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FONSI Re-evaluation
Dallas County
LP12/IH35E From Spur 408 to IH635
0196-03-137 (IH35E), 0581-02-077, 0581-02-121, 0581-02-124, 0581-02-128 (Loop 12) &
0094-03-060 (Spur 482)

Ms. Dianna F. Noble, P.E.
Director of Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Attention: Ms. Elvia Gonzalez

Dear Ms. Noble:

Please refer to your June 17, 2008, letter which transmitted the revised FONSI re-evaluation for the subject project.

A FONSI for this project was issued on December 11, 2002. The purpose of the FONSI re-evaluation is to identify the project changes that have occurred after the FONSI approval, evaluate how the changes affect the previous analysis, and determine whether a new comprehensive analysis of the entire project is needed. Project revisions included:

1. Design modifications that have recently occurred on SH 183 and SH114 outside of the EA/FONSI project limits but necessitated design changes within this project (at the interchanges with these roadways). Those roadways are now being designed to accommodate concurrent Managed/HOV lanes and were originally proposed as reversible Managed/HOV lanes.
2. Design modifications to the EA /FONSI project that increased the elevation of LP12 structure over SH114 to accommodate Dallas Rapid Transit (DART) Light Rail Transit line.

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3. An operational change to the EA/FONSI project to allow for the construction and interim use of LP12/IH35E elevated direct connectors to provide access to/from IH635 Managed/HOV lanes. The interim condition is anticipated to last until the interchange is reconstructed and which is currently shown in the 2030 Mobility Plan to be open by 2030.

The FONSI re-evaluation adequately and accurately addresses environmental issues and impacts such as environmental justice, indirect and cumulative impacts, air quality, and noise impacts. Based on our review of the FONSI re-evaluation, which addressed the proposed design changes and the construction and interim use of the direct connectors we have determined that since no new significant impacts have been identified, no new or additional NEPA documents are required. The December 11, 2002 FONSI remains valid.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anita N. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "W".

Anita N. Wilson
Urban Program Engineer