



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: Hachar-Reuthinger Road Project

Project Limits: From FM 1472 to I-35 Southbound Frontage Road

City: Laredo

County: Webb

State: Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 0922-33-165 and 0922-33-166

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that Hachar-Reuthinger Road 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 August 2023 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 Hachar-Reuthinger Road will provide a new roadway on new location for approximately 8.4 miles from FM 1472 (aka Mines Road) northbound lane east to the southbound (western) frontage road of I-35 approximately 2 miles north of the I-35/Beltway Parkway/Uniroyal Drive overpass. The proposed roadway would consist of a four-lane divided facility with two lanes of travel in each direction. The proposed roads would consist of two 12-ft. wide travel lanes with 4-ft. wide inside shoulders and 10-ft. wide outside shoulders. Intersections with turnarounds would be constructed at the intersection of the future Beltway Parkway and at two additional locations based upon the City of Laredo Thoroughfare Plan. These two currently unidentified intersections will be located approximately 2.4 miles east of Mines Road/FM 1472 intersection, and approximately 1.5 miles northeast of the Hachar Road/Beltway Parkway. A west bound turnaround will be constructed approximately 0.16 miles east of the FM 1472/Hachar-Reuthinger Road intersection. Crossings at Cuervo Creek, Sombbrero Creek, and an Unnamed branch of Sombbrero Creek will be spanned by bridges, while culverts will be installed in the unnamed tributaries of these waterways.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on May 24, 2023

A public hearing for this project was held on June 15, 2023.

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



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from the public involvement process, TxDOT hereby issues this Finding of No Significant Impact for the Hachar-Reuthinger Road project from FM 1472 to I-35 Southbound Frontage Road

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA, dated August 2023, Section 8. TxDOT will ensure that any and all local, state, or federal permit requirements and conditions are met and otherwise complied with.

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