

**Interstate 290 (I-290) Eisenhower Expressway
Cook County, Illinois**

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
AND
RECORD OF DECISION**

Submitted Pursuant to 42 USC 4332 (2)(c) and 49 USC 303 by the

US Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
and
Illinois Department of Transportation

Cooperating Agencies
Federal Railroad Administration
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ABSTRACT

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) propose a transportation solution to improve regional and local travel, improve access to employment, improve safety for all users, improve modal connections and opportunities, and improve facility deficiencies on Interstate 290 from west of Mannheim Road on the west to Racine Avenue on the east, located in Cook County, Illinois. This Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) considers four build alternatives, along with a No Build Alternative. The alternatives are identical in length at approximately 13 miles. There are no impacts to wetlands, High Quality Aquatic Resources, or federal- or state-listed species for any of the build alternatives. No displacement of residential or commercial structures would result with any of the build alternatives. There would be 0.40 acre of incremental permanent impacts to Waters of the United States, located at the Addison Creek and Des Plaines River crossings, for all build alternatives. A Section 4(f) *de minimis* finding at three public parks and a Section 4(f) exception at one public park were approved with receipt of written concurrence from the Officials with Jurisdiction.

Based on the analysis and evaluation contained in the FEIS and after careful consideration of all the social, economic, and environmental factors contained in the FEIS with input received from other agencies, organizations, and the public, it is the decision of the FHWA to approve HOT 3+ & EXP & HCT (also referred to as HOT 3+), which is one High Occupancy Toll Lane and three General Purpose lanes in each direction, with provisions for Express Bus service and High Capacity Transit (Blue Line Rapid Transit or Bus Rapid Transit extension) as the Selected Alternative.

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Date of Approval of FEIS and ROD

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¹ IDOT's signature commits it to implement the project as described in the FEIS, including all mitigation measures contained therein, and serves to recommend to FHWA to approve the FEIS and ROD.