### OAK HILL PARKWAY WORKGROUP

### September 30, 2013 **Covington Middle School**

**Design/Evaluation Criteria Survey Summary** 

During a workshop held on September 30<sup>th</sup>, the community previewed strategies, concepts and options that will be shown at the October 22, 2013 Open House. The project team outlined the Transportation System Management Strategy, the Transportation Demand Management Strategy, Concept F, and the new braided ramp option that would provide better access to ACC. Twenty-seven participants turned in surveys (see attached). Below is a summary of the results

Transportation System Management: low-cost (non-capital-intensive) strategies When asked "what do you like about this strategy," respondents stated:

- Public transportation
- Signal synchronization •
- Changeable message signs
- Ramp metering
- Incident management
- **Buss pullouts** •
- Low cost
- Minimal time to implement
- Part of an overall strategy •
- Safety
- Traffic flow
- **HOV lanes**
- Car pool
- Flexibility

When asked "what don't you like about this strategy," respondents stated:

- Bus pullouts
- Obsolete in 10 years
- Wouldn't increase capacity
- Insufficient to have an impact
- Doesn't meet purpose and need

When asked "what suggestions do you have for improving the strategy," respondents stated:

- Another Park & Ride further down 290
- Extra Lanes for right turns
- Que jumper lanes
- Upgrade the transit system and services
- Eliminate it from the alternatives
- **Bus pullouts**

Transportation Demand Management: strategies to manage or decrease the demand for auto-related travel When asked "what do you like about this strategy", respondents stated:

- Public transportation
- Telecommuting
- Good when used with road improvements
- Decreasing demand for auto-related travel
- Forward thinking that can help project when finally built
- Flexibility
- True HOV lanes

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When asked "what don't you like about this strategy," respondents stated:

- Wouldn't increase capacity
- Insufficient, if not in conjunction with road improvements
- Doesn't meet purpose and need
- Wouldn't address traffic congestion
- HOV lanes take up lanes
- HOV lanes on a two mile road would be difficult
- Not enough to address long-term needs

When asked "what suggestions do you have for improving the strategy," respondents stated:

- Upgrade the transit system and services
- Eliminate it from the alternatives
- Bus pullouts
- Create tax breaks to work at home

### Concept F: Limited Frontage Roads

When asked, "what do you like about this concept," respondents stated:

- Bridges over SH 290
- Multi-use paths
- Parkway Concept
- Better access west of the Y on SH 290 at Convict Hill
- No continuous frontage roads
- Good solution to congestion at SH 71 and William Cannon
- Improves capacity
- Depressed lanes
- Saves trees and Williamson Creek (environmentally friendly)
- Separates local access and through cars
- No tolls
- Less intrusive
- 2-way local roads

When asked, "what don't you like about this strategy," respondents stated:

- Convoluted paths to shopping area and local businesses
- Difficult for residents to the west
- Not practical for lots of traffic
- Accident could block lanes and cause back-ups,
- Access going east on 290 from Patton School road, Oak Hill Elementary, Oak Claire Drive
- Access going west to Oak Hill Elementary
- Access to 1826
- Access to ACC from the west
- Granda Hills does not have access to hospital and doctors
- Lack of frontage roads
- Feeds traffic into the neighborhoods at Convict Hill, El Ray, Espanola, Adobe
- Access to Ball Park going west
- Lots of land would be required for 2-way roads
- Difficult moving around locally
- Ambulances and fire trucks could get blocked by traffic
- Doesn't meet purpose and need



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When asked, "what suggestions do you have for improving the strategy," respondents stated:

- Realign to make Oak Hill more accessible to residents to the west
- El Rey should have a lane going east toward 1826
- Ensure flooding is not an issue for depressed roads
- Add over/underpass near Patton Ranch Road like those on Concept B & C
- Add another entrance to HEB
- Add frontage roads
- Revise ACC access from west
- No toll roads
- Eliminate option
- Access road needs to continue down to Oak Hill
- Scenic Brook turn around should have 2 lanes in each direction
- Keep two way between Scenic Brook and El Rey and add round about and make right turn one-away
   East
- Add right turn at El Rey
- Light at 1826 and Gallant Fox
- Create a connector road from the back of Granada Hills
- Lower speed limit at 1826 between SH 290 and Slaughter
- Add direct interchanges in all direction between SH290 and SH 71
- Revise access from YMCA to go east on 290 toward town

**Braided Ramp Option**: westbound 290 exit ramp to RM 1826 with an entrance from SH 71 to provide better access to ACC

When asked, "what do you like about this strategy," respondents stated:

- Better access to ACC
- Safety for students

When asked, "what don't you like about this strategy," respondents stated:

- Causes cross traffic issues (weaving)
- Too much concrete
- Limits expansion for the future
- Concerned about depressed lanes on all the concepts due to flooding

When asked, "what suggestions do you have for improving the strategy," respondents stated:

- Exit ramp should have a dedicated overpass for ACC students
- Reduce number of lanes for the frontage roads
- Increase transit
- Add continuous frontage roads
- Need better access to Don's BBQ and Planet Fitness without driving through neighborhoods
- Foot bridge over the ACC driveway