



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: FM 676 & Mile 5

Project Limits: SH 107 (Conway Avenue) to FM 2220 (Ware Road)

City: Alton

County: Hidalgo

State: Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 1064-01-027, 1064-01-043, & 1064-01-046

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that FM 676 & Mile 5 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 February 2020 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:

The scope of the proposed project is to widen FM 676 & Mile 5 to an 82-foot-wide urban type facility consisting of four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, two 10-foot-wide shoulders, a 14-foot-wide continuous left turn lane, and five-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of the roadway within a proposed 100-foot-wide ROW. Drainage would be handled by a storm drain system. The existing bridge would be removed and replaced to match the proposed roadway typical section.

Two drainage outfalls have been identified to drain stormwater run-off for the project. Outfall #1 would consist of a new ditch, located 0.2 of a mile east of Taylor Road. It would be excavated for 1,584 feet to connect to the existing Hidalgo County Drainage District (HCDD) #1 drainage ditch (Mission/McAllen Lateral). The ditch would be 102-foot-wide with a usual 3:1 slope, a variable depth of 22 to 24 feet, within a proposed 200 foot ROW width (approximately 5.8 acres). Outfall #2 is the existing Mission/McAllen Lateral which is located approximately 0.2 of a mile east of Bentsen Road, where it crosses Mile 5. The outfall would be cleared of debris and widened approximately 10 feet for a length of approximately 1,300 feet north, within the existing ROW. No new ROW or deepening of the ditch would be required. The proposed improvements would require approximately 25.1 acres of new ROW (19.3 acres for the roadway and 5.8 acres for the new outfall), six residential relocations, five business relocations, 11 potential proximity impacts, and a 1.0 acre temporary construction easement.

A public meeting for this project was held on January 26, 2017.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on September 9, 2019.

A public hearing for this project was held on October 1, 2019.

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 Meeting and Hearing Documentation has been prepared and is available for review on request.

The final EA, Public Meeting Documentation, Community Impacts Analysis, Air Quality Technical Report, Traffic Noise Analysis, Hazardous Materials Initial Site Assessment, Cultural Resources Reports, Biological Technical Report, Indirect & Cumulative Impacts Technical Report, Water Resources, Chapter 26 Packet, Section 4(f) Packet, Public Hearing Documentation, and other 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



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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 676 & Mile 5 project from SH 107 (Conway Avenue) to FM 2220 (Ware Road).

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA February 2020, Section 8.0. 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.

Chris Scola

TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

2/7/20

Date

Jubal Grubb

From: Edward Paradise Jr
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 7:38 AM
To: Jubal Grubb
Subject: RE: Core Team Approval of FM 676 1064-01-027 Final EA

Jubal,

Yes, I concur; I have no further comments.

Thanks,
Edd

From: Jubal Grubb
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Edward Paradise Jr <Edward.Paradise@txdot.gov>
Subject: Core Team Approval of FM 676 1064-01-027 Final EA

Edd,

I have no further comments for the Final EA, and Jenise's comments have been addressed. It is ready for approval. Do you concur?

Jubal Grubb

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PROJECT IS NOT A
TYPE THAT WOULD
NORMALLY REQUIRE
AN EIS
23CFR 771.115a



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Statewide TIP Revision Phase Construction

District County

MPO Highway

CSJ - - TIP FY

Engineering

Environmental Engineering

Right-of-Way

Acquisition

Utilities

Transfer

NOX (Kg /D):

VOC (Kg /D):

PM10 (Kg /D):

PM2.5 (Kg /D):

CO (Lbs /D):

Total Project Cost Information

Prelim Engineering	\$493,693
ROW Purchase	\$918,775
Construction Cost	\$10,075,374
Const Engineering	\$453,392
Contingencies	\$654,899
Indirect Costs	\$624,673
Bond Financing	\$0
Potential Chg Ord	\$0
Total Project Cost	\$13,220,806

Revision Date

Project Sponsor

MPO Proj Number

MTP Reference

City

Limits From

Limits To

Project Description

P7 Remarks

Project History

Authorized Funding by Category/Share

Category	Federal	State	Regional	Local	Local Contributions	Total
2M	\$5,751,995	\$1,437,999	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,189,994
11	\$3,363,338	\$840,834	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,204,172
10	\$400,589	\$100,147	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,736
Total	\$9,515,922	\$2,378,980	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,894,902

2019-2022 STIP		02/2020 (Current) Revision: Pending Review						
DISTRICT	MPO	COUNTY	CSJ	TIP FY	HWY	PHASE	CITY	YOE COST
PHARR	HIDALGO COUNTY	HIDALGO	1064-01-027	2022	FM 676	C	ALTON	\$ 11,894,902
LIMITS FROM:		SH 107		PROJECT SPONSOR: TXDOT				
LIMITS TO:		TAYLOR RD		REVISION DATE: 02/2020				
PROJECT DESCR:		WIDEN TO 4 LANE DIVIDED		MPO PROJ NUM: HC-117c				
REMARKS P7:				FUNDING CAT(S): 2M,11,10				
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION		PROJECT Revised as per UTP HISTORY:						
PRELIM ENG:	\$ 493,693	COST OF APPROVED PHASES		AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE				
ROW PURCH:	\$ 918,775	2M	\$ 5,751,995	\$ 1,437,999	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,189,994
CONST COST:	\$ 10,075,374	11	\$ 3,363,338	\$ 840,834	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,204,172
CONST ENG:	\$ 453,392	10	\$ 400,589	\$ 100,147	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 500,736
CONTING:	\$ 654,899	TOTAL	\$ 9,515,922	\$ 2,378,980	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 11,894,902
INDIRECT:	\$ 624,673							
BOND FIN:	\$ 0							
POT CHG ORD:	\$ 0							
TOTAL COST:	\$ 13,220,806							

TIP History

2019-2022 STIP		11/2018 Revision: Approved 12/19/2018						
DISTRICT	MPO	COUNTY	CSJ	TIP FY	HWY	PHASE	CITY	YOE COST
PHARR	HIDALGO COUNTY	HIDALGO	1064-01-027	2022	FM 676	C	ALTON	\$ 10,075,374
LIMITS FROM: SH 107		PROJECT SPONSOR: TXDOT						
LIMITS TO: TAYLOR RD		REVISION DATE: 11/2018						
PROJECT WIDEN TO 4 LANE DIVIDED		MPO PROJ NUM: HC-117c						
DESCR:		FUNDING CAT(S): 2M,11						
REMARKS P7:		PROJECT UPDATED FUNDING HISTORY:						
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION		AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE						
PRELIM ENG:	493,693	CATEGORY	FEDERAL	STATE	REGIONAL	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL
ROW PURCH:	918,775	2M	\$ 4,160,000	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,200,000
CONST COST:	10,075,374	11	\$ 3,900,299	\$ 975,075	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,875,374
CONST ENG:	453,392	TOTAL	\$ 8,060,299	\$ 2,015,075	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,075,374
CONTING:	654,899	COST OF APPROVED PHASES \$ 10,075,374						
INDIRECT:	624,673							
BOND FIN:	0							
POT CHG ORD:	0							
TOTAL COST:	13,220,806							

2019-2022 STIP		07/2018 Revision: Approved 09/28/2018						
DISTRICT	MPO	COUNTY	CSJ	TIP FY	HWY	PHASE	CITY	YOE COST
PHARR	HIDALGO COUNTY	HIDALGO	1064-01-027	2022	FM 676	C	ALTON	\$ 10,075,374
LIMITS FROM: SH 107		PROJECT SPONSOR: TXDOT						
LIMITS TO: TAYLOR RD		REVISION DATE: 07/2018						
PROJECT WIDEN TO 4 LANE DIVIDED		MPO PROJ NUM: HC-117c						
DESCR:		FUNDING CAT(S): 2M,11						
REMARKS P7:		PROJECT NEW PROJECT HISTORY:						
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION		AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE						
PRELIM ENG:	493,693	CATEGORY	FEDERAL	STATE	REGIONAL	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL
ROW PURCH:	918,775	2M	\$ 0	\$ 5,200,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,200,000
CONST COST:	10,075,374	11	\$ 3,900,299	\$ 975,075	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,875,374
CONST ENG:	453,392	TOTAL	\$ 3,900,299	\$ 6,175,075	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,075,374
CONTING:	654,899	COST OF APPROVED PHASES \$ 10,075,374						
INDIRECT:	624,673							
BOND FIN:	0							
POT CHG ORD:	0							
TOTAL COST:	13,220,806							

Comment History

Time	User	Comment	Related Approval
2018/11/29 10:25:42	Greg Wood		11/2018: Approved
2018/09/18 09:14:50	Greg Wood		07/2018: Approved