

Wild and Scenic Rivers

There are no wild and scenic rivers in the project area; therefore there would be no impacts to a river designated as a component or proposed for inclusion in the national system of Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Airway-Highway Clearance

The project corridor does not come within 20,000 ft of any airport property. Aircraft Clearance issues are not associated with this project.

Essential Fish Habitat

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended on October 11, 1996, directs that all Federal agencies, whose actions would impact fish habitat, must consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding potential adverse effects. This requires any project that receives Federal funding must address potential impacts to essential fish habitat. Due to the nature and location of this project, essential fish habitat would not be impacted.

V. DETERMINATION OF ASSESSMENT

TxDOT recommends implementation of Alternative B: Build Alternative based on the information in this EA and in this project's Administrative Record. Alternative B would accommodate the projected vehicle traffic and would reduce congestion by providing access to other highways and the CBD. The proposed structure would meet the current TxDOT design standards.

The engineering, social, economic, and environmental investigations conducted thus far on the proposed project indicate that it would result in no adverse effects to the quality of the human or natural environment. A Finding of No Significant Impact is anticipated.