



NEW BRAUNFELS OUTER LOOP CORRIDOR STUDY

Task Force Meeting #3

June 15, 2009

Comment Card

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GENERAL COMMENTS

This was my first time attending one of the Outer Loop meetings + I felt no one knew what was going on. The Task Force seemed to be on one page + TXDOT on another.

The Public needs to be notified MORE! I found out about this meeting from an e-mail from C.A.S.E.

All of the stats + important information needs to be at the meetings.

The previous meeting, the Task Force was put into "Small Groups" to discuss + make recommendations - well - NO one seemed to understand this project.

These are peoples homes - you need to knock on their door to contact them.

Name: Lori Persich Organization: Homeowner in Mission Hills Ranch Phone: (832) 625-2052

As a homeowner - someone - or the  
developer should have made us  
aware of this loop.

We Do NOT need a loop in  
Coral County in New Braunfels  
but MAKE Schools due to the  
growth in the County.



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### GENERAL COMMENTS

I AM A PROPERTY OWNER IN THE PROPOSED DANNED AREA FOR THIS LOOP AND HAVE NEVER BEEN NOTIFIED OF THIS PROJECT - PLEASE SEND ME A NOTICE - ROBERT T. MORRIS, 1052 SAN PEDRO, NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78132

HOW DOES THE PUBLIC FIND OUT ABOUT RECOMMENDATIONS AND HOW CAN THE PUBLIC MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ??

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Who is doing the environmental & cost study to identify the impact of making this room 60° F for the meeting while people are OBVIOUSLY very cold from the conditions! - I'm a registered nurse - I know cold people when I see them!

Name: [Signature] Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Justin Ross Organization: Comal County Residents Phone: \_\_\_\_\_





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GENERAL COMMENTS

Handwritten comment: Why Has TxDOT Spent More Than 3 million For a Plan That is Not Funded? Is This Going To Be A Toll Road?

Name: Fred Chodoros Organization: Phone:





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GENERAL COMMENTS

Sound system is awful. Similar to someone speaking into a large bucket. Speakers were very hard to understand. Bad echo in meeting area. Its hard to concentrate on the material when you have to concentrate on what the speaker is actually saying.
I'm Outa Here!

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GENERAL COMMENTS

need to identify more businesses and information that was used to get more idea how path was used.

Multiple horizontal lines for additional comments.

Name: Donna Jones Organization: citizen Phone: 830905-2396

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Isn't your confusion around "missed people & stakeholders" another indication that a process designed to give community credibility to a design from special interest & compromised elected officials is just this! done to & for, not with & from the community taxpayers & voters, i.e., cramming the loop down the throats of dissatisfied & disillusioned voters who seek other solutions.

If there are "different issues & needs" on different sections of loop, at what point do you ask if a whole looping rather than key linking corridors where needed become more appropriate?

Name: Frank N Dietz Organization: Phone: 830 626 6833





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GENERAL COMMENTS

I heard alot about how great this information was communicated to the public and getting on the back. Also how this will benefit the county and city. Why not take into account how it will effect the homeowners who ultimately pay for the running of these governmental agencies. I am unsure as to how this outer/outer loop will add benefits to the community @ large. Need and purpose should be addressed prior to the go ahead. The city engineer speaks as if development is bad, and talks about public fund usage. Public funds come from tax dollars which come from the value of the house (tax base) - We pay the taxes and we will lose the value of our house. People should be notified of their is a ROW prior to purchasing a parcel of land and what the government intends on using the ROW for.

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Too much time spend on how people were notified. I had friends & family that admitted throwing notification thinking it was junk mail. Now they know about the meeting yet still don't attend. The people that did attend the meetings saw the final alignment and think they no longer need to attend. LASTLY you have the people that think if they ignore it, it might go away.

Newspaper, radio, message signs were nice and an official looking document from TXDOT should be enough, not the junk mail looking one we received when it all started. Final thought is that if they haven't attend up to now, they probably never planned to attend.

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Please provide reports from Technical Work Group (who took part?, how were they selected?, by whom?), Community Work Group, Stakeholder Meetings, Public Meetings, and MAPD meetings. Hopefully some of it is in the CD. I would like to be able to review this information for the next meeting, when we talk about recommendations concerning public involvement.

What is the extent of the involvement of the GLO developers?

Why were The Bandit golfcourse (private) and the Ski Ranch on I-35 protected? They are shown as recreational on constraints map, but they are private and should not have special protection.

Name: Phillip Schulze Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 512-447-3568

Can we see a map of other road projects in the area that are already planned or under construction? Such as widening of FM 725. I would like to know what is already being done to alleviate traffic problems

What is an environmental justice property?

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The public continues to voice its displeasure with the plan for a roadway of this type. It is vital that the public concerns be adhered to rather than merely impatiently tolerated in this process. Nothing less makes sense. The NBOL Task Force has made it clear that more information is needed to come to our decisions regarding the original study's objectives. Requests are sometimes ignored. When a question is put forward, the facilitator is one who perpetually said, "We are going to talk about that later," or "We'll be discussing that in the next meeting," etc. This is frequently perceived as blatantly rude and this small community. We understand that our role is important to the citizens of this area and when asking questions,

Name: LAURA WEST Organization: COMAL COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION Phone: (830) 625-2067

we would appreciate answers that do not treat us as overly inquisitive children who are not worthy of notice. This attitude is making people increasingly frustrated and also leads to further problems.

Citizens contacting me are expressing the idea that the NBOL is being "rammed down [their] throats," and yes, that is a quote from one of them. It cannot be stressed enough that one factor in this NBOL is the citizen concern that a "no build" option is felt to be the first and one of the most important concepts that should have first been explored — without any question whatsoever.

I do not appreciate the lack of professionalism that I witnessed, when one of the NBOL Task Force members asked a question, and the leader of these ~~meetings~~ meetings, Linda Jimenez rolled her eyes! Please be patient with our citizens who are striving to understand why this roadway is being pushed by public officials with whom they may agree or disagree.



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5. I believe the topics were covered adequately in the time available.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GENERAL COMMENTS

1) I think that springing "surprise" small meetings with a set of questions that was not sent out to task force members prior to this meeting was not optimal in that members could not prepare for either the questions and had to come up with the answer to these questions off the top of their heads. Therefore, it was not a fruitful exercise. There were six questions of which only the last question was addressed with the whole group. Questions that may have shed a negative light on T&PO or the Outer Loop Study were not addressed.

2) Regarding Public Involvement and Feedback, there were multiple instances of irregularities.

3) The results of the November 15, 2007 MAPO meeting was not made public for 3 months. It was placed on the NBOC Study website 1 day

Name: A. Lovett Organization: CAJE Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

prior to the unveiling of the Final Recommended Route. There was no public meeting to discuss this alternative route, there was less than 24 hours of time to have the public give input via the website, e-mail, etc.

b) At one MARO meeting, the court reporter who was present to take comments from the public, was told not to take comments from the public by the TRPA representative.

c) At one MARO meeting, which was a public meeting, at a local High School, which is a public meeting place, certain members of the public were escorted out by Linda Vela. After conferring with the law enforcement officers present it was decided that all members of the public should be allowed to attend. This was clearly a violation of the Open Meetings Act.

d) The public was not allowed to hold the microphone at a MARO meeting, yet were restricted to 3 minutes of comments, most of which was used up by TRPA representatives since they held the microphones and thus controlled how much information and what information could be made by the public.

e) on the NBOL website it was stated that the visible options would be reduced to the Short List of options. The Technical Work Group would evaluate the crossings at 2H-35 and the Guadalupe River to eliminate corridors. In the "B" section there were (21) corridors, after "reducing" the corridors to the Short List there were (27) corridors and NONE of these had any contact with 2H-35 at the river. This is an example of misinforming the public not informing the public!