*Use this template to prepare a notice of intent (NOI) to develop an environmental impact statement (EIS) for an FHWA project.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION [4910-22-P]**

**Federal Highway Administration**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT: <Enter the county>, TEXAS**

**AGENCY:**  Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Federal notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 23 C.F.R. §771.123(a), FHWA, on behalf of TxDOT, is issuing this notice to advise the public that an EIS will be prepared for a proposed transportation project to <briefly describe project and include the main CSJ>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: <Enter name, title, address, telephone number, and email address for the TxDOT point of contact for the project (usually the project engineer)>*.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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.

<Enter the purpose and need for the project>

<Enter a brief narrative description of the proposed action, including the location, length, main CSJ, and boundaries of study corridor (if applicable).>

The EIS will evaluate a range of build alternatives and a no-build alterative. Possible build alternatives include <Enter any possible alternatives>.

<Enter a brief summary of expected impacts>

<Enter a statement identifying anticipated permits or other authorizations>

<Enter a statement identifying the schedule for the decision-making process, including the anticipated time frames for issuing the DEIS and the FEIS/ROD>

The following entities have been invited to be cooperating agencies for this EIS: <Enter a list of invited cooperating agencies>.

The following entities have been invited to be participating agencies for this EIS: <Enter a list of invited participating agencies>.

<Enter any additional information that any cooperating agency requires to be included in the notice of intent to facilitate the cooperating agency’s decision or authorization that will rely upon then resulting environmental impact statement>

TxDOT will issue a single Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision document pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §139(n)(2), unless TxDOT determines statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude issuance of a combined document.

In accordance with 23 U.S.C. §139, cooperating agencies, participating agencies, and the public will be given an opportunity for continued input on project development. A public scoping meeting is planned for <Enter date, time, and location of public scoping meeting>. The public scoping meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the draft coordination plan and schedule, the project purpose and need, the range of alternatives, and methodologies and level of detail for analyzing alternatives. It will also allow the public an opportunity to provide input on any expected environmental impacts, anticipated permits or other authorizations, and any significant issues that should be analyzed in depth in the EIS. In addition to the public scoping meeting, a public hearing will be held after the draft EIS is prepared. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meeting and hearing.

The public meeting will be conducted 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 attend and participate in the public meeting, please contact <contact name (PIO/or other appropriate contact), District or Division Name>, at <phone number with area code> no later than 4 p.m. CT, <specific date that is at least three business days before the public meeting>. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

<Include the following paragraph in Spanish in the newspaper and any other public posting of the NOI, but do not include the following paragraph in Spanish in the version that is submitted for publication in the Federal Register> *El <event name> se llevará a cabo en inglés. Si usted necesita un intérprete o un traductor de documentos porque su idioma principal no es el inglés o tiene alguna dificultad para comunicarse eficazmente en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si usted tiene alguna discapacidad y necesita ayuda, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para atender la mayoría de las necesidades. Si usted necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción o usted es una persona con alguna discapacidad que requiera una adaptación para asistir a y participar en <event name>, por favor póngase en contacto con <contact name (PIO/or other appropriate contact), District or Division Name>, al número <phone number with area code> a más tardar a las 4:00 p.m. hora central, <specific date that is at least three business days before the event>. Por favor sepa que es necesario dar aviso con anticipación, ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que TxDOT los organice.*

The public is requested to provide public comment on alternatives or impacts and on relevant information, studies, or analyses with respect to this proposed project. Comments may be provided in writing by mail to <Enter mailing address> or by email to <Enter email address>. Comments must be received by <enter date that is 15 calendar days after date of public scoping meeting>.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction.)

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