.

Mitigation required by the following environmental laws will be implemented for this project for Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and 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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