



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**February 13, 2008**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**MODIFICATION TO THE FEDERAL FORT WORTH FLOODWAY PROJECT**  
**FOR**  
**TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT'S DOWNTOWN CAMPUS**  
**BRIDGE**  
**TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS**

**Description.** Interested parties are hereby notified that the District Commander, Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) regarding the proposed modification to the Federal Fort Worth Floodway project for the construction of Tarrant County College District's Downtown Campus Bridge in Tarrant County, Texas. Any significant modification to a Federal project requires approval by the Chief of Engineers under Section 408 of 33 USC.

**Statutory Authority.** This notice is being issued to all interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and Engineering Regulation 200-2-2.

**Background.** In order to meet the growing needs within the central city area, the Board of Trustees of the Tarrant County College District (TCCD) decided in 2003 that a fifth TCCD college campus would be opened in downtown Fort Worth to serve the downtown and north side populations. By the summer of 2004, the TCCD Board determined that no single available property was large enough to accommodate the total needs of the Downtown Campus for projected student enrollment capacity, thus the decision was made to acquire multiple contiguous properties on both sides of the Trinity River with the bulk of property located on the north side of the river. A bridge across the river would be advantageous to connect the south and north portions of the campus. The southernmost portion of the subject property has been designated as an entrance to the campus and a connection for the Downtown population with both sides of the river, thus integrating the campus into existing City of Fort Worth plans for the area. The south and north portions are east of and adjacent to the Main Street Bridge on both sides of the Trinity River.

**Proposed Preferred Alternative.** The proposed preferred alternative is to place piers in and near the above grade portion of the levee on the north side of the Trinity River to support the pedestrian bridge; place piers in and near the above grade portion of the levee on the north side of the Trinity River to support the Student Services and Library Buildings (Buildings 5 and 6); place piers in the levee template below grade that are foundations for the Allied Health and Nursing Building; place temporary piers in the river that support the false-work and work bridges needed to construct the pedestrian bridge; construction

of two storm drains and associated outfalls; excavation on the dry side of the levee and mitigation needed to accommodate the changes, both temporary and permanent, in the floodway project and related waterways.

**Scoping Meeting.** A scoping meeting was held at the Rose Theatre on 09-October, 2007 to encourage public involvement and accept comments regarding the scope of the environmental assessment. Approximately 60 people attended the meeting and the primary issues raised were potential adverse effects to historic properties and the potential for encountering hazardous substances during construction.

**Public Review.** Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended in 1975 (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], Parts 1500 through 1508), the U.S. Department of the Army gives notice that it has prepared the required environmental documentation for the proposed Modification to the Federal Fort Worth Floodway project for construction of Tarrant County College District's downtown campus bridge in Tarrant County, Texas. Prior to the close of the comment period, any person may make a written request for a public meeting, setting forth the particular reasons for the request. The District Commander will determine whether the issues raised are substantial and should be considered in his decision. If a public meeting is warranted, all known interested parties will be notified of the time, date, and location of such a meeting. This document is available for review on the Fort Worth District Website [www.swf.usace.army.mil](http://www.swf.usace.army.mil) and at the Downtown City of Fort Worth Public Library. The comment period for this action ends at close of business on March 17, 2008. Please address any comments to Mr. Heath McLane, CESWF-PER-EE, Post Office Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300, or by e-mail at [Heath.R.McLane@usace.army.mil](mailto:Heath.R.McLane@usace.army.mil). Hard or cd copies of the draft EA and FONSI may be requested in writing at the above address or by telephone at (817) 886-1849.



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