



# **Finding of No Significant Impact for a NEPA Assigned Federal Aid Project**

**Proposed Action:** US 183 South (Bergstrom Expressway)

**Project Limits:** From US 290 to SH 71

**City:** Austin                      **County:** Travis                      **State:** Texas

**TxDOT CSJ(s):** 0151-09-036, 0151-09-127, 0265-01-080

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In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that the US 183 South Bergstrom Expressway project 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 dated December 2014 and the project record. This FONSI documents the selection of the proposed tolled expressway presented in the final EA as the Build Alternative.

The Build Alternative would have six tolled main lanes and four to six non-tolled access road lanes (two to three in each direction). Direct connections to SH 71 west of US 183 would be tolled and would provide two lanes of travel in each direction. Throughout the corridor, a shared-use path, bike lane, and sidewalks are also proposed.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on October 20, 2014.

A public hearing for this project was held on November 19, 2014.

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.

A Public Hearing Summary and Analysis report and certification that the required hearing was held has been prepared and is available for review on request.

The final EA, the Public Hearing Summary and Analysis report, 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 183 South Bergstrom Expressway project from US 290 to SH 71.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA dated December 2014, Section 3. TxDOT will ensure that any and all local, state, or federal permit requirements and conditions are met and otherwise complied with.



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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

3/6/15

Date



# Environmental Document Certification Form

Project Name: US 183 South (Bergstrom Expressway)

Control Section Job Number (CSJ): 0151-09-036

0151-09-127  
0265-01-080

Document Type:  EA  EIS  FONSI  ROD

Document Stage:  Draft  Final

*This checklist shall be used to certify that an environmental document is ready for public review (draft documents) or approval (final documents).*

*When all required items are satisfactorily completed, the District and ENV representatives will sign this form indicating the environmental document is certified and may proceed to public review or is ready for final approval.*

**This project meets all the following requirements:**

- A. A project scope has been completed for the project.
- B. The document has been determined to be administratively complete.
- C. The document meets the requirements of technical review (43 TAC §2.49) as required to date.
- D. The required public participation has been completed as required to date.
- E. All consultation and coordination required for the environmental decision is complete and appropriately documented (for final environmental documents).
- F. Legal Review or Legal Sufficiency Review has been completed, as required.
- G. Current funding has been reviewed, and is as follows:  
 Mix of Federal/State/Local funding     State-only funding    Date Verified: February 26, 2015

Comments:

Signed Shelly Eason  
District Core Team Member

Date 3/3/15

Print Name: Shelly A. Eason

Signed Sonya Y. Hernandez  
ENV Core Team Member

Date 3/3/15

Print Name Sonya Y. Hernandez



# Environmental Document Certification Form

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**Approved for Circulation (EAs only):**

Signed Jenise Walton  
Project Delivery Director

Date 3/5/15

Print Name: Jenise Walton



# Environmental Document Review Checklist

Project Name:	US 183 South			Overnight:	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA
CSJ No.:	0151-09-036	Federal-Aid No. (if applicable):	NH 2012(492)	Date Received from Sponsor:	12/19/2014	
District / County:	Austin/Travis		Project Sponsor:	Austin District		
Document Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EA	<input type="checkbox"/> EIS	Document Stage:	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final	

Section In Document	Preparer check if content is:		Core team check if content is:	Major Required Content
	Included	Not Applicable		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cover Sheet
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Follows TxDOT/FHWA approved format
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Includes 23 U.S.C. 327 assignment language
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Title including any cooperating agencies
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Legal citations, including 49 USC 303 for Section 4(f) if applicable
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Signature block and contacts (only required for EIS)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstract (only required for EIS)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FONSVROD (for Final Environmental Document)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summary (optional for EA, but required for EIS)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Includes 23 U.S.C. 327 assignment language
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify lead agency under NEPA
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summary of major conclusions (table recommended)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Table of Contents: include list of tables figures and appendices
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	List of Acronyms
1.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proposed Project
1.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduction: Brief introduction including appropriate figures
1.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Existing Facility Description
1.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Description
1.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Logical termini and independent utility
1.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Includes location, length, type of improvements, ROW / Easements needed
1.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Purpose and Need
1.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Purpose statements
1.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need statements
1.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planning and Programming Status
1.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consistent with current Plan and Program (required for Final Environmental Document)
ECOS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reference to plan sheet in appendix (required for Final Environmental Document)
1.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alternatives
1.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Discussion of build alternative(s)
1.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Estimated cost information
1.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No-build alternative
5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Identification of preferred alternative (required for Final Environmental Document)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Locally preferred alternative, if one has been identified
1.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alternatives Considered But Eliminated From Further Consideration
3.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Avoidance, Minimization and/or Mitigation Measures (see page 2 for further information)
4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments and Coordination (Public Involvement and Agency Coordination)
3.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Permits and Approvals Needed
3.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commitments (table recommended)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	List of Preparers (EIS only)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Distribution List (EIS only)
Comments: RTP & TIP Plan sheets uploaded in Project Heading of Documents Section in ECOS.				



# Environmental Document Review Checklist

Section in Document	Included	Technical Report Prepared	Not Applicable	Affected Environment / Impacts / Avoidance and Mitigation Measures
<i>Summarize investigation outcomes and project effects as appropriate for each topic. Refer to Technical Reports for topics where they were prepared. Summary may be presented in table format with expanded discussions of topics that have project effects. Address applicable avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures for each topic.</i>				
2.2.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Right of way/Displacements
App 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Land Use
App 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Growth
2.2.4.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Farmlands
2.2.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Impacts (EJ, LEP, ROW/Displacements)
App 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Utilities/Emergency Services
App 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic and Transportation/Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
App 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visual/Aesthetics
2.2.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Resources
2.2.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Archeological Resources
2.2.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Quality
2.2.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floodplain
2.2.7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hazardous Materials
2.2.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air
App 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Noise
2.1.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biological Environment (Wetland, Wildlife, T&E Species, Natural Communities)
3.2.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction Impacts
2.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Indirect Impacts
2.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cumulative Impacts
2.2.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 4(f) / 6(f) - If applicable

Comments: Section 4(f) de minimis form and documentation is included as Appendix 7.

Included as Appendix	Not applicable	Present in File	Supporting Documentation
<i>The appendices and/or file of record must contain the following items/documents</i>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exhibits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Technical Reports: all technical reports as identified above have been completed, approved, and are present in the project file
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agency coordination/consultation documentation in appendices
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Section 4(f) Evaluation, Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation, Section 4(f) De Minimis Determination, or Section 6(f) Evaluation

Comments:

Yes	No	Not applicable	Document Consistency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quantitative consistency between technical reports and Environmental Document (traffic, ROWs, etc.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quantitative consistency within Environmental Document
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Map and figure consistency (project limits, street names, key, etc.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Referenced documents located in File of Record and/or Appendices
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acronym identification and consistency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibits and appendices listed in the Table of Contents are present in the Environmental Document

Comments:

Completed By:

Shelly D. Eason, Env. Specialist [Signature] 3/3/15  
Name/Title District Core Team Member Signature Date

Sanya Y. Hernandez, Env. Spec [Signature] 3/3/15  
Name/Title ENV Core Team Member Signature Date











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**DCIS - STIP View Only**

Control Section Job: 026501080

Highway Number: US 183

District: AUSTIN

Location From: COLORADO RIVER

County: TRAVIS

Location To: SH 71

Actual Let: /

Layman's Description: CONSTRUCT MAIN LANES AND FRONTAGE ROADS\_(TOLL)

**Project Information**

MPO Project ID: 026501080

Functional Class: 3

Existing Number of Lanes: 6

Proposed Number of Lanes: 8

Project Length Miles: 1.3

Implementing Agency:

District Estimated Let Date: 03/15

**Project Coding**

Federal Project Number: NH 2012(595)

State Category: 3

Phase: C PE ROW

MPO Code: 1108

TIP Year: 2015

STIP Revision Date: 07/2014

FHWA Approval Date:

**Project Funding**

APPN Code 1 - 4: LD5E	M230	1110
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Cost 1 - 4: 31100000	14500000	7100000
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Estimated Construction Costs: 114507649

Local Contribution:

Total Federal: 42384000

Total State: 3216000

Total Local: 7100000

Remarks: MPD ADOPTED TOTAL PROJECT COST \$133,000,000