



Documentation of Public Hearing Opportunity

Project Location

Williamson County

FM 3349

3488-01-008-0204-02-034, 0914-05-211

Project Limits

CR 404 to CR 395

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October 1, 2021

Anita Volek
Taylor Independent School District, Board Member
3101 N. Main St., Suite 104
Taylor, TX 78574

RE: Draft Environmental Assessment and Opportunity for a Public Hearing (CSJs: 3486-01-008, 0204-02-034, 0914-05-211)

Dear Ms. Volek:

Williamson County and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are proposing to reconstruct and improve the interchange of FM 3349/CR 101 and US 79, from CR 404 to CR 395 in Williamson County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review beginning October 4, 2021, and that Williamson County and TxDOT are affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project. Enclosed is a copy of the Notice.

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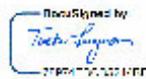
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Sincerely,

DocuSigned by
Tucker Ferguson

Tucker Ferguson, P.E.
Austin District Engineer

Enclosure

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Email Notification to Stakeholder Database

Rifeline Mail - You're invited to review the draft environmental assessment for FM 3349 at US 79



Grace Hourigan <ghourigan@rifeline.com>

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2 messages

Rebecca Hickey <rhickey@rifeline.com>

Mon, Oct 4, 2021 at 12:13 PM

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Hickey

On Behalf of The FM 3349 at US 79 Project Team

Property Owner Letter

Oct. 4, 2021



NAME
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The FM 3349 at US 79 Project Team

Property Owner Letter Mailing List

FM 3349 Interchange

CSJ: 0204-02-034

R-Code (Parcel I	Property Address	Property Owner	Mailing Address
R019449	FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574	3349 LAND GROUP LLC	3702 BOBBY JONES WAY, ROUND ROCK, TX 78664
R020291	5900 CR 101 TAYLOR TX 76574	ANDERSON FARMS LLP	5900 COUNTY ROAD 101 TAYLOR TX 76574
R019148	CR 369, TAYLOR, TX 76574	ANDERSON SHIRLEY B (LE)	605 N WEST ST, FALLS CHURCH, VA 22046
R019456	1451 FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574	BARR, CHARLES R & ROSA	1451 FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574
R019459	FM 3349 TAYLOR TX 76574	BARR, CHARLES R & ROSA	1451 FM 3349 TAYLOR TX 76574
R019459	FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574	BARR, CLYDE	12433 DESSAU ROAD, UNIT 1132, AUST N, TX 78754
R019459	FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574	BARR, DIANA	12433 DESSAU ROAD, UNIT 1132, AUST N, TX 78754
R020330	HIGHWAY 79 HUTTO TX 78634	BORGNE REBECCA & ROXANA & TIMOTHY TEICHELMAN	3450 COUNTY ROAD 417 TAYLOR TX 76574
R325380	11801 HWY 79, HUTTO, TX 78634	BORGNE, REBECCA & ROXANA & TIMOTHY TEICHELMAN	3450 COUNTY ROAD 417, TAYLOR, TX 76574
R325955	11801 HIGHWAY 79, HUTTO, TX 78634	BORGNE, REBECCA & ROXANA & TIMOTHY TEICHELMAN	3450 COUNTY ROAD 417, TAYLOR, TX 76574
R019460	51 CARPENTER DR, TAYLOR, TX 76574	BROWN, BRIAN N	51 CARPENTER DR, TAYLOR, TX 76574
R020703	2080 FM 3349, HUTTO, TX 78634	CITY OF HUTTO	500 W LIVE OAK ST, HUTTO, TX 78634
R435566	FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574	CITY OF HUTTO	500 W LIVE OAK ST, HUTTO, TX 78634
R481601	FM 3349, HUTTO, TX 78634	FM 3349 HOLDINGS LLC	3702 BOBBY JONES WAY, ROUND ROCK, TX 78664
R532963	COUNTY ROAD 101, TAYLOR, TX 78634	FRAME SWITCH ENERGY INC	1007 GREEN MEADOW DR, ROUND ROCK, TX 78664
R019157	CR 101, TAYLOR, TX 76574	FUESSEL HOLD NGS LLC	11255 HWY 79, TAYLOR, TX 76574
R497285	280 FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574	HENNING, ELISABETH MARIA	280 FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574
R019447	CR 404, TAYLOR, TX 76574	HOLUBEC, EDYTHE & NANCY	PO BOX 552, TAYLOR, TX 76574
R020939	HIGHWAY 79, HUTTO, TX 78634	HUTTO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TYPE B	Attn: BOB FARLEY 500 W LIVE OAK ST, HUTTO, TX 78634
R020943	208 FM 3349, HUTTO, TX 78634	HUTTO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TYPE B Attn: BOB FARLEY	500 W LIVE OAK ST, HUTTO, TX 78634
R020945	12100 HIGHWAY 79 HUTTO TX 78634	HUTTO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TYPE B Attn: BOB FARLEY	500 W LIVE OAK ST HUTTO TX 78634
R345751	FM 3349, HUTTO, TX 78634	HUTTO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TYPE B Attn: BOB FARLEY	500 W LIVE OAK ST, HUTTO, TX 78634
R345752	HIGHWAY 79, HUTTO, TX 78634	HUTTO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TYPE B Attn: BOB FARLEY	500 W LIVE OAK ST, HUTTO, TX 78634
R498062	HIGHWAY 79 HUTTO TX 78634	HUTTO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TYPE B Attn: BOB FARLEY	500 W LIVE OAK ST HUTTO TX 78634
R432817	FM 3349, HUTTO, TX 78634	JONAH WATER SPECIAL UT LITY DIST	PO BOX 455, HUTTO, TX 78634
R019461	2121 FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574	KADERKA, ROBERT W	2121 FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574
R020311	6652 CR 101 HUTTO TX 78634	KRUEGER DANIEL W & TREILA KRUEGER AERY TTEE OF T K AERY TRUST	PO BOX 667 HUTTO TX 78634
R330335	11901 HWY 79, HUTTO, TX 78634	KRUEGER, DANIEL DWAYNE	PO BOX 667, HUTTO, TX 78634
R346016	1280 FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574	KRUEGER, JONATHON	1280 FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574
R346023	5401 CR 132, HUTTO, TX 78634	KRUEGER, MICHAEL RAY	4551 COUNTY ROAD 132, HUTTO, TX 78634
R020700	CR 132, HUTTO, TX 78634	KRUEGER, MORRIS W & MICHAEL R	4551 COUNTY ROAD 132, HUTTO, TX 78634
R020941	11700 HIGHWAY 79, HUTTO, TX 78634	KRUEGER, MORRIS W & MICHAEL R	4551 COUNTY ROAD 132, HUTTO, TX 78634
R019153	12625 Highway 79, TAYLOR, TX 76574	MARRS ELLIS & HODGE LLP C/O JACOB MERKORD	RE: JOHN A. AND MARY S. BIGON 805 W 10th ST, STE 400 AUSTIN, TX 78701
R082165	FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574	MATL, LARRY JOHN	1200 FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574
R019452	1251 FM 3349 TAYLOR TX 76574	NAIVAR RAYMOND E & DIANE M TRUSTEES OF THE R AND D NAIVAR TRUST	1251 FM 3349 TAYLOR TX 76574
R460195	6652 CR 101, HUTTO, TX 78634	ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY c/o STATE & LOCAL TAX DEPT	PO BOX 139100, DALLAS, TX 75313
R349685	FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574	RCR TAYLOR LAND LP	250 BUSINESS HIGHWAY 290 N, HEMPSTEAD, TX 77445
R586971	201 FM 3349 TAYLOR TX 76574	RCR TAYLOR LAND LP	250 BUSINESS HIGHWAY 290 N HEMPSTEAD TX 77445
R586972	201 FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574	RCR TAYLOR LAND LP	250 BUSINESS HIGHWAY 290 N, HEMPSTEAD, TX 77445
R586973	FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574	RCR TAYLOR LAND LP	250 BUSINESS HIGHWAY 290 N, HEMPSTEAD, TX 77445
R586974	FM 3349 TAYLOR TX 76574	RCR TAYLOR LAND LP	250 BUSINESS HIGHWAY 290 N HEMPSTEAD TX 77445
R605486	201 FM 3349, TAYLOR, TX 76574	RCR TAYLOR RAIL LP	250 290 BUSINESS N, HEMPSTEAD, TX 77445
R442484	FM 3349, HUTTO, TX 78634	WALNUT CORNER LLC	12510 FM 1660, TAYLOR, TX 76574

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON
IN THE MATTER OF

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Draft Environmental Assessment and Opportunity for a Public Hearing
FM 3349 at US 79 From County Road 404 to County Road 395

The *Williamson County Sun/Sunday Sun*, newspapers of general circulation, have been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in the County of WILLIAMSON, Texas, preceding the date of the above-referenced notice. Said notice was published in said paper as follows:

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Newspaper Representative

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10th day of October, 2021.

Witness my hand and official seal
Dawn Steele

Dawn Steele, Notary Public
My Commission Expires August 26, 2024



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Notice
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The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right-of-way (ROW) and potentially cause displacement of persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners can be found by going to <https://www.tdot.gov/invest/0009/forms-publications/relocation/landowner-notice.htm>.

The proposed project is anticipated to require a minor amount of ROW from a property protected under Section 47 of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

The proposed project would involve improvements in a floodplain.

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The project materials are written in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate those needs. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to review the project materials or submit information, please contact the Williamson County Public Information Office, roads@wco.org, 512-943-1195, no later than 4 p.m. CT, at least three business days before the date on which you would like to review the project materials or submit information. Please be aware that advance notice is required so some services and accommodations may require time to arrange.

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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 5, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

TxDOT Project Webpage

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- [Schematic](#)

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Location FM 3349 at US 79

Description The project will construct dual bridges on FM 3349 over US 79 and Union Pacific Railroad. The FM 3349 at US 79 project intends to provide a safe grade-separated railroad crossing and was part of the Southeast Loop project. The design engineer is HDR. The project received funding from the voter-approved 2019 Road Bond. We are seeking federal and state funds to leverage with our local funds to the greatest extent possible. Construction is expected to begin in early 2022 on the interim project. The ultimate project may be built in phases over several decades, as the county grows and as funding becomes available. For more information on the Southeast Loop, please visit our [webpage](#).

Status

Contact Email roads@wilco.org or phone 512-943-1195

Draft Environmental Assessment and Opportunity for a Public Hearing

Williamson County, in coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation, is proposing to reconstruct and improve the interchange of FM 3349/CR 101 and US 79, from CR 404 to CR 395 in Williamson County, Texas. **This notice** advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that Williamson County and TxDOT are affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project.

The proposed project includes widening the existing undivided two-lane FM 3349 and CR 101 roadways into a four-lane divided roadway, constructing an elevated crossing over US 79 and the Union Pacific Railroad, and constructing a local access road "jug handle" to provide connectivity between US 79 and FM 3349/CR 101.

Project materials are available for public review including the draft EA, project location and distance chart...



- > Ronald Reagan Extension
- > Southeast Loop
- > CR 129
- > Chandler Road Extension
- > Corridor E5
- > CR 401/404 Improvements
- > Thrall Project
- > Coupland Project
- > Granger Project
- > Bartlett Project
- > Chandler Road Widening
- > Corridor E2 Study
- > CR 404 Realignment Project

- > Road Bond Program

Project materials are available for review below including the draft EA, maps, notice, and drawings showing the project location. These materials are also available in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Williamson County Road and Bridge Division, 3151 S. E. Inner Loop, Suite B, Georgetown, Texas 78626. Materials will be available for review through Nov. 3, 2021.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing on this project. Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are also requested. Written hearing requests and comments may be submitted:

- By mail to the Williamson County Public Information Office, 710 S. Main Street, Suite 101 Georgetown, TX 78626,
- By email to roads@wilco.org

All hearing requests and comments must be received on or before Nov. 3, 2021. A hearing will be held if 10 or more individuals submit timely written requests for a hearing, or if an agency with jurisdiction over the project submits a timely written request for a hearing that is supported by reasons why a hearing will be helpful.

Documents

Title	
Draft EA	Download
Draft Schematic	Download
Fact Sheet	Download
Interim Schematic	Download
Ultimate Schematic	Download

*Please note, the project will be built in phases. The first phase of this project is shown in the interim schematic above. As the County grows and as funding becomes available, the ultimate interchange would be built. This would be built in phases over several decades.

Project Map



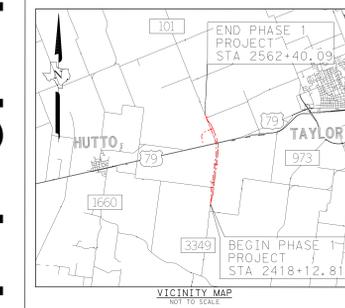


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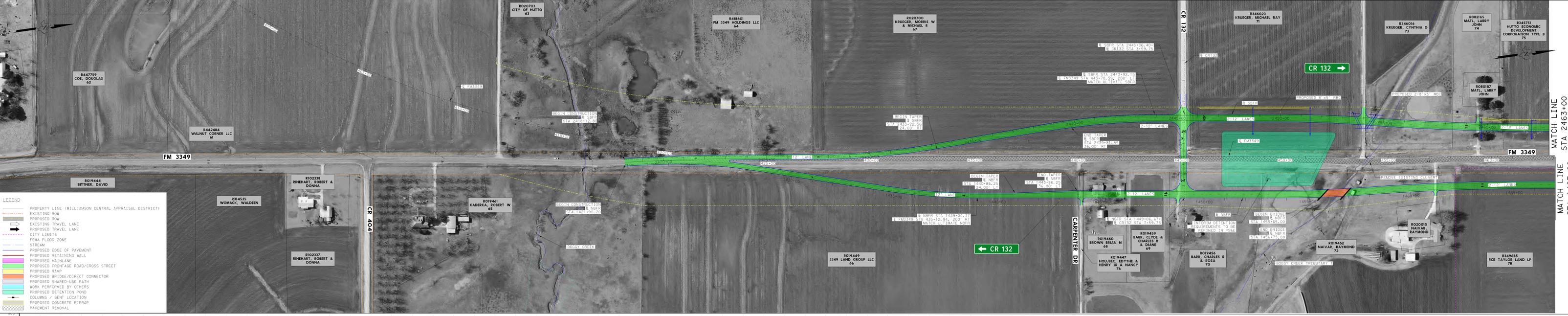
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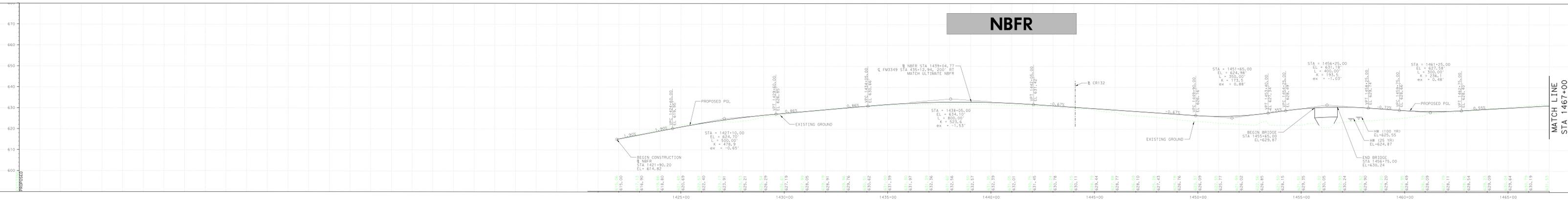
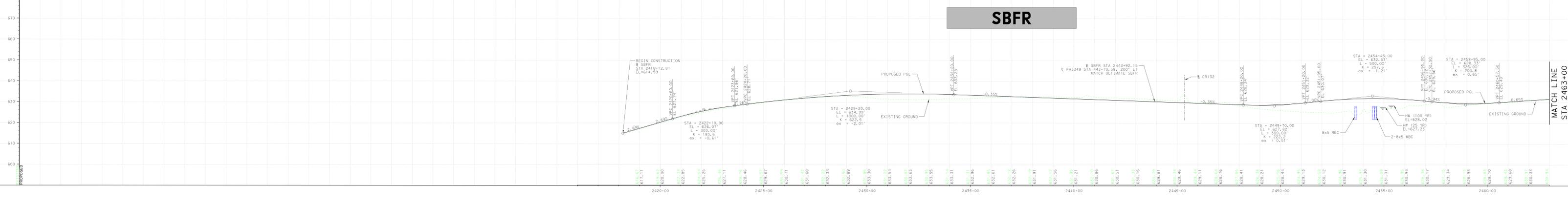
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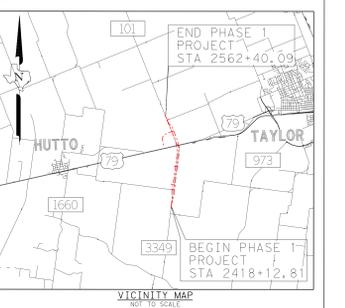


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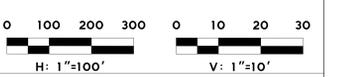
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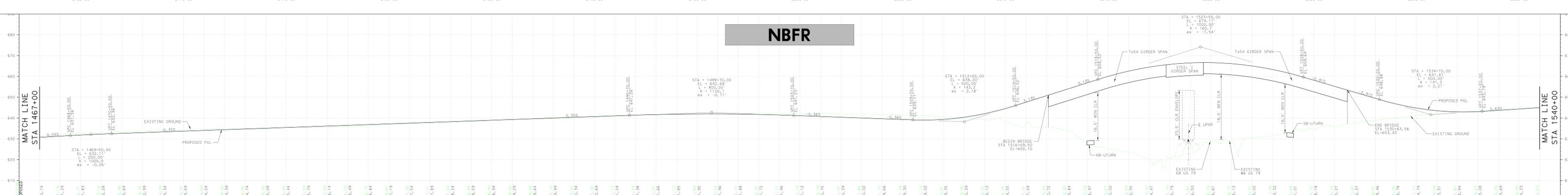
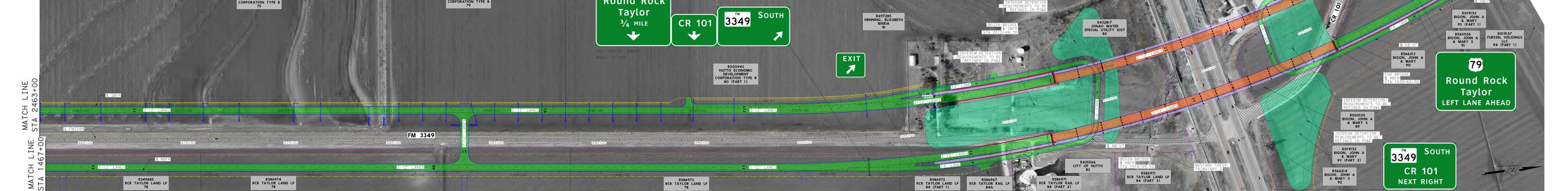


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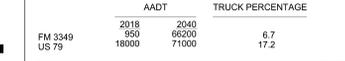
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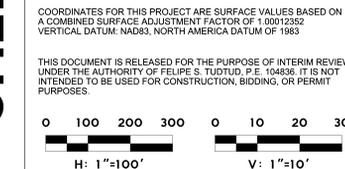
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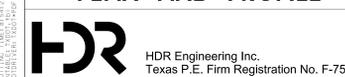
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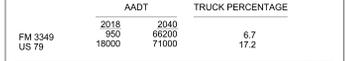
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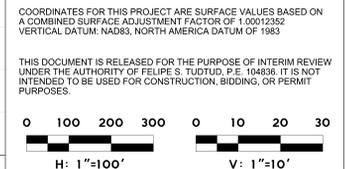
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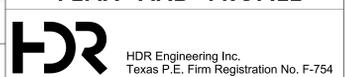
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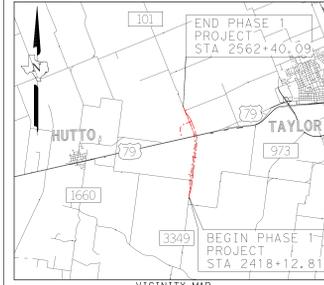
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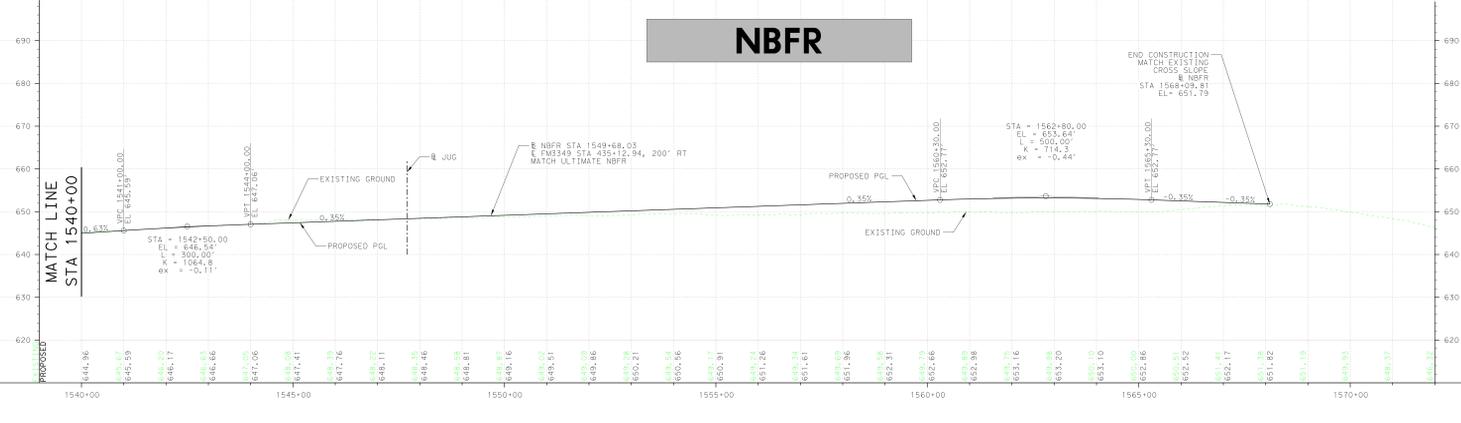
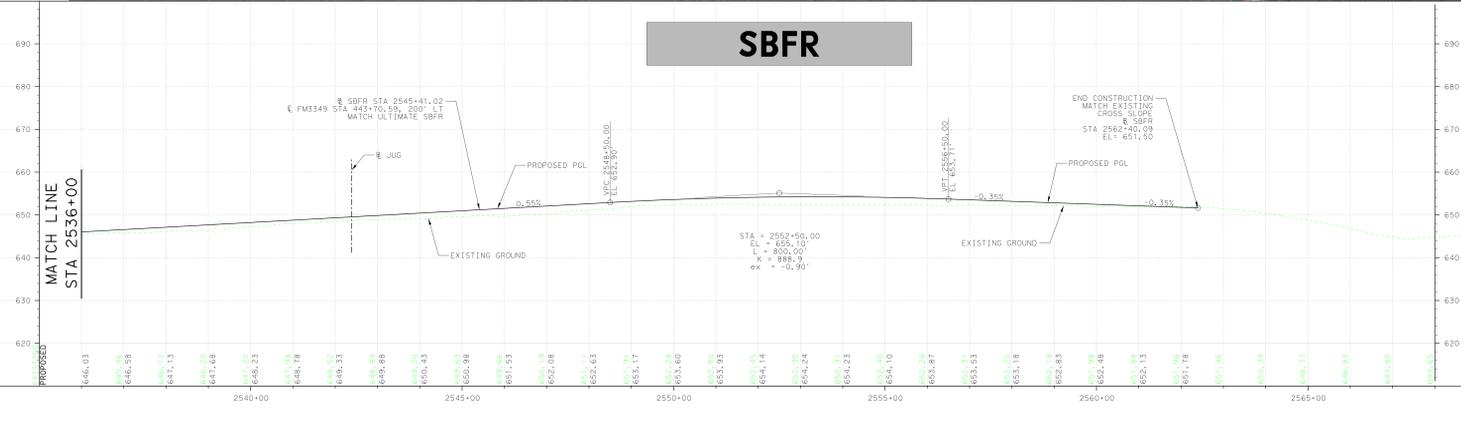
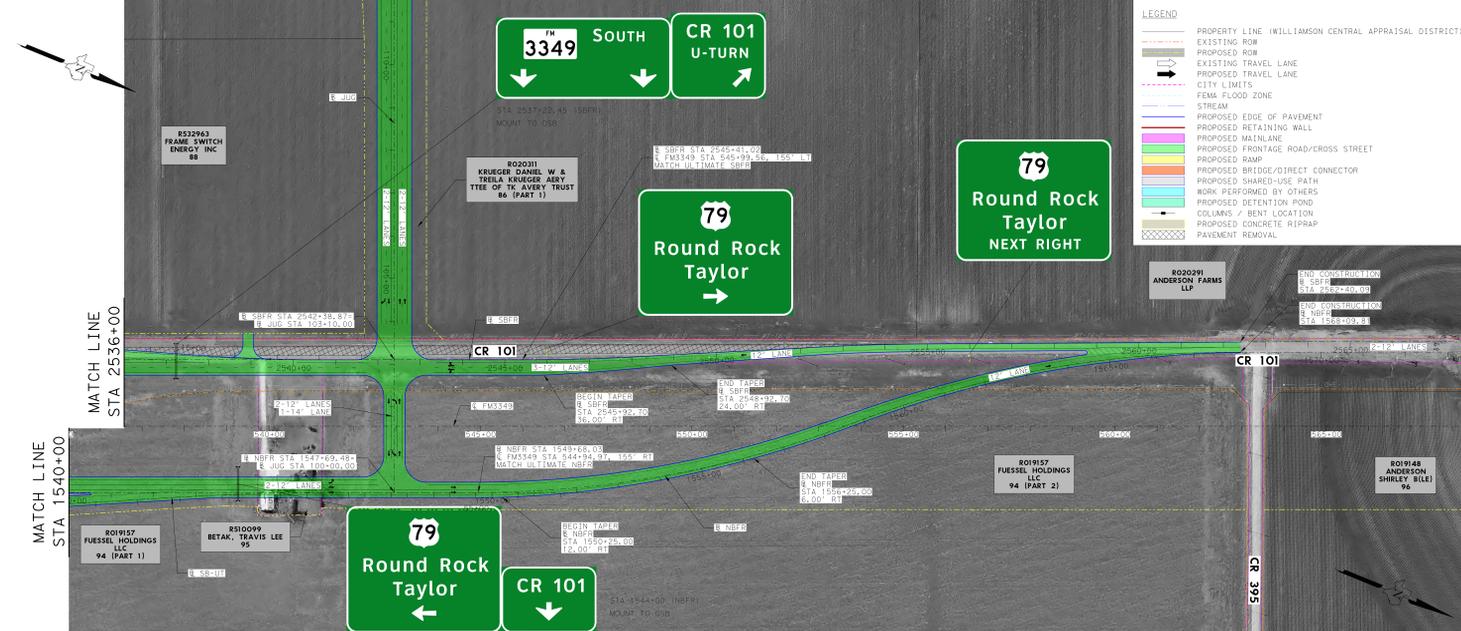
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HDR Engineering Inc.
Texas P.E. Firm Registration No. F-754



NB FRONTAGE ROAD "B NBFR"

Element	Station	Northing	Easting
Linear	1421.90, 21	10167798.190	3192735.606
PC	1422.86, 92	10167804.507	3192734.278
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Tangent Lengths	96.7064		

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PC	1559.17, 08	10181111.660	3192493.554
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Element	Station	Northing	Easting
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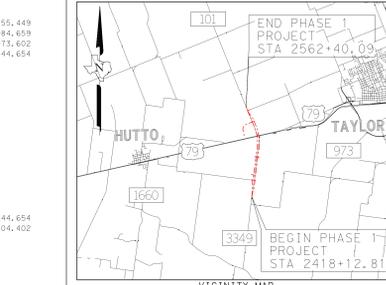
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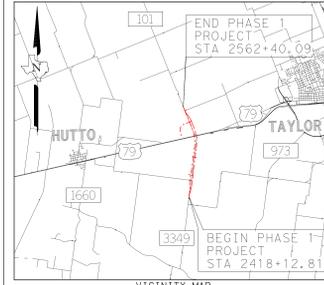


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DESIGN SPEED CRITERIA table with columns for FM 3349 FRONTAGE ROAD, COUNTY ROADS, and JUG HANDLE.

AADT and TRUCK PERCENTAGE table with columns for 2018 and 2040 values.



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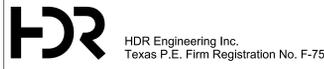
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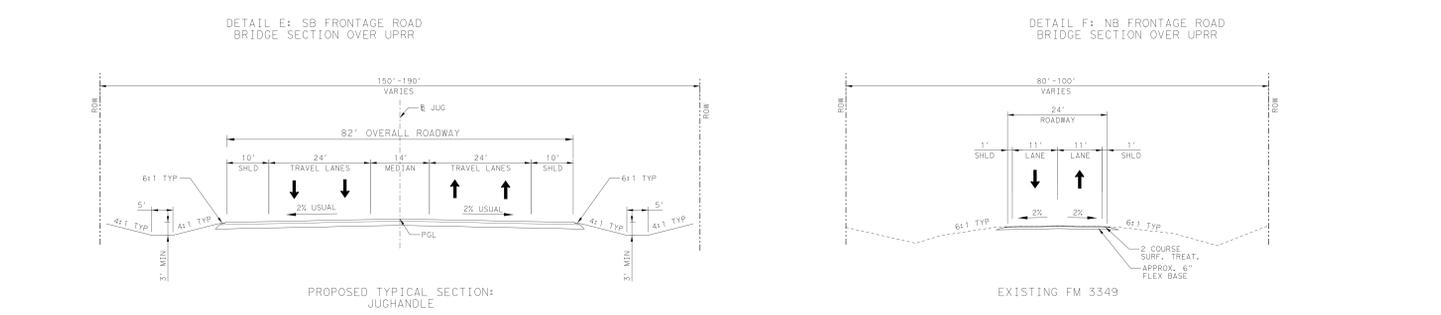
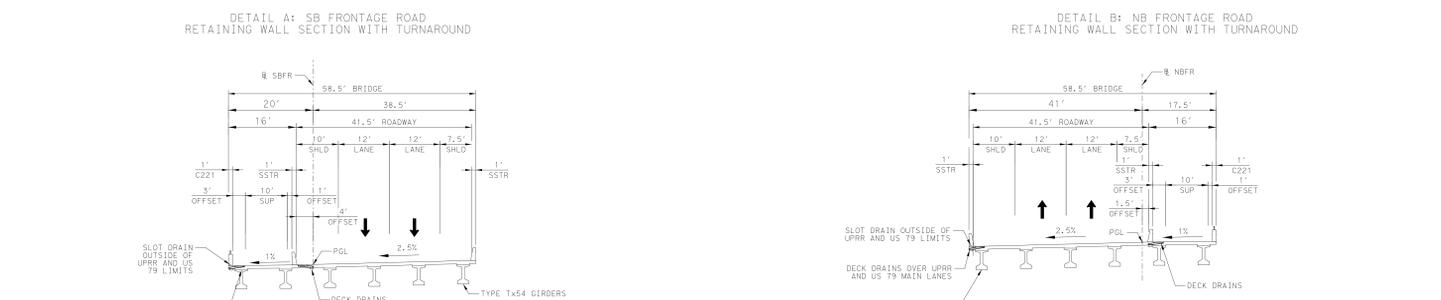
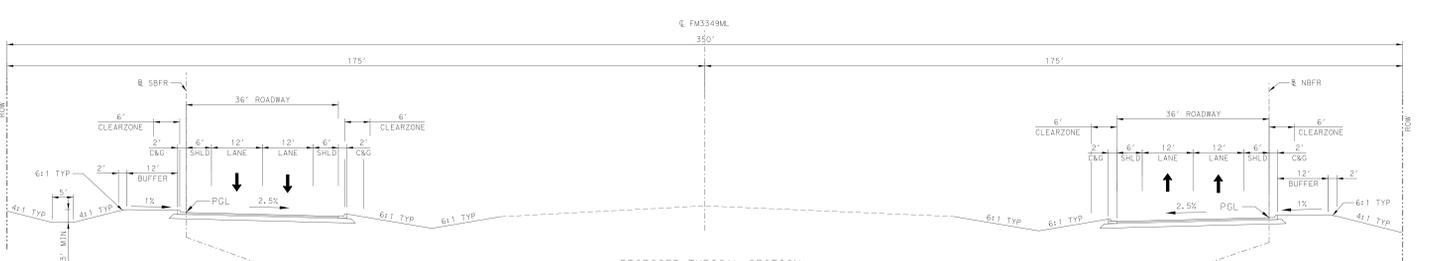
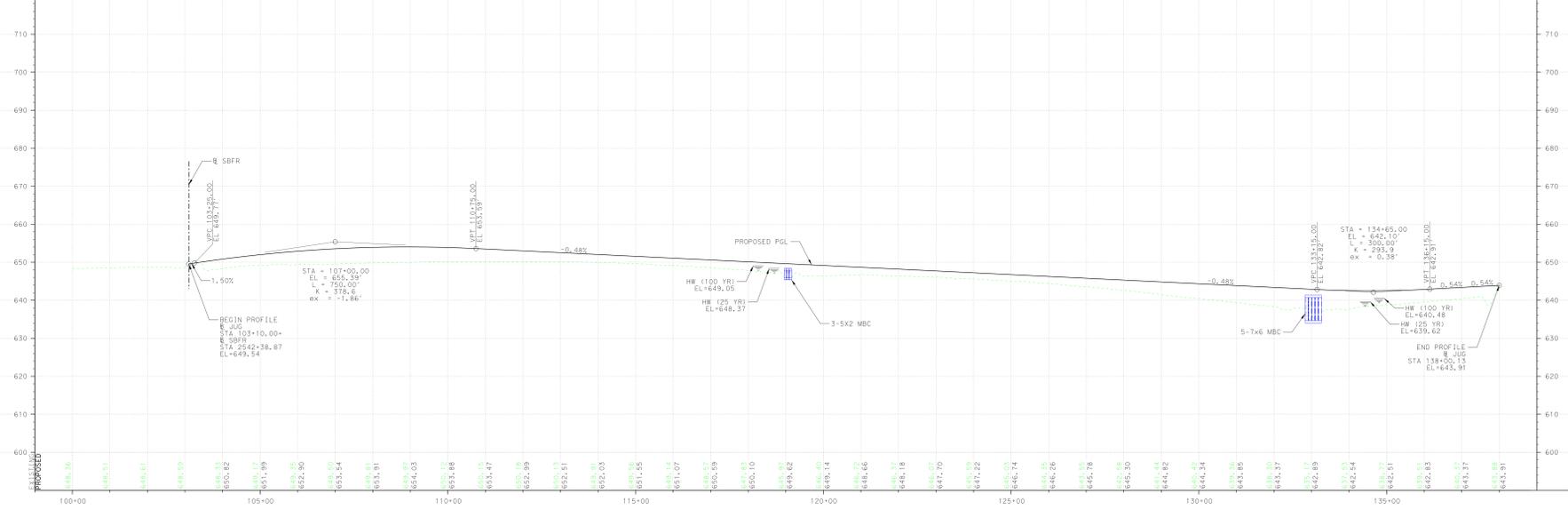


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FM 3349 PHASE 1 INTERIM PROJECT-JUG HANDLE PLAN AND PROFILE



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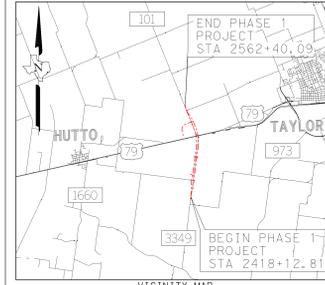


WILLIAMSON COUNTY PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR: FM 3349 at US 79

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON LIMITS: FM 3349 FROM CR 404 TO NORTH OF CR 395 APPROX. LENGTH OF PROJECT = 2.73 MI

DESIGN SPEED CRITERIA table with columns for FM 3349 FRONTAGE ROAD, COUNTY ROADS, and JUG HANDLE.

AADT and TRUCK PERCENTAGE table with columns for 2018 and 2040 values.



BEARING BASIS: NAD83, TEXAS STATE PLANE, CENTRAL ZONE, US FOOT.

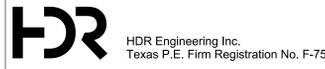
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B. Emails Transmitting the Combined Notice to TCEQ and TPWD

From: [Lindsey Kimmitt](#)
To: ["NEPA@tceq.texas.gov"](mailto:NEPA@tceq.texas.gov)
Cc: [Hilda Ortiz](#)
Subject: Draft environmental assessment for a highway project
Date: Friday, November 12, 2021 9:07:18 AM
Attachments: [FM 3349-Draft EA and NAOPH FINAL.pdf](#)

Attached please find a Notice of Availability of a DRAFT environmental assessment for a highway project. The draft environmental assessment can be found here: <https://www.wilco.org/FM3349>.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Kimmitt
512-416-2547

Jon Niermann, *Chairman*
Emily Lindley, *Commissioner*
Bobby Janecka, *Commissioner*
Toby Baker, *Executive Director*



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

Re: Response to Request for TCEQ Environmental Review

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) received a request from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) regarding the following project:

COUNTY ROAD 404 TO COUNTY ROAD 395, WILLIAMSON COUNTY (CSJs: 3486-01-008, 0204-02-034, 0914-05-211)

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between TxDOT and TCEQ addressing environmental reviews, which is codified in Chapter 43, Subchapter I of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) and 30 TAC § 7.119, TCEQ is responding to your request for review by providing the below comments.

This project is in an area of Texas designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as unclassifiable or in attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for all six criteria air pollutants. Air Quality staff has reviewed the document in accordance with transportation and general conformity regulations codified in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 93. We concur with TxDOT's assessment.

The Office of Water does not anticipate significant long term environmental impacts from this project as long as construction and waste disposal activities associated with it are completed in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal environmental permits, statutes, and regulations. We recommend that the applicant take necessary steps to ensure that best management practices are used to control runoff from construction sites to prevent detrimental impact to surface and ground water.

TxDOT will still need to follow all other applicable laws related to this project, including applying for applicable permits.

If you have any questions, please contact the agency NEPA coordinator at (512) 239-0010 or NEPA@tceq.texas.gov

From: [Hilda Ortiz](mailto:Hilda.Ortiz@tpwd.texas.gov)
To: WJAB_TxDOT@tpwd.texas.gov
Subject: Coordination of an EA: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)
Date: Friday, November 12, 2021 10:48:00 AM
Attachments: [imso011.png](#)
[imso010.png](#)
[FM 3349-Draft EA and NAGR FINAL.pdf](#)

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- CSJ number; [CSJ 0204-02-034_3486-01-008_0914-05-211](#)
- Project name; [FM 3349 at US 79](#)
- Project location; [Williamson County](#)
- File names for the draft EA in ECOS; [Approved Draft EA_0204-02-034_FM 3349_09-15-2021](#)
- TxDOT district environmental staff contact information; [Hilda Ortiz, \(512\) 832-7387, hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov](mailto:Hilda.Ortiz_(512)832-7387_hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov)
- TPWD Early coordination for this project concluded on 8-27-21 (under the previous MOU) (see coordination emails below)

Sincerely,

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Hilda Ortiz | Environmental Program Manager
Austin District
7901 N IH 35, Austin, Texas 78753
Phone: (512) 832-7387 | Email: hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov

From: Suzanne Walsh <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 3:05 PM
To: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Cc: JHall2@bgeinc.com
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

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Hilda,

Thank you for submitting the following project for early coordination: FM 3349 at US 79 (CSJ: 0204-02-034). TPWD appreciates TxDOT's commitment to implement the practices listed in the Tier I Site Assessment form submitted on July 8, 2021 and in emails below. Based on a review of the documentation, the avoidance and mitigation efforts described, and provided that project plans do not change, TPWD considers coordination to be complete. However, please note it is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with all federal, state, and local laws that protect plants, fish, and wildlife.

According to §2.204(g) of the 2013 TxDOT-TPWD MOU, TxDOT agreed to provide TXNDD reporting forms for observations of tracked SGCN (which includes federal- and state-listed species) occurrences within TxDOT project areas. Please keep this mind when completing project due diligence tasks. For TXNDD submission guidelines, please visit the following link: http://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/txndd/submit.phtml

Sincerely,

Suzanne Walsh
Transportation Conservation Coordinator
(512) 389-4579

From: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 2:27 PM
To: Suzanne Walsh <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Cc: Jeff Hall <JHall2@bgeinc.com>
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

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Hello Suzanne,

Please, see responses to your comments/questions below (in blue). Attached a revised *Species Analysis Spreadsheet SGCN Tab* and revised *Tier I Site Assessment*.

- TPWD recommends applying the Bird BMPs as outlined in the 2017 BMP PA to the following species: chestnut-collared longspur, lark bunting Updated as indicated
- TPWD recommends applying the plains spotted skunk BMP as outlined in the 2017 BMP PA to the following additional species: Eastern spotted skunk, long-tailed weasel, western hog-nosed skunk Updated as indicated
- Southern crawfish frog: TPWD notes that there was an inconsistency in species analysis spreadsheets for SGCNs. The file named "Approved - AppD2- 3-00-02-tem - FM 3349 Species Analysis Spreadsheet- SGCN Tab rev" listed this species as having potential suitable habitat; however, the species analysis spreadsheet file named "2021-06-10 12_02_12_TierI_Appendices_0204-02-034_June2021" stated that this species did not have potential suitable habitat. Please address this species. Changed text in column I of *Species Analysis Spreadsheet SGCN Tab* to say "It is possible the species is present within the project area." Added southern crawfish frog BMPs to the Tier I Site Assessment.
- Cave myotis bat: TPWD notes that there was an inconsistency in species analysis spreadsheets for SGCNs. The file named "Approved - AppD2- 3-00-02-tem - FM 3349 Species Analysis Spreadsheet- SGCN Tab rev" listed this species as having potential suitable habitat; however, the species analysis spreadsheet file named "2021-06-10 12_02_12_TierI_Appendices_0204-02-034_June2021" stated that this species did not have potential suitable habitat. Please address this species. No changes made to *Species Analysis Spreadsheet SGCN Tab*. Added species and BMP discussion to the Tier I Site Assessment.
- Big free-tailed bat: TPWD notes that there was an inconsistency in species analysis spreadsheets for SGCNs. The file named "Approved - AppD2- 3-00-02-tem - FM 3349 Species Analysis Spreadsheet- SGCN Tab rev" listed this species as having potential suitable habitat; however, the species analysis spreadsheet file named "2021-06-10 12_02_12_TierI_Appendices_0204-02-034_June2021" stated that this species did not have potential suitable habitat. Please address this species. No changes made to *Species Analysis Spreadsheet SGCN Tab*. Added species and BMP discussion to the Tier I Site Assessment.
- Swamp rabbit: TPWD notes that there was an inconsistency in species analysis spreadsheets for SGCNs. The file named "Approved - AppD2- 3-00-02-tem - FM 3349 Species Analysis Spreadsheet- SGCN Tab rev" listed the this species as having potential suitable habitat; however, the species analysis spreadsheet file named "2021-06-10 12_02_12_TierI_Appendices_0204-02-034_June2021" stated that this species did not have potential suitable habitat. Further, this species was listed in the Tier I form. Please address this species. No changes made to *Species Analysis Spreadsheet SGCN Tab*
 - For Southern crawfish frog, cave myotis bat, big free-tailed bat, and swamp rabbit: The initial assessment was that habitat was not present for the species; however, upon closer look at the project area and species habitat requirements the assessment was changed out of an abundance of caution.
- The use of any non-native vegetation in revegetation is discouraged. Locally adapted native species should be used. The use of seed mix that contains seeds from only locally adapted native species is recommended. Added BMP discussion to the Tier I Site Assessment.
- Please note that the American badger and thirteen-lined squirrel have been removed as SGCNs from Williamson County RTEST. Updated species profiles *Species Analysis Spreadsheet SGCN tab* to indicate "No Impact" and that "This species is removed from the Williamson County RTEST"

Thank you,

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Hilda Ortiz | Environmental Program Manager
Austin District
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Phone: (512) 832-7387 | Email: hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov

From: Suzanne Walsh [<mailto:Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>]
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

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Hilda,

Thank you for your patience. Please see comments below and let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Suzanne

- TPWD recommends applying the Bird BMPs as outlined in the 2017 BMP PA to the following species:
chestnut-collared longspur, lark bunting
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- Please note that the American badger and thirteen-lined squirrel have been removed as SGCNs from Williamson County RTEST.

From: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:43 AM
To: Suzanne Walsh <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

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Thanks!



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From: Suzanne Walsh [<mailto:Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:38 AM
To: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Cc: jjhall2@bgeinc.com; TMosier@bgeinc.com
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

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Hi Hilda,

I have a few projects in my queue ahead of your FM 3349 at US 79 project that I am working on. I should be able to get back to your project later this week. I will let you know if I need anything else. Thank you for your patience.

Thanks,
 Suzanne

From: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 6:14 PM
To: Suzanne Walsh <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Cc: jjhall2@bgeinc.com; TMosier@bgeinc.com
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

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Hi Suzanne,

Just wanted to make sure you had all the information you need for the project review.

Please, let us know if there is anything else you need from us.

Thanks,



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 Phone: (512) 832-7387 | Email: hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov

From: Suzanne Walsh [<mailto:Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Cc: jjhall2@bgeinc.com; TMosier@bgeinc.com
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

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Thanks Hilda and Jeff. I received the project schematic. This file should be fine with the added mark-ups showing final NEPA clearance area.

Suzanne

From: Jeff Hall <jjhall2@bgeinc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>; Suzanne Walsh <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Cc: Tricia Mosier <TMosier@bgeinc.com>
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

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Hi Hilda and Suzanne,

I sent a Newforma link that should allow you to download the schematic. Please let me know if you have any trouble accessing the file. The schematic is also attached, since the file isn't that large.

I realized the exhibit in ECOS was a little out of date, so I added some mark-ups to the PDF I just sent to reflect the final NEPA clearance area. If we need to have HDR print a new schematic, let me know, but it might take them a while to get to it.

Thanks,

Jeffrey W. Hall, Environmental Project Manager
BGE, Inc.
Direct: 512-806-0285
jhall2@bgeinc.com

From: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 8:12 AM
To: Jeff Hall <jhall2@bgeinc.com>
Cc: Tricia Mosier <TMosier@bgeinc.com>
Subject: FW: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

Hi Jeff,

Please, send TPWD a link to the schematic showing the area being cleared under NEPA (via BGE's file sharing tool).

Thanks!

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From: Hilda Ortiz
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 8:09 AM
To: 'Suzanne Walsh' <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

Hello Suzanne,

Yes, the schematic showing the area being cleared under NEPA is uploaded to ECOS. Do you have access to ECOS?



However, I am asking [Jeff Hall](mailto:Jeff.Hall@bgeinc.com) (BGE-County consultants), through this email, to send you the file via BGE's file sharing tool.

Thank you,

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Phone: (512) 832-7387 | Email: hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov

From: Suzanne Walsh [<mailto:Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 5:21 PM
To: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

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Hilda,

Do you have a project schematic available for review?

Thanks,
Suzanne

Suzanne Walsh
Transportation Conservation Coordinator
(512) 389-4579

From: WHAB_TxDOT <WHAB_TxDOT@tpwd.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 5:33 PM
To: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>; WHAB_TxDOT <WHAB_TxDOT@tpwd.texas.gov>
Cc: Suzanne Walsh <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

The TPWD Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program has received your request and has assigned it project ID # 46914. The Habitat Assessment Biologist who will complete your project review is copied on this email.

Thank you,

John Ney
Administrative Assistant
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Wildlife Diversity Program - Habitat Assessment Program
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, TX 78744
Office: (512) 389-4571

From: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 3:32 PM
To: WHAB_TxDOT <WHAB_TxDOT@tpwd.texas.gov>
Subject: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

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Dear Ms. Wicker,

Williamson County, in coordination with TxDOT, proposes the following improvements to eliminate an at-grade UPRR railroad crossing at US 79 and FM 3349/CR 101, and improve mobility and access for vehicles and multimodal use (bicycles/pedestrians) in the corridor.

1. Reconstruct existing at-grade FM 3349/CR 101 over US 79 and the UPRR into a graded separated interchange.
2. Widened approximately 2.7 miles of FM 3349/CR 101 from two to four lanes to improve mobility

- to and from the proposed interchange.
3. Construct a new jug handle for access to and from US 79 onto FM 3349/CR 101.
 4. Construct a shared use path.

The project limits are:

- Along FM 3349 and CR 101 from CR 404 to CR 395
- Along US 79 from 0.6 mile west of FM 3349 to 0.03 mile west of FM 3349.

Consistent with the memorandum of understanding signed by our two agencies, attached is a copy of the following coordination documents [as required by 43 TAC §2.207(b)] covering the subject project for your review and comment.

1. Tier I Site Assessment
2. Species Analysis Spreadsheet- Species Tab
3. Species Analysis Spreadsheet- Addendum Tab
4. Species Analysis Spreadsheet- SGCN Tab
5. TPWD- Endangered Species Report
6. IPaC
7. County Species Records- SGCN
8. TPWD EMST Calculations
9. TPWD EMST Discrepancy Calculations
10. TXNDD
11. Approved - TPWD EMST - FM 3349 EMST Mapped
12. Approved - TPWD EMST - FM 3349 - Observed

If you have any questions regarding this project please contact me.

Thank you,

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Hilda Ortiz | Environmental Program Manager
Austin District
7901 N IH 35, Austin, Texas 78753
Phone: (512) 832-7387 | Email: hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov



From: Suzanne Walsh
To: Hilda Ortiz
Subject: RE: Coordination of an EA: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSI 0204-02-034, etc)
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 2:39:17 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

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Hilda,

Thank you for submitting the following project for coordination of an Environmental Assessment (EA): FM 3349 at US 79 (CSIs: 0204-02-034, 3486-01-008, 0914-05-211). TPWD appreciates TxDOT's commitment to implement the practices listed in the draft EA (September 2021) submitted on November 12, 2021. Based on a review of the documentation, the avoidance and mitigation efforts described, and provided that project plans do not change, TPWD considers coordination to be complete. However, please note it is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with all federal, state, and local laws that protect plants, fish, and wildlife.

According to §2.207(f) of the 2021 TxDOT-TPWD MOU, TxDOT agreed to provide TXNDD reporting forms for observations of tracked SGCN (which includes federal- and state-listed species) occurrences within TxDOT project areas. Please keep this mind when completing project due diligence tasks. For TXNDD submission guidelines, please visit the following link: http://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/txndd/submit.phtml

Sincerely,

Suzanne Walsh
Transportation Conservation Coordinator
Phone: (512) 389-4579

From: Suzanne Walsh
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 3:51 PM
To: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Subject: RE: Coordination of an EA: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSI 0204-02-034, etc)

Hi Hilda,

Thanks for the email. I will let you know if I have any questions as soon as I can.

Thanks,
Suzanne

Suzanne Walsh
Transportation Conservation Coordinator
(512) 389-4576

From: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 9:34 AM
To: Suzanne Walsh <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Coordination of an EA: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSI 0204-02-034, etc)

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Hello Suzanne,

Hope you are doing well.

Thought of sending you this email to see if you have questions about the subject project.

You reviewed this project earlier this year, under the previous MOU. However I sent the Notice of Availability of the Draft EA to TPWD in compliance with the current MOU requirements. BMPs from TPWD early coordination were included in the Draft EA and will also be included in the EPIC sheet of the final Plan Set.

Thank you,



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Phone: (512) 832-7387 | Email: hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov

From: WHAB_TxDOT <WHAB_TxDOT@tpwd.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 2:14 PM
To: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>; WHAB_TxDOT <WHAB_TxDOT@tpwd.texas.gov>
Cc: Suzanne Walsh <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Coordination of an EA: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSI 0204-02-034, etc)

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The TPWD Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program has received your request and has assigned it project ID # 47764. The Habitat Assessment Biologist who will complete your project review is copied on this email.

Thank you,

John Ney
Administrative Assistant
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Wildlife Diversity Program - Habitat Assessment Program
4200 Smith School Road
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From: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 10:49 AM
To: WHAB_TxDOT <WHAB_TxDOT@tpwd.texas.gov>
Subject: Coordination of an EA: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSI 0204-02-034, etc)

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Attached please find a Notice of Availability of a DRAFT environmental assessment for a highway project. The draft environmental assessment can be found here: <https://www.wilco.org/FM3349>.

- CSI number: CSIs 0204-02-034, 3486-01-008, 0914-05-211
- Project name: EM 3349 at US 79
- Project location: Williamson County
- File names for the draft EA in ECOS: Approved Draft EA_0204-02-034_FM 3349_09-15-2021
- TxDOT district environmental staff contact information: Hilda Ortiz, (512) 832-7387, hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov
- TPWD Early coordination for this project concluded on 8-27-21 (under the previous MOU) (see coordination emails below)

Sincerely,



Hilda Ortiz | Environmental Program Manager

Austin District
7901 N IH 35, Austin, Texas 78753
Phone: (512) 832-7387 | Email: hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov

From: Suzanne Walsh <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 3:05 PM
To: Hilda Ortiz <hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov>
Cc: JHall2@bgeinc.com
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

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Hilda,

Thank you for submitting the following project for early coordination: FM 3349 at US 79 (CSJ: 0204-02-034). TPWD appreciates TxDOT's commitment to implement the practices listed in the Tier I Site Assessment form submitted on July 8, 2021 and in emails below. Based on a review of the documentation, the avoidance and mitigation efforts described, and provided that project plans do not change, TPWD considers coordination to be complete. However, please note it is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with all federal, state, and local laws that protect plants, fish, and wildlife.

According to §2.204(g) of the 2013 TxDOT-TPWD MOU, TxDOT agreed to provide TXNDD reporting forms for observations of tracked SGCN (which includes federal- and state-listed species) occurrences within TxDOT project areas. Please keep this mind when completing project due diligence tasks. For TXNDD submission guidelines, please visit the following link: http://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/txndd/submit_phtml

Sincerely,

Suzanne Walsh
Transportation Conservation Coordinator
(512) 389-4579

From: Hilda Ortiz <hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 2:27 PM
To: Suzanne Walsh <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Cc: Jeff Hall <JHall2@bgeinc.com>
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Hello Suzanne,

Please, see responses to your comments/questions below (in blue). Attached a revised *Species Analysis Spreadsheet SGCN Tab* and revised *Tier I Site Assessment*.

- TPWD recommends applying the Bird BMPs as outlined in the 2017 BMP PA to the following species:
chestnut-collared longspur, lark bunting Updated as indicated
- TPWD recommends applying the plains spotted skunk BMP as outlined in the 2017 BMP PA to the following additional species: Eastern spotted skunk, long-tailed weasel, western hog-nosed skunk Updated as indicated
- Southern crawfish frog: TPWD notes that there was an inconsistency in species analysis spreadsheets for SGCNs. The file named "Approved - AppD2- 3-00-02-tem - FM 3349 Species Analysis Spreadsheet- SGCN Tab rev" listed this species as having potential suitable habitat; however, the species analysis spreadsheet file named "2021-06-10 12_02_12_Tier1_Appendices_0204-02-034_June2021" stated that this species did not have potential suitable habitat. Please address this species. Changed text in column I of Species Analysis Spreadsheet SGCN Tab to say "It is possible the species is present within the project area." Added southern crawfish frog BMPs to the Tier I Site Assessment.
- Cave myotis bat: TPWD notes that there was an inconsistency in species analysis spreadsheets for SGCNs. The file named "Approved - AppD2- 3-00-02-tem - FM 3349 Species Analysis Spreadsheet- SGCN Tab rev" listed this species as having potential suitable habitat; however, the species analysis spreadsheet file named "2021-06-10 12_02_12_Tier1_Appendices_0204-02-034_June2021" stated that this species did not have potential suitable habitat. Please address this species. No changes made to Species Analysis Spreadsheet SGCN Tab. Added species and BMP discussion to the Tier I Site Assessment.
- Big free-tailed bat: TPWD notes that there was an inconsistency in species analysis spreadsheets for SGCNs. The file named "Approved - AppD2- 3-00-02-tem - FM 3349 Species Analysis Spreadsheet- SGCN Tab rev" listed this species as having potential suitable habitat; however, the species analysis spreadsheet file named "2021-06-10 12_02_12_Tier1_Appendices_0204-02-034_June2021" stated that this species did not have potential suitable habitat. Please address this species. No changes made to Species Analysis Spreadsheet SGCN Tab. Added species and BMP discussion to the Tier I Site Assessment.
- Swamp rabbit: TPWD notes that there was an inconsistency in species analysis spreadsheets for SGCNs. The file named "Approved - AppD2- 3-00-02-tem - FM 3349 Species Analysis Spreadsheet- SGCN Tab rev" listed the this species as having potential suitable habitat; however, the species analysis spreadsheet file named "2021-06-10 12_02_12_Tier1_Appendices_0204-02-034_June2021" stated that this species did not have potential suitable habitat. Further, this species was listed in the Tier I form. Please address this species. No changes made to Species Analysis Spreadsheet SGCN Tab
 - For Southern crawfish frog, cave myotis bat, big free-tailed bat, and swamp rabbit: The initial assessment was that habitat was not present for the species; however, upon closer look at the project area and species habitat requirements the assessment was changed out of an abundance of caution.
- The use of any non-native vegetation in revegetation is discouraged. Locally adapted native species should be used. The use of seed mix that contains seeds from only locally adapted native species is recommended. Added BMP discussion to the Tier I Site Assessment.
- Please note that the American badger and thirteen-lined squirrel have been removed as SGCNs from Williamson County RTEST. Updated species profiles Species Analysis Spreadsheet SGCN tab to indicate "No Impact" and that "This species is removed from the Williamson County RTEST"

Thank you,


Texas Department of Transportation
Hilda Ortiz | Environmental Program Manager
Austin District
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From: Suzanne Walsh <<mailto:Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Hilda Ortiz <hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov>
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

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Hilda,

Thank you for your patience. Please see comments below and let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Suzanne

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- The use of any non-native vegetation in revegetation is discouraged. Locally adapted native species should be used. The use of seed mix that contains seeds from only locally adapted native species is recommended.
- Please note that the American badger and thirteen-lined squirrel have been removed as SGCNs from Williamson County RTEST.

From: Hilda Ortiz <hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:43 AM

To: Suzanne Walsh <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSI 0204-02-034, etc)

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Thanks!



From: Suzanne Walsh [<mailto:Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:38 AM
To: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Cc: jhall2@bgeinc.com; TMosier@bgeinc.com
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSI 0204-02-034, etc)

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Hi Hilda,

I have a few projects in my queue ahead of your FM 3349 at US 79 project that I am working on. I should be able to get back to your project later this week. I will let you know if I need anything else. Thank you for your patience.

Thanks,
Suzanne

From: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 6:14 PM
To: Suzanne Walsh <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Cc: jhall2@bgeinc.com; TMosier@bgeinc.com
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSI 0204-02-034, etc)

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Hi Suzanne,

Just wanted to make sure you had all the information you need for the project review.

Please, let us know if there is anything else you need from us.

Thanks,



From: Suzanne Walsh [<mailto:Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Cc: jhall2@bgeinc.com; TMosier@bgeinc.com
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSI 0204-02-034, etc)

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Thanks Hilda and Jeff. I received the project schematic. This file should be fine with the added mark-ups showing final NEPA clearance area.

Suzanne

From: Jeff Hall <jhall2@bgeinc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>; Suzanne Walsh <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Cc: Tricia Mosier <TMosier@bgeinc.com>
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSI 0204-02-034, etc)

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Hi Hilda and Suzanne,

I sent a Newforma link that should allow you to download the schematic. Please let me know if you have any trouble accessing the file. The schematic is also attached, since the file isn't that large.

I realized the exhibit in ECOS was a little out of date, so I added some mark-ups to the PDF I just sent to reflect the final NEPA clearance area. If we need to have HDR print a new schematic, let me know, but it might take them a while to get to it.

Thanks,

Jeffrey W. Hall, Environmental Project Manager
BGE, Inc.
Direct: 512-806-0285
jhall2@bgeinc.com

From: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 8:12 AM
To: Jeff Hall <jhall2@bgeinc.com>
Cc: Tricia Mosier <TMosier@bgeinc.com>
Subject: FW: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSI 0204-02-034, etc)

Hi Jeff,

Please, send TPWD a link to the schematic showing the area being cleared under NEPA (via BGE's file sharing tool).

Thanks!



Phone: (512) 832-7387 | Email: hilda.ortiz@txdot.gov

From: Hilda Ortiz
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 8:09 AM
To: 'Suzanne Walsh' <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

Hello Suzanne,

Yes, the schematic showing the area being cleared under NEPA is uploaded to ECOS. Do you have access to ECOS?

U204-U2-034 Revised CommunityImpactAssessment U-/-/2021.docx	R	Hilda Ortiz	07/07/2021	
0204-02-034 EJ Census Geographies Map_07-07-2021.pdf	R	Hilda Ortiz	07/07/2021	
Project				
NEPA Clearance Area Exhibit.pdf	A	Hilda Ortiz	02/18/2021	
Project Area Maps.pdf	A	Hilda Ortiz	02/18/2021	
Project Area Photographs.pdf	A	Hilda Ortiz	02/18/2021	

However, I am asking [Jeff Hall](#) (BGE-County consultants), through this email, to send you the file via BGE's file sharing tool.

Thank you,



From: Suzanne Walsh [<mailto:Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 5:21 PM
To: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

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Hilda,

Do you have a project schematic available for review?

Thanks,
Suzanne

Suzanne Walsh
Transportation Conservation Coordinator
(512) 389-4579

From: WHAB_TxDOT <WHAB_TxDOT@tpwd.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 5:33 PM
To: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>; WHAB_TxDOT <WHAB_TxDOT@tpwd.texas.gov>
Cc: Suzanne Walsh <Suzanne.Walsh@tpwd.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

The TPWD Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program has received your request and has assigned it project ID # 46914. The Habitat Assessment Biologist who will complete your project review is copied on this email.

Thank you,

John Ney
Administrative Assistant
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Wildlife Diversity Program - Habitat Assessment Program
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, TX 78744
Office: (512) 559-4571

From: Hilda Ortiz <Hilda.Ortiz@txdot.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 3:32 PM
To: WHAB_TxDOT <WHAB_TxDOT@tpwd.texas.gov>
Subject: TPWD Early Coordination: FM 3349 at US 79, Williamson County (CSJ 0204-02-034, etc)

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Dear Ms. Wicker,

Williamson County, in coordination with TxDOT, proposes the following improvements to eliminate an at-grade UPRR railroad crossing at US 79 and FM 3349/CR 101, and improve mobility and access for vehicles and multimodal use (bicycles/pedestrians) in the corridor.

1. Reconstruct existing at-grade FM 3349/CR 101 over US 79 and the UPRR into a graded separated interchange.
2. Widened approximately 2.7 miles of FM 3349/CR 101 from two to four lanes to improve mobility to and from the proposed interchange.
3. Construct a new jug handle for access to and from US 79 onto FM 3349/CR 101.
4. Construct a shared use path.

The project limits are:

- Along FM 3349 and CR 101 from CR 404 to CR 395
- Along US 79 from 0.6 mile west of FM 3349 to 0.03 mile west of FM 3349.

Consistent with the memorandum of understanding signed by our two agencies, attached is a copy of the following coordination documents [as required by 43 TAC §2.207(b)] covering the subject project for your review and comment.

1. Tier I Site Assessment
2. Species Analysis Spreadsheet- Species Tab
3. Species Analysis Spreadsheet- Addendum Tab
4. Species Analysis Spreadsheet- SGCN Tab
5. TPWD- Endangered Species Report
6. IPAC
7. County Species Records- SGCN
8. TPWD EMST Calculations
9. TPWD EMST Discrepancy Calculations
10. TXNDD
11. Approved - TPWD EMST - FM 3349 EMST Mapped
12. Approved - TPWD EMST - FM 3349 - Observed

If you have any questions regarding this project please contact me.

Thank you,



C. Public Comments

FM 3349 at US 79
CSJs: 3486-01-005, 0204-02-034, 0914-05-211
 Notice of Availability of the Draft EA/Notice Affording the Opportunity for a Public Hearing
 Comment/Response Matrix

Name	Date of Comment	Submission Type	Comment	Response
John Gordon	10/7/21	Email	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>Frame Switch Energy Inc owns a 700 foot by 700 foot parcel of land in the northwest quadrant of the intersection of CR 101 / FM 3349 with US 79. We are very aware of the plans to create a multi-level interchange. We are also aware of the new access road named "Jug Handle" that will run along our north property line.</p> <p>The County has purchased a 15 foot strip of land from us on our east boundary to increase road right-of-way along CR 101. And the County supplied us with a 15 foot strip of land along our west boundary. This maintained our 700 foot by 700 foot tract size.</p> <p>The eventual purpose of our land, located adjacent to the north side of the West Taylor 138 KV Electrical Substation of ONCOR, is to site a 210 MWe generating facility. We have a current Air Permit issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for 12 dual fuel Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines model Wartsila 18V50DF to be constructed at the site.</p> <p>Our position on the road construction is that Williamson County will need a "freeway" type loop from SH 130 near the south county line running over to FM 3349, then north crossing US 79, then continuing north eventually turning west to connect with Ronald Reagan at IH 35. A major interchange at US 79 is the first step in the construction of this "freeway".</p> <p>The initial phases of the south portion of this Freeway will greatly benefit both Hutto and Taylor with increased traffic mobility as those communities continue to increase in population. The area around the US 79 intersection is set for industrial growth.</p> <p>Our power plant project will benefit from the highway width on our east side further reducing any noise propagation from our plant site as will the road on the northside of our property.</p> <p>In summary, we support the intersection project.</p> <p>John B. Gordon, PE Chairman of the Board and Chief Engineer Frame Switch Energy Inc. Family, Engineer, Church, Orchestra, Politics, Soccer 1007 Green Meadow Dr, Round Rock, TX 78664 512-789-5073 (cell)</p>	Comment noted.
Elisabeth Henning	10/11/21	Email	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I would like to register my hearing request for this project.</p> <p>Please help me understand, you did already take half my property under threat of imminent domain, how will this new plan affect my current property?</p> <p>thanks</p> <p>Elisabeth Henning</p>	The right of way that was previously acquired by Williamson County for the Southeast Loop includes what is needed for the FM 3349 at US 79 project.
Latoya Jenkins	10/11/21	Email	<p>Dear Project Team,</p> <p>Correspondence has been received in our office regarding reconstruction updates addressed to Mr. Craig Erwin, Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO. However, Mr. Erwin is no longer employed at Southwestern University. His replacement is Ms. Lenora Chapman. Please send all future updates to her attention.</p> <p>Thank you for your assistance.</p> <p>Latoya Jenkins Executive Administrative Assistant for Finance and Administration Southwestern University 1001 East University Avenue Georgetown, Texas 78626 Ph. 512.863.1472</p>	Comment noted.
Elisabeth Henning	10/11/21	Email	<p>Hello Mrs Rife, how does this project affect my current property lines? thanks Elisabeth Henning</p>	The right of way that was previously acquired by Williamson County for the Southeast Loop includes what is needed for the FM 3349 at US 79 project.
Michelle Cornelius	10/12/2021	Email	<p>I would like to request a hearing for the FM 3349 project. Thank you.</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>	Comment noted.

On Mon, Oct 11, 2021 at 12:30 PM Elisabeth Henning <

> wrote:

Hello Mrs Rife,
how does this project affect my current property lines?
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From: Elisabeth Henning
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 12:30 PM
To: Williamson County Road Bond Program <roadbond1@wilco.org>
Subject: Road project FM 3349

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thanks

Elisabeth Henning

From: Latoya Jenkins
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 9:57 AM
To: Williamson County Road Bond Program <roadbond1@wilco.org>
Subject: FM 3349

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Dear Project Team,

Correspondence has been received in our office regarding reconstruction updates addressed to Mr. Craig Erwin, Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO. However, Mr. Erwin is no longer employed at Southwestern University. His replacement is Ms. Lenora Chapman. Please send all future updates to her attention.

Thank you for your assistance.

Latoya Jenkins

Executive Administrative Assistant
for Finance and Administration
[Southwestern University](#)

From: John Gordon

Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 4:12 PM

To: Williamson County Road Bond Program <roadbond1@wilco.org>

Cc:

Subject: Statement from Frame Switch Energy Inc on FM3349/CR101 at US79 interchange

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John B. Gordon, PE

Chairman of the Board and Chief Engineer

Frame Switch Energy Inc.

Family, Engineer, Church, Orchestra, Politics, Soccer

1007 Green Meadow Dr, Round Rock, TX 78664

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-----Original Message-----

From: Michelle Cornelius

Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 10:46 PM

To: Williamson County Road Bond Program <roadbond1@wilco.org>

Subject: FM 3349

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Sent from my iPhone

D. Certification

Uploaded to ECOS as a separate file.