



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: FM 2964 (Rhones Quarter Rd.) Widening

Project Limits: From SH 110 to FM 346

City: Tyler

County: Smith

State: Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 3021-01-009

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that FM 2964 (Rhones Quarter Rd.) 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 February 2023 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:

From SH 110 at Thistle Drive in Tyler, south to FM 346, the project proposes to widen and reconstruct FM 2964 to a four-lane curb-and-gutter facility divided by a 14-foot, two-way left-turn lane. All travel lanes would be 12-feet wide. The project would include an 8-foot wide Shared-Use Path (SUP) on both sides of the road throughout the project limits, behind concrete curb-and-gutter which will accommodate drainage. The proposed ROW would vary from 100 feet to 225 feet throughout the project.

The project proposes to realign the FM 2964 intersection with Shiloh Road, at Thistle Drive – approximately 1,200-feet west of its current location. The project would cul-de-sac FM 2964 at its existing intersection with Shiloh Road. South of Shiloh Road, the realigned section of FM 2964 would connect to the existing FM 2964 roadway south of Libbie Street. The project proposes to realign the existing FM 2964 intersection with Barbee Road (CR 2170), at Oscar Burkett Road (CR 2191) – approximately 450-feet north of its current location. The project would cul-de-sac existing Barbee Road at FM 2964. The project proposes to widen the existing bridge over Toll 49 to the east, to include four 12-foot travel lanes, a 12- to 16-foot left-turn lane, and 8-foot SUP.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on August 5, 2022.

A public hearing for this project was held on August 25, 2022.

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 FM 2964 (Rhones Quarter Rd.) Widening project from SH 110 to FM 346.



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TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA February 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

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Date



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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



TYLER AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Prepared by: Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

In Cooperation with: Tyler Transit, Texas Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration

Adopted: May 26, 2022

Amended: July 28, 2022

Appendix C – Projects Undergoing Environmental Assessment

This Appendix contains projects that are scheduled for implementation beyond the four years of the Transportation Improvement Program time frame, and it in no way implies that these projects are programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program. Cost estimates are preliminary and do not represent any commitment of construction funding. Consistency with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan will be verified as alternatives are examined in studies or environmental clearance efforts. Projects listed in Appendix C will include, at a minimum, Control Section Job Number, county, Texas Department of Transportation district, sponsoring entity, street name, project limits, project description, estimated let date and preliminary project cost.

The purpose of Appendix C is to identify projects that are undergoing preliminary engineering and environmental analysis consistent with early project development. The Federal Highway Administration allows these projects to be referenced in the current Transportation Improvement Program in order to facilitate the feasibility and preliminary engineering and environmental analysis phases.

Projects Undergoing Environmental Assessment

HIGHWAY:	FM 2964	CSJ NUMBER:	3021-01-009
LIMITS FROM:	SH 110 IN TYLER	DISTRICT:	TYLER
LIMITS TO:	FM 346	COUNTY:	SMITH
DESCRIPTION:	WIDEN RHONES QUARTER RD. FROM 2 LANES TO 4 LANES	PRELIMINARY PROJECT COST:	\$25,000,000
SPONSOR:	TXDOT-TYLER	ESTMATE LET DATE:	2025

HIGHWAY:	US 69	CSJ NUMBER:	0191-01-089
LIMITS FROM:	SOUTHTOWN BLVD IN TYLER, S	DISTRICT:	TYLER
LIMITS TO:	1 MI S OF FM 2813	COUNTY:	SMITH
DESCRIPTION:	ADDED MOBILITY WITH THE ADDITION OF AUXILIARY LANES AND OTHER INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS	PRELIMINARY PROJECT COST:	\$100,000,000
SPONSOR:	TXDOT-TYLER	ESTMATE LET DATE:	2028

HIGHWAY:	IH 20	CSJ NUMBER:	0495-04-072
LIMITS FROM:	VAN ZANDT C/L, E	DISTRICT:	TYLER
LIMITS TO:	1.4 MI E OF US 69	COUNTY:	SMITH
DESCRIPTION:	WIDEN CONTROLLED ACCESS FACILITY FROM 4 LANES TO 6 LANES	PRELIMINARY PROJECT COST:	\$182,733,000
SPONSOR:	TXDOT-TYLER	ESTMATE LET DATE:	2030

HIGHWAY:	IH 20	CSJ NUMBER:	0495-05-053
LIMITS FROM:	1.4 MI E OF US 69	DISTRICT:	TYLER
LIMITS TO:	0.9 MI E OF US 271	COUNTY:	SMITH
DESCRIPTION:	WIDEN CONTROLLED ACCESS FACILITY FROM 4 LANES TO 6 LANES	PRELIMINARY PROJECT COST:	\$174,805,000
SPONSOR:	TXDOT-TYLER	ESTMATE LET DATE:	2030

HIGHWAY:	IH 20	CSJ NUMBER:	0495-04-069
LIMITS FROM:	1 MI E OF TOLL 49 (HARVEY RD), E	DISTRICT:	TYLER
LIMITS TO:	US 69 IN LINDALE	COUNTY:	SMITH
DESCRIPTION:	REVERSE RAMPS & CONVERT TWO-WAY ACCESS ROADS TO ONE-WAY FRONTAGE ROADS	PRELIMINARY PROJECT COST:	\$2,789,920
SPONSOR:	TXDOT-TYLER	ESTMATE LET DATE:	2026