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Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects 24 CFR Part 58

Project Information

Project Name: Southeast-Loop-Connection-Project

HEROS Number: 900000010489428

Start Date: 08/08/2025

Project Location: 10500 FM 1660, Hutto, TX 78634

Additional Location Information:

The project would occur in two locations. One (listed above) is the intersection of Southeast Loop and FM 1660. The other is the intersection of Southeast Loop and FM 3349. Validated address information for both sites is provided below: 10500 FM 1660, Hutto, TX 78634 Geo-coded address: 10500 Fm 1660, Hutto, TX 78634-4318 Longitude: -97.523544 Latitude: 30.510345 2150 FM 3349, Hutto, TX 78634 Geo-coded address: Hutto, TX 78634 Longitude: -97.528900 Latitude: 30.587800

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

The Southeast Loop Connection Project would provide safe and functional intersections with Southeast Loop at Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 1660 and FM 3349. Southeast Loop (a.k.a. East Wilco Highway) is a new-location roadway under development by Williamson County (County). The County has purchased the right-of-way for Southeast Loop and has begun construction on Phase 1 of the project. Phase 1 is primarily an at-grade, undivided, two-lane roadway. The ultimate condition for Southeast Loop is a multi-lane, divided highway configuration with grade-separated intersections and frontage roads. Phase 1 will chiefly be constructed along the alignment of one of the proposed frontage roads. Phase 1 intersects FM 1660 and FM 3349. With the Southeast Loop Connection Project, the County (Responsible Entity) proposes design and construction of improved intersections. The improvements include reconstructing and widening the existing roadways, installing stormwater management elements, constructing a new bridge over Boggy Creek, installing lighting (including traffic lights), and reconstructing affected private driveways. All improvements would occur within existing rights-of-way for Southeast Loop, FM 1660, and FM 3349. The two project sites (i.e., two intersections) are approximately 2.5 miles apart.

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Program Name	
1	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) (Entitlement)	\$5,000,000.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$5,000,000.00

Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]: \$8,500,000.00

Mitigation Measures and Conditions [CFR 1505.2(c)]:

Summarized below are all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure or Condition
Floodplain Management	<p>Williamson County is a participant in good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program. The proposed project would comply with applicable regulations related to effects on surface water elevation. Coordination with the County's Floodplain Administrator will be conducted.</p> <p>The project incorporated permeable erosion control measures at the crossing of Boggy Creek. This will allow for greater infiltration of stormwater and reduce runoff. The design elements will be constructed as planned.</p>
Wetlands Protection	<p>The project would result in impacts to 0.23 acres of wetland features identified by the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) and 0.04 acres of impacts to an intermittent stream (Boggy Creek). Presumably the NWI-indicated feature is the same feature as Boggy Creek.</p> <p>USFWS (who administers the NWI) has been notified of the potential impacts. USACE has been notified that Williamson County will self-certify compliance with Nationwide Permit 14. As such, Williamson County will comply with all permit conditions. Notifications and additional information are available in documentation of the 8-Step Process.</p>
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	N/A
Soil Suitability / Slope/ Erosion / Drainage and Storm Water Runoff	N/A
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Site-Generated Noise	None
Energy Efficiency	N/A
Employment and Income Patterns	N/A

Demographic Character Changes / Displacement	N/A
Educational and Cultural Facilities (Access and Capacity)	N/A
Commercial Facilities (Access and Proximity)	N/A
Health Care / Social Services (Access and Capacity)	N/A
Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling (Feasibility and Capacity)	N/A
Waste Water and Sanitary Sewers (Feasibility and Capacity)	N/A
Water Supply (Feasibility and Capacity)	N/A
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	N/A
Parks, Open Space and Recreation (Access and Capacity)	N/A
Transportation and Accessibility (Access and Capacity)	N/A
Unique Natural Features /Water Resources	NWP 14 Compliance
Vegetation / Wildlife (Introduction, Modification, Removal, Disruption, etc.)	Disturbed areas not subject to paving or other hardened surfaces will be revegetated with native species.
Climate Change	N/A
Environmental Justice EA Factor	N/A
Other Factors 1	N/A
Permits, reviews, and approvals	Clean Water Act Section 404, Nationwide Permit 14, Linear Transportation Projects Clean Water Act Section 402, Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, Construction General Permit (TX150000) Williamson County Floodplain Development Permit
Historic Preservation	Conditional: If previously unknown cultural resources or unforeseen impacts to historic properties are identified during construction, work should cease in the immediate area and the SHPO should be contacted to coordinate potential adverse effects

Project Mitigation Plan

Floodplain permit coordination will be acquired prior to construction. Historic preservation and wetlands/waters will be monitored by Williamson County in regular check-in meeting through construction.

Determination:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Finding of No Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1); 40 CFR 1508.13] The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of human environment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finding of Significant Impact

Preparer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name / Title/ Organization: Keith Taylor / Senior Project Manager / HNTB

Certifying Officer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name/ Title: _____

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environment Review Record (ERR) for the activity / project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).