



**Notice**

**Finding of No Significant Impact  
Available for Public Review**

**US 271 & LOOP 485**

**From FM 16 to Upshur County line**

**CSJ(s): 0165-02-061, 0165-03-036, 0248-06-017, 3290-02-008 and 3290-02-009**

**Smith and Gregg Counties, Texas**

This notice advises the public that Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the proposed US 271 and Loop 485 project, and that the FONSI is available for public review. The proposed project would widen US 271 and Loop 485 from FM 16 in Smith County to the Upshur County line.

The FONSI and approved final environmental assessment (EA) are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT-Tyler District Headquarters, 2709 W. Front St., Tyler, TX 75702, (903) 510-9100. They are also available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov).

To avoid noise impacts that may result from future development adjacent to a proposed highway project, a traffic noise analysis is included in the final environmental assessment (EA), which includes predicted noise impact contours for currently undeveloped areas. These impact contours are intended as a general guide to assist local planning officials and developers plan and construct new activities in locations that would not result in traffic noise impacts.

On the date of approval/clearance of an EA/FONSI (including the traffic noise analysis) for a proposed highway project, TxDOT is no longer responsible for providing noise abatement for new development. Additionally, as TxDOT does not provide retroactive (retrofit) abatement (known as a Type II program), this project area would not be eligible for potential noise abatement until the next major highway improvement project.

For further information or to request a copy of the FONSI and/or approved final EA, please contact Dylan McCord, Environmental Project Manager, by phone at (903) 510-9116, or email at [dylan.mccord@txdot.gov](mailto:dylan.mccord@txdot.gov).

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 a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.