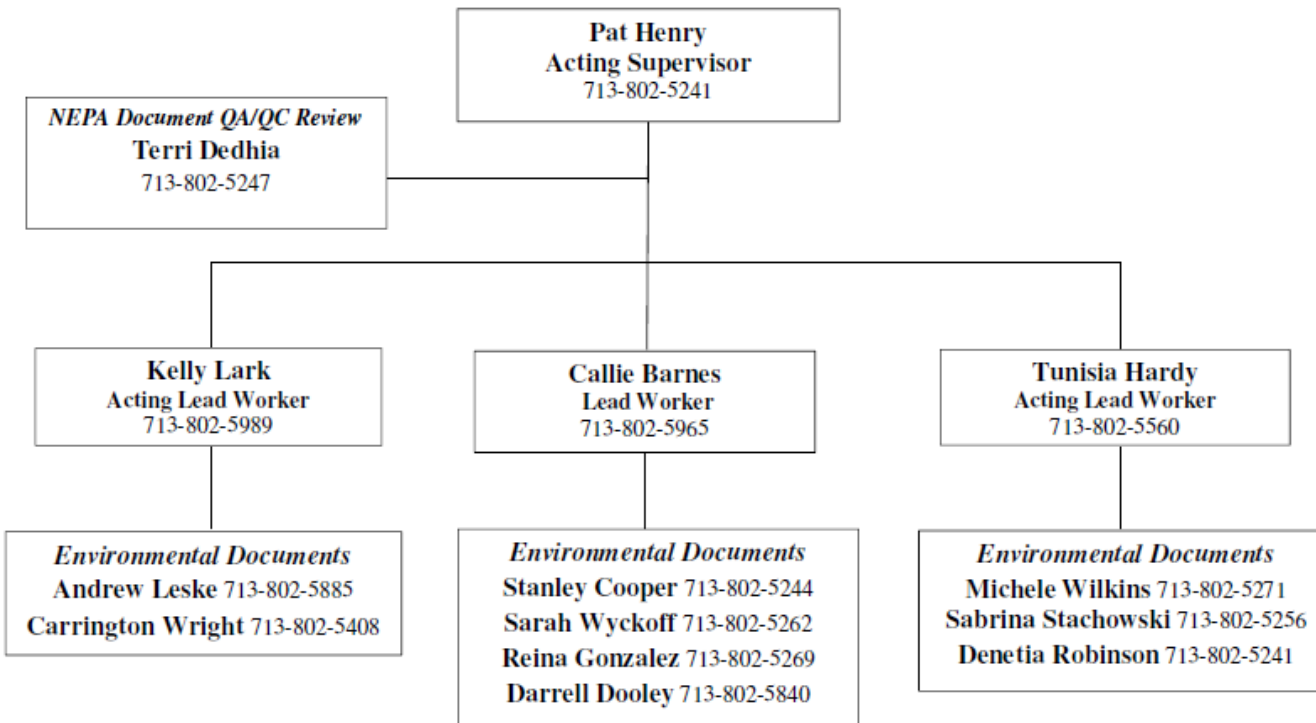


Welcome

- Callie Barnes
 - Over 10 Years National Environmental Policy (NEPA) Experience
 - 5 Years with TxDOT
 - 4 Years as Lead Worker with TxDOT

Houston Environmental Group Structure

Houston District Advanced Project Development Environmental Section Organization Chart



July 2018

Environmental Classification for Bike/Pedestrian Projects

- Bike/pedestrian facilities will most often be classified as a CE C(3) – “Construction of a bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths and facilities”
- CEs cannot result in the following:
 - Significant environmental impacts;
 - Substantial controversy on environmental grounds;
 - Significant impact on properties protected by section 4(f) of the DOT Act or section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; or
 - Inconsistencies with any Federal, State, or local law



Recent Changes in Environmental Clearance Process



- Public Hearing required if “substantial change in function”
 - Additional of one or more managed lanes, HOV lanes, **BICYCLE LANES**, bus lanes or transit lanes to an existing highway.
 - “Bicycle lane” means a portion of a roadway that is designated by striping, signing or pavement markings for the exclusive use of bicyclists. **Shared use paths and wide shoulders should not be considered bicycle lanes.**

Public Hearings

- Average TxDOT Cost for Public Hearing = \$90K
- Newspaper Publications – 30 day and 15 day
- TxDOT Templates
- Prep Meetings



Environmental Clearance Process (Steps to Get Started)

- 1) General Questions before Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) signed – contact Callie Barnes
- 2) Scope Development Tool (Optional, but Recommended)
<http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/env/toolkit/110-04-frm.pdf>
- 3) Execute AFA with TxDOT Consultant Contracts (Mark Patterson’s Group)
- 4) Environmental PM Assigned
- 5) Kick-Off Meeting
- 6) Project Scope Form



Forms (and Forms of Forms)

- Scope Development Tool
- ECOS Project Definition, Work Plan Development and Project Work Plan
- Project Scope Form
- Project Scope Amendment Form



Scope Development Tool



Scope Development Tool

Main CSJ:
Date of Evaluation:
Form Completed By:
Proposed Letting Date:
District(s):
County(ies):
Roadway Name:
Limits From:
Limits To:
Project Length (miles): _____ **Existing ROW (acres):** _____

Project Description

Who is the lead agency responsible for the approval of the entire project?

- FHWA (Not Assigned to TxDOT)
- TxDOT (Assigned by FHWA)
- State
- FTA
- Other federal agency

Does the project anticipate any federal permits or limited approvals?

Select **ALL** that apply.

- FAA
- NHTSA
- FRA
- MARAD
- NPS
- STB
- USACE
- IBWC
- USCG
- EPA
- Other

Who is anticipated to be the project sponsor?

Is the project classified as a Seal Coat or Overlay?

Select the **ONE** that applies.

- Seal Coat
- Overlay

Are the project activities limited to the existing paved surface?

Describe the "major" construction activities:

Provide typical sections for the existing and proposed facilities (If typical sections will be attached to the completed form, you may refer to them in lieu of typing the descriptive information):



Scope Development Tool

Would construction activities be contained within 10 feet of the existing pavement or between the flowlines of the ditches, whichever is greater?

Would the project require any additional ROW and/or easements?

New ROW: _____ 0 acres

Permanent Easements: _____ 0 acres

Temporary Easements: _____ 0 acres

Would the project be constructed on new location?

Would the project require a detour or a road/ramp closure, temporary or permanent?

Describe the detour/closure:

Would the detour or road/ramp closure result in major traffic disruptions?

Explain:

Are permanent community impacts anticipated as a result of the proposed project?

Explain:

Would the project add capacity?

Does the project substantially increase access or mobility in the project area?

Would the project involve any toll aspects?

Explain:

Is the project required to be on a transportation plan in accordance with 43 TAC 2.42? (An example of a project that is not required to be on a transportation plan includes, but is not limited to, a private or public non-regionally significant project on or connecting to an on-system roadway.)

Is the project consistent with the TIP, MTP, UTP, or RTP?

Does the project area contain any water body, wetland or base floodplain?

Do any parks, recreation areas, historic properties and/or wildlife or waterfowl refuges occur within or adjacent to the project area?

Identify and describe the location of the above resources:

Does the project occur, in part or in total, on federal or tribal lands?

Environmental Classification

What is the **anticipated** environmental classification for the project?

Scope Development Tool



Under what criterion does the project qualify for this classification?

Additional CSJs

_____ Are there any associated CSJs with the "Main" CSJ?

_____ Are all projects listed on this form the same environmental classification?

Explain why the "Main CSJ" classification was chosen in place of the other classifications associated with the Main CSJ:

Identify all associated CSJs:

Air Quality

_____ Is the project located in an area that is in attainment or unclassifiable for ALL NAAQS?

Select all applicable NAAQS for the project area.

- Particulate Matter Nitrogen Dioxide Sulfur Dioxide
 Lead Ozone Carbon Monoxide

_____ Is the project considered regionally significant?

_____ Is the project exempt under [40 CFR 93.126](#) or [40 CFR 93.128](#)?

Select the applicable exemption.

- 40 CFR 93.126 (includes Grouped CSJs)
 40 CFR 93.128 (traffic signal synchronization projects)

_____ Have the Consultation Partners determined that this is a "project of air quality concern"?

_____ Is the project design year Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) less than 140,000 vehicles per day (vpd)?

_____ Does the project affect an intermodal facility?

_____ Is there public concern over air quality for the project?

_____ Is the project adding Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) capacity?

_____ Is the project within a Transportation Management Area (TMA)?



Cultural Resources

Cemeteries

_____ Are cemeteries present within or adjacent to the project?

_____ Are all project activities listed on the "List of Projects that Do Not Require Review" and pavement would not be extended to within 15 feet of the existing ROW boundary, and no other project construction would occur within 15 feet of the existing ROW boundary?

Archeological Resources

_____ Are all project activities listed on the "[List of Projects that Do Not Require Review or Coordination for Archeological Compliance](#)", found on the TxDOT Environmental Compliance Toolkits website?

Historical Resources

_____ Are the project activities limited to those in Appendix 3 as undertakings with no potential to affect non-archeological historic properties?

Community Impacts

Displacements

_____ Will the project result in any displacements?

_____ Will the project result in any residential displacements?

Select the number of displacements below to determine the appropriate level of analysis.

- No more than 1% of any community or no more than 5 total.
 Between 1% and 10% of any community or between 5 and 25 total.
 More than 10% of any community or more than 25 total.

_____ Will the project result in any commercial displacements?

Select the best estimate of the amount of community employment affected below to determine the appropriate level of analysis.

- Less than 1% of local area employment.
 Between 1% and 10% of local area employment.
 More than 10% of local area employment.

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_____ Will the project result in the displacement of any non-residential or non-commercial facility?

Select the best descriptor of the affected facility below to determine the appropriate level of analysis.

- The facility provides services that are also provided by other facilities in the community.
- The facility provides services that are **NOT** available from other facilities in the community.

Access and Travel Patterns

- _____ Will the project create a new bypass or reliever route?
- _____ Will the project permanently change the way people currently get to community facilities, businesses or homes?
- _____ Will the project permanently change the way people currently use or get to transit, walking, bicycle, or other non-automobile modes?
- _____ Will the project cause a permanent increase in response time to emergencies by first responders?

Community Cohesion

Choose the project description below that best fits the project to determine the appropriate level of community cohesion analysis.

- New location facility; new grade separation.
- Widening an existing facility by the width of one through traffic lane or more; Upgrade non-freeway facility to freeway or toll; Add new raised medians or median barriers.
- Other project type.

Water Resources

Edwards Aquifer

- _____ Will the project actions occur all or partially on the Recharge zone?
- _____ Will the project actions occur all or partially on the Contributing zone?
 - _____ Will the project involve 5 or more acres of earth disturbance?
 - _____ Is the project over the designated sole source portion of the Edwards Aquifer?

Texas Coastal Management Program (TCMP)

- _____ Is the project within the [TCMP](#) boundary?
- _____ Is the project consistent with the goals and policies of the TCMP?



Scope Development Tool

Wild and Scenic Rivers

- _____ Would the project involve construction activities in, across or adjacent to a river component designated or proposed for inclusion in the National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers?
 - _____ Would the project impact the [Wild and Scenic](#) reach of the Rio Grande?

Trinity River Corridor Development Certificate (CDC)

- _____ Does the project involve a development activity within the [Trinity River Corridor Development Regulatory Zone](#)?

International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC)

- _____ Does the project cross or encroach upon the floodway of [IBWC](#) right-of-way or an IBWC flood control project?

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

- _____ Are Waters of the U.S. (WOUS) present on the project site?
- _____ Will any 404-regulated activity occur within WOUS(s)?

*Explain:

Select **all** of the permits that are applicable to the project:

- NWP without PCN NWP with PCN
- Individual Permit Other

- _____ Would the project require an LOP?
- _____ Would work occur in any wetland(s)?

33 USC 408

- _____ Are there any sea walls, bulkheads, reservoirs, levees, wharfs, or other federal civil works projects, or associated federal land (fee simple) or easements within the project area?

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act

- _____ Is the project within five linear miles of an impaired assessment unit, and within the watershed of, and draining to that [impaired assessment unit](#)?

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Navigable Waters

_____ Will the project involve the construction or modification (including changes to lighting) of a bridge or causeway across a water body determined to be navigable by the USCG under Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act?

_____ Is the project expected to qualify for a waiver from bridge permitting?

_____ Will the project involve structures or work in a water body determined to be navigable by the USACE under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act?

Construction General Permit

How many acres of earth would the project disturb?

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4)

_____ Will work occur within the boundaries of a regulated MS4?

_____ Would the project discharge into a non-TxDOT operated MS4?

Floodplains

_____ Will the project involve an action within the limits of the base floodplain?

_____ Does the community in which the project is located participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)?

_____ Do the proposed actions involve a "significant encroachment" as defined in 23 CFR 650, Subpart A?

Biological Resources

Texas Parks and Wildlife Coordination Conditions

_____ Is the project limited to a maintenance activity exempt from coordination?

<http://txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/environmental/maintenance-program.html>

_____ Has the project previously completed coordination with TPWD?

_____ The scope of revision relates to an issue TPWD commented on previously?

_____ A substantial change is proposed from the original coordination or new impacts now exceed a threshold?

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

_____ Is the action area of the proposed project within the range and in suitable habitat of federally protected species?

Date that the [IPaC system](#) was accessed: _____

_____ Would the proposed project affect federally protected species and/or habitat?



Scope Development Tool

*Explain:

_____ Would the proposed project impact Critical Habitat as designated by USFWS?

*Explain:

Resources consulted or activities conducted to make effect determination (if applicable):

TPWD County List USFWS Critical Habitat Maps Species Expert Consulted

Aerial Photography Coastal Areas Maps Site Visit

Topographic Map Species Study Conducted Karst Zone Maps

Ecological Mapping System of Texas (EMST) Natural Diversity Database (NDD)

Other:

Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)

_____ Are tidally influenced waters in the action area of the proposed project?

Date that the NOAA EFH Mapper was accessed: _____

_____ Does the action area of the proposed project contain essential fish habitat?

_____ Is there potential for adverse effects to essential fish habitat?

*Explain:

Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA)

_____ Is the action area of the proposed project located within a designated CBRA map unit?

Date that the USFWS CBRA Mapper was accessed: _____

_____ Is the proposed project exempt from CBRA regulations according to Section 6 subsection 3 of the CBRA?

What is the CBRA Map unit name? _____

What is the CBRA Map unit number? _____

Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)

_____ Is the action area of the proposed project within range of marine mammals and their habitat?

_____ Is there potential for incidental harassment and/or take of marine mammals?

Scope Development Tool



*Explain:

Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)

_____ Is there potential for nesting birds to be present in the project action area during construction?

_____ Were active nests identified during the site survey?

_____ Will BMPs will be incorporated to protect migratory bird nests?

*Explain:

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA)

_____ Does the proposed project have the potential to impact Bald or Golden Eagles?

_____ Is there potential for Bald or Golden Eagles to nest in the action area of the proposed project during construction activities?

*Explain:

_____ Is there an active or inactive eagle nest within 660 feet of the action area of the proposed project area?

*Explain:

_____ Will construction activities occur during the nesting season?

Executive Order 13112 on Invasive Species

_____ Would the project be in compliance with EO 13112?

Executive Memorandum on Beneficial Landscaping

_____ Would landscaping be included in the proposed projects?

Describe landscaping activities:

_____ Would the proposed project be in compliance with the Executive Memorandum on Beneficial Landscaping?



Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA)

_____ Is the project located in a "non-urbanized area" that contain areas mapped as prime, unique, statewide important or locally important farmland by the NRCS Web Soil Survey or Census Bureau?

_____ Was the score on Part IV of SCS-CPA 106 or FPPA Form AD-1006 equal to or greater than 60?

_____ Did coordination with NRCS result in an adverse impact determination?

Explain:

Hazardous Materials

_____ Does the project meet **ALL** of the following conditions?

- Work **WILL** occur entirely within the existing ROW;
- Work **WILL NOT** include demolition or renovation of a bridge as defined by TxDOT Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges.
- Work **WILL NOT** include substantial excavation operations.
(Substantial excavation includes, but is not necessarily limited to:
 - Underpass construction;
 - Storm sewer installations;
 - Trenching or tunneling that would require temporary or permanent shoring.)

Traffic Noise

_____ Does the project involve modification or construction of facilities intended for auto traffic?

_____ Does the project substantially alter the horizontal or vertical alignment?

_____ Will the project include the addition or relocation of interchange lanes or ramps added to a quadrant to complete an existing partial interchange?

_____ Will the project include the addition of a new or substantial alteration of an existing weigh station, rest stop, ride-share facility, or toll plaza?

_____ Will the project include the addition of a through-traffic lane or auxiliary lane, except for when the auxiliary lane is a turn lane?

_____ Is the project going to construct passing lanes in a rural area (e.g., Super 2)?

_____ Does adjacent land use include noise sensitive land uses, such as residences, places of worship, schools, parks, hospitals, hotels or motels, cemeteries, offices, restaurants, or libraries?

_____ Is the project location on or adjacent to developed or permitted land (land with a definite commitment to be developed as evidenced by a building permit)?

Scope Development Tool



Section 4(f) Resources

_____ Do the project activities have the potential to result in a permanent or temporary use of any potential Section 4 (f) property?

Section 6 (f) Resources

_____ Does the project propose to use land from a Section 6(f) property?

Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 26

_____ Do the project activities have the potential to result in a permanent acquisition (e.g. new ROW or permanent easement) or cause the property to no longer function for its intended purpose from any property protected by Parks and Wildlife code, Chapter 26?

Natural Resources Code, Chapter 183

_____ Will project activities potentially require permanent use (include acquisitions or easements) of any land encumbered by an agricultural conservation easement?

Indirect Impacts Analysis

_____ Does the Purpose and Need include economic development, or is the project proposed to serve a specific development?

_____ Are economic development or new opportunities for growth/development cited as benefits of the project?

_____ Is the project area experiencing population and/or economic growth?

_____ Is the project located in a rural area outside of the MPO boundary?

_____ Is land in the project area available for development and/or redevelopment?

Cumulative Impacts

_____ Will the project have substantial direct or indirect impacts on any resource?

_____ Are any resources in the project area in poor or declining health?

_____ Will the project have any impact on a resource that is in poor or declining health?

Public Involvement



_____ Would the project have any impacts to lands protected by Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 26 or Natural Resources Code, Chapter 183?

_____ Is the project considered to be a "high-profile" project?

_____ Does the project have substantial public interest or controversy?

_____ Does the project substantially change the layout or function of connecting roadways or of the facility being improved?

_____ Does the project have a substantial adverse impact on any abutting real property?

MOU with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Environmental Compliance Operating System (ECOS) – File of Record



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Project Summary

Project Name:	0051-02-101 Richey St S to Galveston C/L Mill & Asphalt, O/L of shoulders	ENV Assistance Status:	Pending Submittal
Anticipated Environmental Document Type:	CE	CSJ:	005102101

Clearance Status	
Overall Environmental Clearance:	Pending - 07/09/2018
Air:	Pending - 07/12/2016
Biology:	Pending - 07/12/2016
Environmental Justice and Community Impacts:	Pending - 07/12/2016
Historical Studies:	Pending - 07/12/2016
Noise:	Pending - 07/12/2016
Water:	Pending - 07/12/2016
Project Group:	Pending - 07/12/2016
Archeology:	NEPA Cleared - 05/30/2018
Cumulative Summary:	Pending - 07/12/2016
Hazmat:	Pending - 07/12/2016
Indirect Impacts:	Pending - 07/12/2016
Public Involvement:	Pending - 07/12/2016

Schedule Status

Project	Tasks	Forms	Coordinations	EPICs
Number of:	4	1	2	0
Behind Schedule:	0	0	0	0
Deadline Warning:	0	0	0	0
On Schedule:	0	0	0	0
Completed:	4	1	2	0

Program Areas

Air Summary	Project Group Summary	Archeology Summary
Biology Summary		Cumulative Impacts Summary
Environmental Justice and Community Impacts Summary		Hazmat Summary
Historical Studies Summary		Indirect Impacts Summary
Noise Summary		Public Involvement Summary
Water Summary		

Project Association

Project CSJ/Name/Number	Relationship Type
0051-03-109 Harris C/L to FM 518: Mill and Asphalt, overlay, etc...	Associate

ECOS – Project Definition

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Project Definition

Project Name:

Project Number:

Highway:

Select the CE list:

Is this project chargeable?

District: County:

ENV Assistance Status: Pending Submittal

CSJ: - -

Anticipated ENV Doc Type:

Criterion:

Charge Code:
[Find Charge Code Here](#)

Letting Dates

Project Location

Jurisdiction

Project Association(s)

Project Description

Project Evaluation

Right of Way

Minute Order(s)

Transportation Planning

Environmental Clearance Information

Project Contacts

ECOS - Work Plan Development 1 of 3

Work Plan Development

Counties: GALVESTON, HARRIS

Air Quality

Yes Is the project exempt under [40CFR93.126 or 40 CFR 93.128](#) ? [?](#)

40 CFR 93.126 40CFR93.128

Cultural Resources

Archeological Resources

Yes Are all project activities listed on the "[List of Projects that Do Not Require Review or Coordination for Archeological Compliance](#)", found on the TxDOT Environmental Compliance Toolkits website? [?](#)

Cemeteries

No Are cemeteries present within or adjacent to the project?

Yes Are all project activities listed on the "List of Projects that Do Not Require Review"? [?](#)

Historical Resources

No Are the project activities limited to those in Appendix 3 as [undertakings with no potential to affect non-archeological historic properties](#)? [?](#)

Yes Does the project conform to the type listed in [Appendix 4 of the Section 106 PA](#)?

Are any sensitive property types (defined as courthouse squares, historic downtown commercial areas, historic residential neighborhoods, farmsteads, historic road corridors, historic bridges) in the study area?

Water Resources

Texas Coastal Management Program(TCMP)

Yes Is the project within the [TCMP](#) boundary?

Yes Is the project consistent with the goals and policies of the TCMP?

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

Yes Are Waters of the U.S. (WOUS) present on the project site?

Will any 404-regulated activity occur within WOUS(s)?

Explain: [?](#)

Select all of the permits that are applicable to the project:

NWP without PCN NWP with PCN

Individual Permit Other

Would the project require an LOP?

Will the project impact more than 1,500 linear feet and/or 3 acres of WOUS, or impact rare and ecologically significant wetlands?

Would work occur in any wetland(s)?

ECOS - Work Plan Development 2 of 3

Biological Resources

Texas Parks and Wildlife Coordination Conditions

Is the project limited to a maintenance activity exempt from coordination?

<http://txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/environmental/maintenance-program.html>

Has the project previously completed coordination with TPWD?

The scope of revision relates to an issue TPWD commented on previously?

A substantial change is proposed from the original coordination or new impacts now exceed a threshold?

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Is the action area of the proposed project within the range of federally protected species?

Did the USFWS IPaC system identify any endangered species that may occur or could potentially be affected by the proposed project activities?

Date that the IPaC system was accessed:

Is the action area of the proposed project in suitable habitat of federally protected species?

Explain:

Resources consulted or activities conducted to make effect determination (if applicable):

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TPWD County List | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFWS Critical Habitat Maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Species Expert Consulted |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aerial Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Areas Maps | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site Visit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Topographic Map | <input type="checkbox"/> Species Study Conducted | <input type="checkbox"/> Karst Zone Maps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecological Mapping System of Texas (EMST) | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Diversity Database (NDD) | |

Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)

Are tidally influenced waters in the action area of the proposed project?

Date that the NOAA EFH Mapper was accessed:

Does the action area of the proposed project contain essential fish habitat?

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Is the action area of the proposed project located within a designated CBRA map unit?

Date that the USFWS CBRA Mapper was accessed:

Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)

Is the action area of the proposed project within range of marine mammals and their habitat?

ECOS - Work Plan Development 3 of 3

Hazardous Materials

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No Will the project include the addition of a through-traffic lane or auxiliary lane, except for when the auxiliary lane is a turn lane?

Section 4(f) Resources

No Do the project activities have the potential to result in a permanent or temporary use of any potential Section 4(f) property?

Section 6(f) Resources

No Does the project propose to use land from a Section 6(f) property?

Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 26

No Do the project activities have the potential to result in a permanent acquisition (e.g. new ROW or permanent easement) or cause the property to no longer function for its intended purpose from any property protected by Parks and Wildlife code, Chapter 26?

Natural Resources Code, Chapter 183

No Will project activities potentially require permanent use (include acquisitions or easements) of any land encumbered by an agricultural conservation easement?

Public Involvement

No Would the project have any impacts to lands protected by Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 26 or Natural Resources Code, Chapter 183?

No Is the project considered to be a "high-profile" project?

No Does the project have substantial public interest or controversy?

Yes Does the project substantially change the layout or function of connecting roadways or of the facility being improved?

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Project Work Plan

Please Note: The Project Definition screen, Work Plan Development and Project Work Plan screen(s) in ECOS are scheduled to be continuously improved. If you observe an inconsistent finding(s) or recommendation(s), please use your technical expertise and log a journal entry in ECOS for the CSJ noting the inconsistency. In addition, please contact ECOS helpdesk @ ENV-ECOS-Admin@txdot.gov (or) @ 512-416-2668 to inform the ECOS team of the inconsistency.

Project Start Date: Submit Date: Acceptance Date:

Recommended Next Step(s) that you would like to create:

Biology

EPIC - Implement EPIC - Executive Order 13112

Note: Please check the box and add comments if task is not applicable.

Planned Start Date: Planned End Date: Planned Hours:

Comments:

Project

Form - CE Determination

Note: Please check the box and add comments if task is not applicable.

Planned Start Date: Planned End Date: Planned Hours:

Comments:

Water

Form - Perform Texas Coastal Management Program

Note: Please check the box and add comments if task is not applicable.

Planned Start Date: Planned End Date: Planned Hours:

Comments:

Tasks Exists

Task Type	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date	Planned Hours	Comments
Coordination - Coordinate with Consulting Party	05/24/2018	05/31/2018	1	
Coordination - Coordinate with Consulting Party	03/10/2017	04/10/2017	0.5	
Form - Background Study	05/24/2018	06/15/2018	4	

More Forms!???!



Scope Form



Project Scope for Categorical Exclusions (CEs)

Restatement of Project Scope.

Check this box if this project scope replaces a prior project scope and amendments concerning the project.

I. Project Definition

Control Section Job Number(s) (CSJ): <Enter CSJ Numbers(s)>

Facility Name: <Enter Facility Name>

County Name: <Enter County Name>

Project Description: <Describe all proposed activities>

Project Limits:

From: <Enter starting project limits>

To: <Enter ending project limits>

Letting Date: <Enter Letting Date>

Anticipated Funding Source(s):

FHWA State Local Other

<If Other, enter information on other funding source(s)>

Region: <Enter Region>

District: <Enter District>

Project Name: <Enter descriptive name>

Acres of new ROW and/or easements: <Enter amount in acres>



Project Scope for CE Projects

II. Anticipated Project Classification

CE (state transportation project)

See 43 T.A.C. §2.81(a)-(c)

CE (FHWA transportation project)

See 43 T.A.C. §2.81(a)-(d)

Federal Aid Project Number: <Enter Number>

III. Identification of Proposed Project Sponsor and Department Delegate

Refer to 43 T.A.C. §§ 2.7 & 2.8

Proposed Project Sponsor: <Enter name of entity>

Contact Person: <Enter name>

<Enter phone number>

<Enter email address>

<Enter mailing address>

Department Delegate:

TxDOT DDOR: <Enter name of division, district, office or region>

Person with authority to approve
an environmental review
document on behalf of TxDOT: <Enter name>

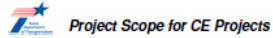
Contact Person: <Enter name>

<Enter phone number>

<Enter email address>

<Enter mailing address>

Scope Form



Project Scope for CE Projects

IV. Coordination with Participating Agencies, State, and Federal Approval Authorities and Required Permits

Refer to 43 T.A.C. §2.12

Check all that apply. If you have additional entries, please submit an attachment.

Texas Historical Commission (THC)

Who is responsible for coordination? Project Sponsor Department delegate

When will coordination be completed? <Enter Date>

Will coordination be completed before or after submittal of CE documentation to department delegate? Before After

Is a permit or approval required? Permit Approval

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)

Who is responsible for coordination? Project Sponsor Department delegate

When will coordination be completed? <Enter Date>

Will coordination be completed before or after submittal of CE documentation to department delegate? Before After

Is a permit or approval required? Permit Approval

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Who is responsible for coordination? Project Sponsor Department delegate

When will coordination be completed? <Enter Date>

Will coordination be completed before or after submittal of CE documentation to department delegate? Before After

Is a permit or approval required? Permit Approval

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Who is responsible for coordination? Project Sponsor Department delegate

When will coordination be completed? <Enter Date>

Will coordination be completed before or after submittal of CE documentation to department delegate? Before After

Is a permit or approval required? Permit Approval

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Who is responsible for coordination? Project Sponsor Department delegate

When will coordination be completed? <Enter Date>

Will coordination be completed before or after submittal of CE documentation to department delegate? Before After

Is a permit or approval required? Permit Approval

National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS)

Who is responsible for coordination? Project Sponsor Department delegate

When will coordination be completed? <Enter Date>

Will coordination be completed before or after submittal of CE documentation to department delegate? Before After

Is a permit or approval required? Permit Approval

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

Who is responsible for coordination? Project Sponsor Department delegate

When will coordination be completed? <Enter Date>

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Will coordination be completed before or after submittal of CE documentation to department delegate? Before After

Is a permit or approval required? Permit Approval

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

Who is responsible for coordination? Project Sponsor Department delegate

When will coordination be completed? <Enter Date>

Will coordination be completed before or after submittal of CE documentation to department delegate? Before After

Is a permit or approval required? Permit Approval

Additional participating agencies' information is described in an attachment.

Other participating agencies may be state or federal resource agencies, local governments or Native American tribes.

V. Public Involvement

Check all that apply. *Enter planned dates in this column* *Enter Notes in this column*

Meeting with affected property owners <Enter planned date> <Enter Notes>

Public meeting

Opportunity for public hearing

Public hearing

Public hearing required by Texas Parks & Wildlife Code Chapter 26

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Opportunity for comment required by Transportation Code § 203.022

Additional Section 106 Outreach

Consulting parties

CHC contacts (for bridge projects)

Tribal consultation

Certified Local Governments (with historic zoning regulations)

Additional public involvement activities are described in an attachment.

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VI. Surveys, Studies and Other Tasks: Project Schedule

Identify any surveys, studies or other tasks that will be completed by the department delegate prior to technical review of the CE documentation.

Identify tasks by entering the name of the Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) for the survey, study or other task indicated on TxDOT's P6 Environmental Issue Templates. Multiple WBSs may be identified for each subject, if appropriate. If a WBS has not yet been developed, describe the survey, study, or other task as succinctly as possible.

Indicate whether the project sponsor or the department delegate is responsible and enter the planned date by which the entity will submit a report or other documentation of the survey, study or other task.

Note that the project sponsor may submit surveys, studies, and other reports directly to an approving or participating agency when the project sponsor is responsible for coordinating with that agency.

Additional studies or tasks that may be necessary pending the results of a study should be identified to the fullest extent possible, with a note identifying them as contingent tasks.

Air Project Sponsor Department delegate
 Task list or WBS is attached to this form <Enter Date> <Enter Date>
 <Enter WBS or describe tasks>

Archeology Project Sponsor Department delegate
 Task list or WBS is attached to this form <Enter Date> <Enter Date>
 <Enter WBS or describe tasks>

Biology Project Sponsor Department delegate
 Task list or WBS is attached to this form <Enter Date> <Enter Date>
 <Enter WBS or describe tasks>

Community Impact Analysis Project Sponsor Department delegate
 Task list or WBS is attached to this form <Enter Date> <Enter Date>
 <Enter WBS or describe tasks>

Hazardous Materials Project Sponsor Department delegate
 Task list or WBS is attached to this form <Enter Date> <Enter Date>
 <Enter WBS or describe tasks>



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History Project Sponsor Department delegate
 Task list or WBS is attached to this form <Enter Date> <Enter Date>
 <Enter WBS or describe tasks>

Indirect Impacts Project Sponsor Department delegate
 Task list or WBS is attached to this form <Enter Date> <Enter Date>
 <Enter WBS or describe tasks>

Cumulative Impacts Project Sponsor Department delegate
 Task list or WBS is attached to this form <Enter Date> <Enter Date>
 <Enter WBS or describe tasks>

Noise Project Sponsor Department delegate
 Task list or WBS is attached to this form <Enter Date> <Enter Date>
 <Enter WBS or describe tasks>

Texas Parks and Wildlife Code Chapter 26 Project Sponsor Department delegate
 Task list or WBS is attached to this form <Enter Date> <Enter Date>
 <Enter WBS or describe tasks>

Water Resources (Section 401, 402, 404, etc.) Project Sponsor Department delegate
 Task list or WBS is attached to this form <Enter Date> <Enter Date>
 <Enter WBS or describe tasks>

Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act Project Sponsor Department delegate
 Task list or WBS is attached to this form <Enter Date> <Enter Date>
 <Enter WBS or describe tasks>

Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act Project Sponsor Department delegate
 Task list or WBS is attached to this form <Enter Date> <Enter Date>
 <Enter WBS or describe tasks>

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- Task lists for additional are described in an attachment.
- Submission of CE Documentation to Department Delegate
<Enter date of submission>

VII. Dispute Escalation Ladder

Refer to 43 T.A.C. §2.44(c)(12)

The following representatives of the project sponsor and department delegate will attempt to resolve any disputes regarding this project scope according to the deadlines indicated. If the Level 1 representatives are unsuccessful, they will refer the dispute to the Level 2 representatives.

A referral for dispute resolution must be submitted in writing to both named representatives.

The time allowed for negotiations will begin from the date of each submittal.

If informal dispute resolution fails then the dispute will be resolved under 43 T.A.C. §2.52(b) and (c) (concerning formal dispute resolution).

Level 1 – Deadline for completion: 20 days after submittal

Project Sponsor's representative: <Enter Name>
<Enter Title>

Department Delegate's representative: <Enter Name>
<Enter Title>

Level 2 – Deadline for completion: 60 days after submittal

Project Sponsor's representative: <Enter Name>
<Enter Title>

Department Delegate's representative: <Enter Name>
<Enter Title>



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VIII. Optional Fee

Do not complete this section unless the project sponsor is a local government.

- The project sponsor requests calculation of a fee for this project.
- The project sponsor is not considering paying a fee for this project.

Department delegate's estimate of fee (if requested): <Enter estimated amount>

- The project sponsor has paid a fee for this project.
- The project sponsor will not pay a fee for this project.

IX. Comments

This section provides space for the project sponsor or department delegate to record comments related to information in the project scope.

Project Sponsor comments:

<Enter comments here>

Department Delegate comments:

<Enter comments here>

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X. Signatures

The department delegate's approval is based on information about the project provided by the project sponsor either on this form or by separate written correspondence to the department delegate.

The department delegate may not sign the project scope until payment is received.

By signing below, the project sponsor's and department delegate's authorized representatives each indicate approval of this document as fulfilling the requirements of 43 T.A.C. §2.44, relating to Project Scope.

Project sponsor: <Enter Name>

Signature of Project Sponsor

Date

Department delegate: <Enter Name>

Signature of Department delegate

Date

Note: If the project sponsor elects to pay a fee, the fee must be paid before the department delegate signs.

FHWA (to be completed at FHWA's option for FHWA transportation project)

FHWA's approval is based on information about the project provided by the project sponsor either on this form or by separate written correspondence to FHWA, and is subject to revocation if warranted by the results of surveys or studies or other new information.

By signing below, FHWA's authorized representative indicates approval of the anticipated project classification and planned coordination with participating agencies; state and federal approval authorities and permits; public involvement; and surveys, studies and other tasks described herein.

Signature of FHWA Authorized Representative

Date

Scope Amendment Form



Project Scope Amendment

*This form should be used any time a project scope amendment is necessary.
If this amendment includes a restated project scope, please complete a revised project scope document.*

Amendment Number: <Enter Number> **Date:** <Insert Date>

Restatement of project scope.

*Check this box if a restated project scope is completed.
A restated project scope may be completed if changes to the original scope are substantial.*

I. Project Definition

Control Section Job Number (CSJ): <Enter CSJ Number>

Facility Name: <Enter Facility Name>

County Name: <Enter County Name>

Project Description: <Describe all proposed activities>

Project Limits:

From: <Enter starting project limits>

To: <Enter ending project limits>

Letting Date: <Enter Letting Date>

Funding Source(s):

FHWA State Local Other

<If Other, enter information on other funding source(s)>

Briefly describe the reason for amendment:

<Describe circumstances>

Describe any other changes to Project Definition, if any:

Note: It is not necessary to describe changes reflected above.

<Describe changes>

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II. Changes to Project Scope

Describe the changes to the project scope.

It is not necessary to complete this section if this amendment includes a restated project scope.

Identify the Section number and title (e.g. IV. Coordination with Participating Agencies).

Check the appropriate box to identify the Responsible Party.

Section number and title: <Identify Section and title>

- Project Sponsor
 Department delegate

Description of revised provision: <Describe revisions>

Section number and title: <Identify Section and title>

- Project Sponsor
 Department delegate

Description of revised provision: <Describe revisions>

Section number and title: <Identify Section and title>

- Project Sponsor
 Department delegate

Description of revised provision: <Describe revisions>

Section number and title: <Identify Section and title>

- Project Sponsor
 Department delegate

Description of revised provision: <Describe revisions>

Section number and title: <Identify Section and title>

- Project Sponsor
 Department delegate

Description of revised provision: <Describe revisions>

Section number and title: <Identify Section and title>

- Project Sponsor
 Department delegate

Description of revised provision: <Describe revisions>



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X. Project Scope Amendment Approval Signatures

The department delegate's approval is based on information about the project provided by the project sponsor either on this form or by separate written correspondence to the department delegate.

By signing below, the project sponsor's and department delegate's authorized representatives each indicate approval of the project scope, as amended, as fulfilling the requirements of 43 T.A.C. §2.44, relating to Project Scope.

Project sponsor

<Enter name of project sponsor>

Signature of Project Sponsor

Date

Department delegate

<Enter name of department delegate>

Signature of Department delegate

Date

FHWA (to be completed at FHWA's option for FHWA transportation project)

FHWA's approval is based on information about the project provided by the project sponsor either on this form or by separate written correspondence to FHWA, and is subject to revocation if warranted by the results of surveys or studies or other new information.

By signing below, FHWA's authorized representative indicates approval of the anticipated project classification and planned coordination with participating agencies; state and federal approval authorities and permits; public involvement; and surveys, studies and other tasks described herein.

<Enter name of FHWA authorized representative>

Signature of FHWA Authorized Representative

Date

Collaborative Approach

