



**Notice
Final Environmental Assessment
Available for Public Review
NOLANA LOOP**



**From FM 1426 (Raul Longoria Road) to FM 88 (Texas Avenue)
CSJs: 0921-02-169, 0921-02-361
Hidalgo County, Texas**

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, this notice advises the public that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued a final environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Nolana Loop project, and that the final EA is available for public review. The proposed project would widen, reconstruct, and extend the existing roadway from FM 1426 (Raul Longoria Road) to FM 88 (Texas Avenue) in Hidalgo County, Texas.

The purpose of the Nolana Loop project is to improve mobility and accommodate current and future traffic volumes. The existing roadway is partially located in the City of San Juan and Hidalgo County. An existing 30 to 120-foot-wide Right-Of-Way (ROW) would be used where available. Nolana Loop would be constructed as an 84-foot wide urban type facility consisting of four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, one 16-foot-wide continuous left turn lane, two 10-foot-wide shoulders, and six-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of the roadway within a proposed 120-foot-wide ROW throughout the length of the (9.8 miles) of project. Drainage would be provided by a storm drain system. Cesar Chavez Road would be improved to include a left turn lane at its intersection with Nolana Loop. Nine existing drainage outfalls located within the project limits would be cleaned of debris, as needed. An existing outfall located between Old La Blanca Road and FM 493 would be shifted approximately 40-feet north of its current location within the existing drainage ditch ROW.

The proposed project would require approximately 82.6 acres of additional ROW, and displace seven residences and one commercial structure. Information about the Relocation Assistance Program, benefits, and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the Hidalgo County Pct. #2 office at 300 W. Hall Acres Rd., suite G, Pharr, TX 78577. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

The project would encroach upon 8.3 acres of floodplains; therefore, compliance with the federal Executive Order 11988 on Floodplain Management will occur and no adverse impacts are anticipated. The project would affect Hidalgo County Irrigation District #2, a listed National Registered Historic Place (NRHP), by removing standpipes, and irrigation lines, and introducing new standpipes, pipelines, and siphons. No wetlands or waters of the U.S. will be impacted. The use of a historic resource qualifies under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act and Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. A Section 4(f) *de minimis* was completed and finding of no adverse effect was obtained from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) in November 2010.

The approved final EA is available online at www.txdot.gov, using keyword "Nolana Loop" and www.precinct2.net.

Pursuant to 23 CFR 771.119(h), TxDOT will issue a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for this project no sooner than 30 days after the issuance of this notice of availability. For further information or to request a copy of the approved final EA, please contact Armando Garza, Jr. with Hidalgo County Pct. #2 via phone at (956) 787-1891 or via email at armando.garzajr@co.hidalgo.tx.us.

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.