
DRAFT Environmental Impact Statement



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Submitted Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)
and 49 U.S.C. 303 by the
Texas Department of Transportation and Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

Cooperating Agencies:
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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TxDOT would issue a single Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) document pursuant to Pub. L. 112-141, 126 Stat. 405, Section 1319(b) unless TxDOT determines statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude issuance of the combined document pursuant to Section 1319.

Comments on the Draft EIS (due 45 days from the date the Notice of Availability is published in the *Federal Register*) should be sent to the Texas Department of Transportation, Attention: Jon Geiselbrecht, P.O. Drawer 15426, Austin, Texas, 78761-5426. Comments can also be submitted on the project website: <http://www.oakhillparkway.com/>.

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ABSTRACT: The Texas Department of Transportation and the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, as the co-lead agencies, are proposing to improve U.S. Highway 290 (US 290)/State Highway (SH) 71 West from State Loop 1 (MoPac) to west of Ranch-to-Market (RM) 1826 and from US 290 to Silvermine Drive in Travis County, Texas. The proposed project, known as the Oak Hill Parkway (OHP), proposes improvements that include direct connectors at the intersection of US 290 and SH 71, controlled access along both highways in Oak Hill, and an overpass for US 290 at William Cannon Drive. The mainlanes would be three lanes in each direction with adjacent one-way, two- to three-lane frontage roads in each direction. Aesthetic enhancements and bicycle/pedestrian facilities along the corridor are also proposed. The social, economic, and environmental impacts of the proposed OHP Project are evaluated for land use, soils and geology, social, economics, air quality, noise, wetlands, floodplains, water quality, biological resources, cultural resources, parklands, hazardous/regulated materials, and visual aesthetics. The Recommended Alternative for the OHP Project includes a combination of alternatives investigated during the study, and was proposed after the evaluation of numerous *Build Alternatives* as documented in this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The proposed Recommended Alternative (*Alternative A*) is based on its ability to best accomplish the need for and purpose of the transportation improvements while minimizing impacts to social, economic, and environmental resources. The Recommended Alternative (*Alternative A*) would require the taking of new right-of-way. It is estimated that approximately four commercial and one single-family residential site displacements would be required. The evaluation of impacts to two federally listed salamanders is complete, including consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Although *Alternative A* is recommended as the *Build Alternative*, selection of the final preferred *Build Alternative* would not be made until after the public comment period is completed, comments on the Draft EIS are received and considered, and agency coordination is completed.

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