



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: Loop 9

Project Limits: From Interstate 35 East (I-35E) to Interstate 45 (I-45)

City: Red Oak; Lancaster; near Ferris **County:** Dallas and Ellis Counties **State:** Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 2964-10-005

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that the Loop 9 project from I-35E to I-45 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 September 2017 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:

Loop 9 is a six-lane new location frontage road system which consists of three 12-ft lanes in each direction with a wide median (200 to 364 ft. wide), an 8-ft inside shoulder, an 8-ft outside shoulder for bicycle accommodations within the rural section of the proposed roadway, and one 14-ft-wide outside shared-use lane and a 6-ft sidewalk within the urbanized section of the roadway at I-35E. The project will also construct intersections at major cross roads and grade separations at I-35E and the BNSF Railroad. The project will typically require a width of 240 feet of new right of way (ROW) and is approximately ten miles in length. The project will be phased.

Loop 9 begins at I-35E near Red Oak and continues to the east generally parallel to Tater Brown Road for approximately 1.0 mile. As Loop 9 crosses Houston School Road, it shifts to the northeast through portions of Lancaster and crosses W. Reindeer Road after a distance of approximately 0.75 mile. It then travels along W. Reindeer Road where it crosses Bear Creek before crossing the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway and SH 342 (South Dallas Avenue/North Central Boulevard) after a distance of approximately 1.0 mile. Loop 9 continues traveling to the east for approximately 2.0 miles until it reaches E. Reindeer Road and then turns southeast for approximately 1.5 miles crossing into Ellis County and intersecting Nokomis Road. Loop 9 then veers to the northeast and crosses back into Dallas County parallel to Stainback Road for 1.5 miles, then crosses Ferris Road and Tenmile Creek and turns slightly northeast, just north of the Skyline Landfill and the Oncor transmission line corridor, and then crosses Business I- 45 (North Central Street) and ends at I-45 near Ferris.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on June 4, 2017.

A public hearing for this project was held on June 20, 2017.

The draft EA was revised to reflect the following changes:

- Added updated text to summarize the public hearing and added public hearing comment matrix;
- Updated STIP language throughout document as appropriate and as follows - The proposed action is consistent with the NCTCOG's financially constrained MTP Mobility 2040 and the 2017-2020 TIP, as amended, which were initially found to conform to the TCEQ State Implementation Plan by the FHWA and Federal Transit Administration on September 7, 2016, and December 19,



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2016, respectively. Copies of the MTP and TIP pages are included in Appendix D.

- NRCS updated with new coordination letters/emails sent 9/5/17;
- Updated the estimated total project cost of the frontage road system as \$450 million;
- TPWD coordination updated to indicate early coordination was completed for the Loop 9 project in July 2017.

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 Loop 9 project between I-35E and I-45 through Dallas and Ellis counties.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA dated September 2017, 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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

Date



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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

Total Project Cost Information

Prelim Engineering	\$5,000,000
ROW Purchase	\$45,000,000
Construction Cost	\$0
Const Engineering	\$9,487,036
Contingencies	\$2,420,162
Indirect Costs	\$0
Bond Financing	\$0
Potential Chg Ord	\$0
Total Project Cost	\$61,907,198

Revision Date NOX (Lbs /D):
 Project Sponsor VOC (Lbs /D):
 MPO Proj Number PM10 (Kg /D):
 MTP Reference PM2.5 (Kg /D):
 City CO (Lbs /D):

Limits From
 Limits To

Project Description

P7 Remarks

Project History

Authorized Funding by Category/Share

Category	Federal	State	Regional	Local	Local Contributions	Total
12	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
2M	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
3RTR121	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

DISTRICT	MPO	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	YOE COST		
DALLAS	DALLAS-FORT WORTH	DALLAS	2964-10-005	SL 9	C	VARIOUS	\$ 0		
LIMITS FROM: SL 9 (SOUTHEAST CORRIDOR) FROM IH 35E						PROJECT SPONSOR: TXDOT-DALLAS			
LIMITS TO: IH 45						REVISION DATE: 05/2017			
PROJECT DESCR: CONSTRUCT 0 TO 2 LANE FRONTAGE ROADS (ULTIMATE 6) INCLUDING ITS, SIDEWALKS, AND TURNLANES						MPO PROJ NUM: 54119			
REMARKS P7: DELAY CONSTRUCTION PHASE TO FY2021 AND REMOVE FROM THE TIP/STIP						FUNDING CAT(S):			
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION				AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE					
PRELIM ENG: \$	5,000,000	COST OF APPROVED PHASES \$ 0	CATEGORY	FEDERAL	STATE	REGIONAL	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL
ROW PURCH: \$	45,000,000		5	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
CONST COST: \$	0		2M	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
CONST ENG: \$	9,487,036		3RTR121	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
CONTING: \$	2,420,162		12	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
INDIRECT: \$	0		TOTAL	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
BOND FIN: \$	0								
POT CHG ORD: \$	0								
TOTAL COST: \$	61,907,198								

TIP History

2017-2020 STIP		05/2017 Revision: Approved 08/22/2017							
DISTRICT	MPO	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	YOE COST		
DALLAS	DALLAS-FORT WORTH	DALLAS	2964-10-005	SL 9	C	VARIOUS	\$ 0		
LIMITS FROM: SL 9 (SOUTHEAST CORRIDOR) FROM IH 35E						PROJECT SPONSOR: TXDOT-DALLAS			
LIMITS TO: IH 45						REVISION DATE: 05/2017			
PROJECT CONSTRUCT 0 TO 2 LANE FRONTAGE ROADS (ULTIMATE 6) INCLUDING ITS, SIDEWALKS, AND						MPO PROJ NUM: 54119			
DESCR: TURNLANES						FUNDING CAT(S):			
REMARKS P7: DELAY CONSTRUCTION PHASE TO FY2021 AND REMOVE FROM THE TIP/STIP				PROJECT HISTORY:					
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION			AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE						
PRELIM ENG: \$	5,000,000	COST OF APPROVED PHASES \$ 0	CATEGORY	FEDERAL	STATE	REGIONAL	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL
ROW PURCH: \$	45,000,000		12	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
CONST COST: \$	0		2M	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
CONST ENG: \$	9,487,036		3RTR121	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
CONTING: \$	2,420,162		5	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
INDIRECT: \$	0		TOTAL	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
BOND FIN: \$	0								
POT CHG ORD: \$	0								
TOTAL COST: \$	61,907,198								

2017-2020 STIP		07/2016 Revision: Not Approved 12/19/2016							
DISTRICT	MPO	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	YOE COST		
DALLAS	DALLAS-FORT WORTH	DALLAS	2964-10-005	SL 9	C	VARIOUS	\$ 49,940,000		
LIMITS FROM: SL 9 (SOUTHEAST CORRIDOR) FROM IH 35E						PROJECT SPONSOR: TXDOT-DALLAS			
LIMITS TO: IH 45						REVISION DATE: 07/2016			
PROJECT CONSTRUCT 0 TO 6 LANE FRONTAGE ROADS						MPO PROJ NUM: 54119			
DESCR:						FUNDING CAT(S):			
REMARKS P7: RTR121-DA2				PROJECT HISTORY:					
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION			AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE						
PRELIM ENG: \$	5,000,000	COST OF APPROVED PHASES \$ 49,940,000	CATEGORY	FEDERAL	STATE	REGIONAL	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL
ROW PURCH: \$	45,000,000		2M	\$ 16,800,000	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 21,000,000
CONST COST: \$	49,940,000		3RTR121	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 18,940,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 18,940,000
CONST ENG: \$	6,793,982		5	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,000,000
CONTING: \$	1,733,159		TOTAL	\$ 24,800,000	\$ 6,200,000	\$ 18,940,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 49,940,000
INDIRECT: \$	7,958,664								
BOND FIN: \$	0								
POT CHG ORD: \$	0								
TOTAL COST: \$	116,425,805								

Comment History

Time	User	Comment	Related Approval
2017/07/10 15 38 27	Barbara Maley		05/2017: Approved
2017/04/11 22 51 48	Adam Beckom	A STIP REVISION IS BEING SUBMITTED FOR THE MAY 2017 STIP REVISION CYCLE TO REVISE THE SCOPE AND FUNDING YEAR	
2016/10/03 17 29 34	Barbara Maley	Not approved Project description is inconsistent with funding eligibility	07/2016: Not Approved