



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: US 380 Princeton

Project Limits: From FM 1827 to CR 560

City: McKinney,
Princeton, and
Farmersville

County: Collin

State: Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 0135-04-036, 0135-03-056, 0135-16-002

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that the US 380 Princeton from FM 1827 to CR 560 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 November 2024 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 US 380 Princeton Project from FM 1827 to CR 560 would create a new location, controlled-access freeway extending north of the City of Princeton from west of CR 337 to east of CR 458, with reconstruction and widening of the existing US 380 roadway from FM 1827 to west of CR 337 and east of CR 458 to CR 560. The proposed US 380 Princeton project crossing at Lavon Lake includes reconstructing the existing US 380 and adding frontage roads. The proposed US 380 Princeton project includes one main alignment that diverges from the main alignment at CR 458, heading southeast, traversing US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) property, specifically a Wildlife Management Area (WMA), and converging back with the main alignment at CR 492.

The new location alignment would be constructed as an eight to 10 lane divided freeway with 12-foot wide main lanes, auxiliary lanes, ramps, and 10-foot wide outside and 15-foot wide inside shoulders. The proposed project would also include continuous, one-way frontage roads with two to three 12-foot wide lanes with raised curbs and continuous 10-foot wide shared-use paths on both sides of the facility. The proposed project would be constructed within a proposed ROW width of approximately 320 to 536 feet, depending on location.

US 380 crosses Lavon Lake; the freeway would be reconstructed within the existing ROW over the lake, including continuous frontage roads on bridge structures.

The proposed facility would be a controlled-access freeway with entrance and exit ramps. In addition, the proposed US 380 Princeton project would construct grade-separated interchanges at major cross streets to accommodate connectivity to existing and future roadways and bicycle/pedestrian networks. The proposed project would maintain the existing US 380 roadway through the City of Princeton with connectivity at proposed interchanges on both the east and west sides of the city.

The proposed facility would include overpasses at the following cross streets to accommodate connectivity to existing and future roadways and bicycle/pedestrian networks: CR 337, Future CR 404 (by others), Future Princeton Parkway (by others), FM 75, FM 1377, CR 458, East Princeton Drive, Twin Groves Park Road/Future Road, and Caddo Park Road.



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A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on August 13, 2024.

A public hearing for this project was held on September 12, 2024.

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 US 380 Princeton project from FM 1827 to CR 560.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA November 2024, Section 8.0. TxDOT will ensure that any and all local, state, or federal permit requirements and conditions are met and otherwise complied with.

Mitigation required by the following environmental laws will be implemented for this project: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 23 CFR 772 – Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise (pending the results of the noise workshop and potential design considerations).

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.

Doug Booker

27 December 2024

TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

Date