

**New Braunfels Outer Loop Task Force  
Meeting #3 (June 15, 2009): Comment Cards Tally**



A total of 14 Comment Cards were received.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable
1.The objectives for this meeting were clearly articulated.	1	7	1	3	
2.The stated objectives for this meeting were met.	1	2	2	7	
3.I felt that my time was valued and utilized well.		2	4	5	
4.The speakers/presenters were well prepared and informative.	1	8	1	2	

**Comments:**

- This was my first time attending one of the Outer Loop Meetings and I felt no one knew what was going on. The Task Force seemed to be on one page and TxDOT on another.

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

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

The previous meeting the Task Force was put into “small groups” to discuss and make recommendations – well – no one seemed to understand the project. These are peoples homes – you need to knock on their door to contact them. As a homeowner – someone – or the developer should have made us aware of this loop.

We DO NOT need a loop on Comal County in New Braunfels, but MORE schools due to the growth in the county.

- My first time to your meeting and all I could see and hear is that you have been spinning your wheels since 1964. I am impressed that someone could turn this into a career.
- I am a property owner in the proposed banned 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 the recommendations and how can the public make recommendations??

- Who is doing the environmental and cost study to identify the impact of making this 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!
- Why has TxDOT spent more than 3 million for a plan that is not funded? Is this going to be a toll road?
- Sound system is awful. Similar to someone speaking into a large bucket. Speakers were very hard to understand. Bad echo in meeting area. It’s hard to concentrate on the material when you have to concentrate on what the speaker is actually saying. I’m outa here!
- Need to identify more business and information that was used to get more ideas how path was used.

- Much work needs to be done with public!

I would like for a rep. from TxDOT & RJ Rivera Associates to address the allegations about them by the public (public comments)

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

If there are "different issues and 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?

- I heard a lot about how great this information was communicated to the public and patting on the back. Also how this will benefit the county and city. Why not take into account how it will affect 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 our house. People should be notified if there is a ROW prior to purchasing a parcel of land and what the government intends on using the ROW for.
- Too much time spend on how people were notified. I had friends and 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.
- Please provide reports from Technical Work Group (who took part?, how were they selected?, by whom?), Community Work Group, Stakeholder Meetings, Public Meetings, and MAPO meetings. Hopefully some of it is in the CD. I would like to be able to receive 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 golf course (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.

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

What is an environmental justice property?

- 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 in this small community. We understand that our role is important to the citizens of this area and when asking questions, 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 can not 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, Linda Ximenez 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.