



ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOP | JUNE 23, 2016

AGENDA

The goal of the workshop is to update the community on the research that has informed the project over the last eight months. Attendees will hear about the biology, history, archeology, geology and other work that is being conducted. Attendees will be asked through an interactive survey exercise for their priorities regarding aesthetics, landscaping, tree planning, tree relocation, and other elements. Attendees will also be asked to help us identify any additional issues or specific concerns we may not yet be aware of. The data obtained from the community will help determine a possible preferred alternative to move forward.

The project team will provide short presentations and then we will have you discuss the issues at your tables. We have facilitators that will record your thoughts. We will also have a short interactive clicker exercise to gather input from attendees. It is very helpful to the team if we know your priorities.

I. Open House Exhibits

Community Review & Input on Transit

II. Welcome

Lynda Rife, Facilitator

III. Science and Studies

Michelle Dippel, HDR, Inc.

A. Presentation

B. Interactive Survey Exercise

C. Roundtable Discussion/Report Out

IV. Focus on Trees

Meghan Pawlowski, Cox | McLain Environmental Consulting, Inc.

Michael Embesi, City of Austin Arborist (Guest Speaker)

A. Presentations

B. Interactive Survey Exercise

C. Roundtable Discussion/Report Out

V. What's Coming Up Next?

VI. You are Shaping Oak Hill Parkway

VII. Adjourn

All presentations from tonight will be available for download on the "Public Input" page on the project website starting tomorrow morning. The interactive survey will also be posted on the "Home" page of the project website starting tomorrow for a duration of one week after the event. A Meeting Summary will be posted in the following weeks. Please contact us if you have any questions.



**Aesthetics Priority Exercise
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PARTICIPANT STATION # _____

The Oak Hill Parkway project team would like the aesthetics budget for the project to reflect community priorities. We hope you will take a few minutes to complete this prioritization exercise. Please note that elements such as lighting, signage, painting, shared use path, and sidewalks are not included in this exercise. Those standard elements would be constructed if the Oak Hill Parkway project is implemented.

Please tell us what percentage of the remaining aesthetics budget you would like to see allocated for each of the following items. The details below are intended to provide a general idea for what each item might cost.

TREE RELOCATION _____%

- Relocate large oak trees - \$150,000 each including watering/utility adjustments

NEW TREES _____%

- Plant a 45 gallon shade tree (e.g. Live Oak) - \$1000 per tree
- Plant an 45 gallon ornamental tree (e.g. Texas Redbud) - \$500 per tree

LANDSCAPING _____%

- Plant wildflowers - \$2,500 per acre
- Plant native grasses - \$5,000 per acre

STRUCTURES _____%

- Landmark feature/gateway structure that celebrates Oak Hill - \$500,000
- Enhanced walls (e.g. Oak leaf inlays) - \$200,000

BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN _____%

- Enhanced bicycle and pedestrian facilities (signage, lighting, benches, trash bins, bike racks, bike repair stations) - \$250,000
- Trailhead at William Cannon - \$2 million

TOTAL _____**100%**

This exercise will help us understand your priorities. Input provided will be considered as aesthetic guidelines are developed in the final design phase. Financing and other considerations will determine project enhancements.



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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

OPTIONAL:

We send e-blasts about upcoming public workshops as well as a quarterly e-newsletter with information about how the environmental study is progressing. In late 2016/early 2017, we will be both emailing and mailing an invitation to the public hearing.

If you would like to receive future updates on the Oak Hill Parkway Project, please provide your information below. (Please print.)

Name _____

Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____



ENVISIONING GREATER Mobility

WINTER 2015

What Problem Are We Trying To Solve?

Congestion has reduced mobility and the quality of life in Oak Hill and surrounding communities. The intersection of two major state highways, US 290 and SH 71 in Oak Hill, is a gateway to southwest Travis County and serves as a key route between Central Austin and fast-growing suburban and rural communities such as Lakeway, Bee Cave, Dripping Springs and Johnson City. US 290 is one of Texas' most congested highway corridors, and due to a lack of reliable connectivity, US 290 has become an unreliable route for both transit and emergency vehicles.



CONSIDER THESE FACTS:

- Travis County has grown from 212,000 in 1960 to just over 1 million in 2010, increasing congestion (US Census Data, 2013)
- 868 crashes occurred on US 290/SH 71 between 2010-2014, resulting in five fatalities, 20 incapacitating injuries, plus other injuries and property damage (TxDOT, 2015)
- Drivers wasted more than 454,000 hours per year stuck in traffic on US 290/SH 71 in 2014 (Texas Transportation Institute, 2015)

The Mission

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) are working with the City of Austin, Travis County, Capital Metro and other local partners to improve long-term mobility in the region. These organizations will work with the community to develop a solution that effectively addresses congestion, respects the environment, and adds value to the Oak Hill community.

The Process

The project team has initiated a comprehensive study to thoroughly analyze the corridor and determine the best approach for improving mobility. This study will identify a full range of alternatives, incorporate previous analyses, and through extensive analysis and community outreach, identify a recommended solution.

The study began in October 2012, and we anticipate an environmental decision in 2017.

WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO DO?

- Improve mobility and operational efficiency
- Promote long-term congestion management
- Increase multimodal travel options for people and goods
- Improve safety
- Improve emergency response

PROJECT PARTNERS



Concepts for the Oak Hill Parkway have been refined and narrowed using public input, the purpose and need for the project, and detailed traffic analysis. Two build alternatives are advancing through schematic development and evaluation.

BUILD ALTERNATIVE



- Controlled-access highway with frontage roads
- US 290 mainlanes go under SH 71 with direct connections at the intersection of US 290 and SH 71
- Westbound US 290 mainlanes would be north of Williamson Creek over the frontage roads

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- Controlled-access highway with frontage roads
- US 290 mainlanes go over SH 71 with direct connections at the intersection of US 290 and SH 71
- Both west and eastbound US 290 mainlanes would be north of Williamson Creek and the frontage roads would be along the existing highway

NO BUILD ALTERNATIVE / “DO NOTHING” ALTERNATIVE is also being carried as a baseline for analysis.

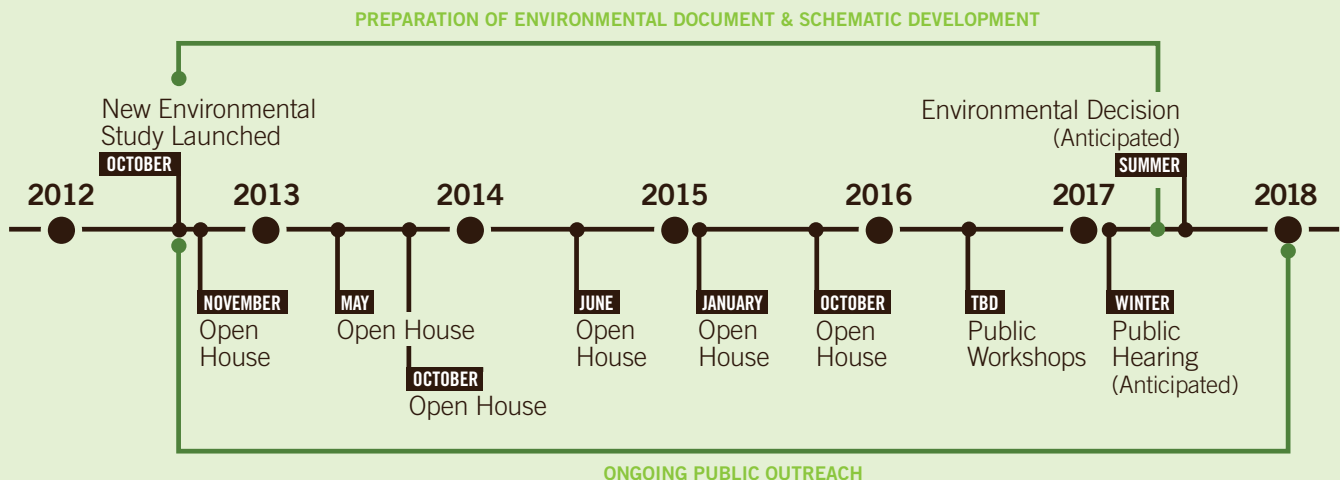
YOU ARE SHAPING OAK HILL PARKWAY

We continue in our mission to engage and listen to you. Your participation in meetings, workshops and open houses has made significant improvements to the proposed alternatives. Some of these improvements include:

- Developing alternatives to address traffic congestion in the corridor
- Proposing a design to separate through-traffic from local traffic
- Reducing the proposed elevation at the US 290/SH 71 intersection
- Adding new facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians, including a shared use path along the entire corridor
- Depressing the US 290 mainlanes at all crossings west of the US 290/SH 71 intersection
- Extending the improvements past Circle Drive and reducing the proposed project’s footprint in that area
- Realigning the westbound US 290 exit to RM 1826 to improve access to Austin Community College
- Improving access for businesses along SH 71 just north of US 290
- Reducing potential flooding with upstream water detention ponds
- Minimizing impacts to Williamson Creek

DID YOU KNOW? THE HIGHEST PROPOSED BRIDGE STRUCTURE ON THE PROJECT IS SHORTER THAN THE AUSTIN PIZZA GARDEN ON US 290 NEAR PATTON RANCH ROAD.

TIMELINE



STAY INFORMED AND GET INVOLVED

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