

**New Braunfels Outer Loop Task Force
Meeting #5 (August 17, 2009): Comment Cards Tally**

A total of 3 Comment Cards were received.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable
1.The objectives of this meeting were clearly articulated.		2		1	
2.The stated objectives for this meeting were met.		1	1		1
3.I felt like my time was valued and utilized well.			1	1	1
4.The speakers/presenters were well prepared and informative.		1	1	1	
5.I believe the topics were covered adequately in the time available.			2		1

Comments:

- It is forecast that our normal rainfall will be 80% of what used to be normal. We are short of water, present drought notwithstanding. Considering this situation as it faces us, there will not be extra water for the forecast population increase, 100% to 200% in 20 to 40 years. So, do the math, the increases can't be sustained without 100% or so more water.

The outer loop is thus simply a dumb idea, born of refusal to face the forecast probability. It would become a road for no one, for no purpose except to enlarge TxDOT's empire & grip on Comal County.

- Topics from TxDOT/N.B. Chamber of Commerce objectives were covered adequately. Topics that Outer Loop Panel members brought up, such as how much land/acreage that Edwards Aquifer occupies and how much the proposed Loop would cover, were not acknowledged by TxDOT properly.

I noted that Air quality is not being discussed/noted. All large TX cities have poor air quality as a result of the large amount of traffic. Community health would be compromised, especially those with respiratory sensitivities. It would not be for the better.

- Task force members asked specific questions of R.J. Rivera and Linda Ximenes, but the questions were not answered and had to be asked multiple times.

If consultants would have answered questions, the meeting could have moved on more effectively.

It was highly unprofessional of Greg Melatek to applaud when a task force member expressed frustration with a members need to ask the same question repeatedly. TxDOT engineers may need more training in professional behavior.

It is obvious that the Edwards Aquifer is not on the screen matrices for each route section. Having the criteria on a chart that was recently created is not relevant.

Constraints exist or not, which is not subjective. All subjective criteria should not be used.

Some of the meetings between TxDOT and their consultants are not part of the study information such as meetings held with developers of the GLO property. If there is true transparency then all meeting information should be disclosed to task force and to the public.

Routes that were eliminated due to residences were brought back at the end of the study. This should not have occurred.