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Notice

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

FARM-TO-MARKET (FM) 1301

From State Highway (SH) 60 to United States (US) 59

CSJ(s): 1412-03-038

Wharton County, Texas

This notice advises the public that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the proposed Extension of FM 1301 from SH 60 to US 59, and that the FONSI is available for public review. The proposed project would construct FM 1301 from SH 60 to US Highway 59 in Wharton County, Texas.

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.

The FONSI and approved final environmental assessment (EA) are available online at www.cityofwharton.com.

The FONSI and EA are written in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to review the FONSI or EA, please contact Ms. Amy Redmond, Public Involvement Specialist, Transportation Planning and Programming Division in Austin, Texas, at (512) 416-3096 no later than 4 p.m. CT, at least three business days before the date on which you would like to review the FONSI or EA. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

For further information or to request a copy of the FONSI and/or approved final EA, please contact Ms. Gwyneth Teves, Community Development Director, City of Wharton (979) 532-2491 or gteves@cityofwharton.com.

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.