

Texas Department of Transportation

Notice of Availability: Record of Decision (ROD) Grand Parkway State Highway (SH) 99 Segment B, from SH 288 to IH 45 South in Brazoria and Galveston Counties, Texas

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108 and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter H, §771.111 and Title 40, Chapter V, §1506, this notice advises the public that a record of decision (ROD) is available for review for the construction on the Grand Parkway State Highway (SH) 99 Segment B project from SH 288 to IH 45 South in Brazoria and Galveston Counties, Texas. The ROD explains the Selected Alternative and signifies the completion of the environmental review process. 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 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

The Selected Alternative would include the construction of an approximately 28.6-mile alignment, on new location, from SH 288 to Interstate Highway (IH) 45 South through Brazoria and Galveston Counties. The SH 99 Segment B would be constructed as a four-lane, controlled-access tollway facility, consisting of two lanes in each direction within a 400-foot-wide right-of-way (ROW) and auxiliary lanes between on-ramps and off-ramps, where appropriate. The Selected Alternative would require approximately 1,072 acres of new ROW.

To avoid noise impacts that may result from future development adjacent to a proposed highway project, the ROD includes a traffic noise analysis with predicted noise impact contours for currently undeveloped areas. These impact contours are general guides intended to assist local planning officials and developers plan and construct new activities in locations that would not result in traffic noise impacts.

On the date of approval and clearance of a ROD for a proposed highway project, which in this case was November 30, 2016, TxDOT is no longer responsible for providing noise abatement for new development.

A digital version of the signed ROD may be downloaded from the following website at: <http://www.grandpky.com/Segment-B> or by request to Christine Bergren at Christine.Bergren@txdot.gov or (713) 802-5249.

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