



Event Summary

Oak Hill Parkway Project Information Booth

Lake Travis SpringFest

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Bee Cave, Texas 78738 (Hill Country Galleria)

On April 30, 2016, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) hosted an Oak Hill Parkway project information booth at the Lake Travis SpringFest in Bee Cave, TX. Project team members were on hand to answer questions about the project and to gather input from commuters who live in the Bee Cave and surrounding area about their experiences commuting on SH 71/US 290 through Oak Hill to their respective workplaces/destinations.

The project team advertised about their participation in the event via the following methods:

- Notice on project website www.OakHillParkway.com
- Social media campaign on Twitter @OakHillParkway

Festival attendees who stopped at the information booth were provided with project fact sheets and with the opportunity to sign-up to receive project updates. 24 attendees signed up for the project mailing list to receive those periodic project updates, newsletters and public meeting notices via email. Attendees were also given the option to highlight their “Creative Routes” of travel on a large area map to indicate ways they use alternate roadways to avoid driving through the congestion at the intersection of SH 71 and US 290 in Oak Hill.

Additionally, two large banners were displayed on the booth. One 3’x10’ banner displayed the project name, logos of the sponsoring agencies, TxDOT and the Mobility Authority, and the project website address. A second 4’x10 banner displayed the project’s Purpose and Need statements along with renderings depicting the US 290/SH 17 intersection from the two design alternatives, A and C – the two remaining build concepts being evaluated in detail during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) environmental study process.

The project team reported that most verbal comments from the public indicated that they avoided traveling through the SH 71/US 290 intersection in Oak Hill if at all possible due to the congestion. However, they would still like to see improvements built to have as an option even though they don’t drive through it now (to avoid it). The public also communicated that if they did have the need to travel through Oak Hill currently, they tried to do so during non-peak hours.

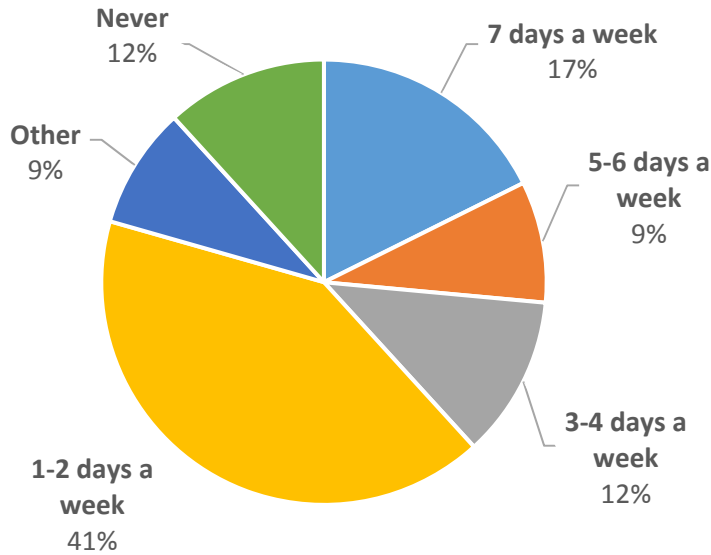
Some folks expressed interest in Alternative A due to the lower elevation of the mainlanes. Others expressed support for Alternative C because of a fear that Alternative A would have flash flooding issues. One person said that they liked Alternative A, but would be happy if either alternative is built. Another person commented, “You’ve been studying this project for 30 years, build it already!”

As for “Creative Routes”, the majority of people said that they used Southwest Parkway primarily to bypass congestion in Oak Hill. Others relied on Bee Caves Road as an alternative route. A few people had some very creative cut-through routes through neighborhoods to avoid the intersection in Oak Hill.

Additionally, the project team polled the public on two questions and asked them to place an orange sticker in the answer box that applied to their experiences traveling SH 71/US 290 through Oak Hill. The polling questions and attendee responses are summarized below:

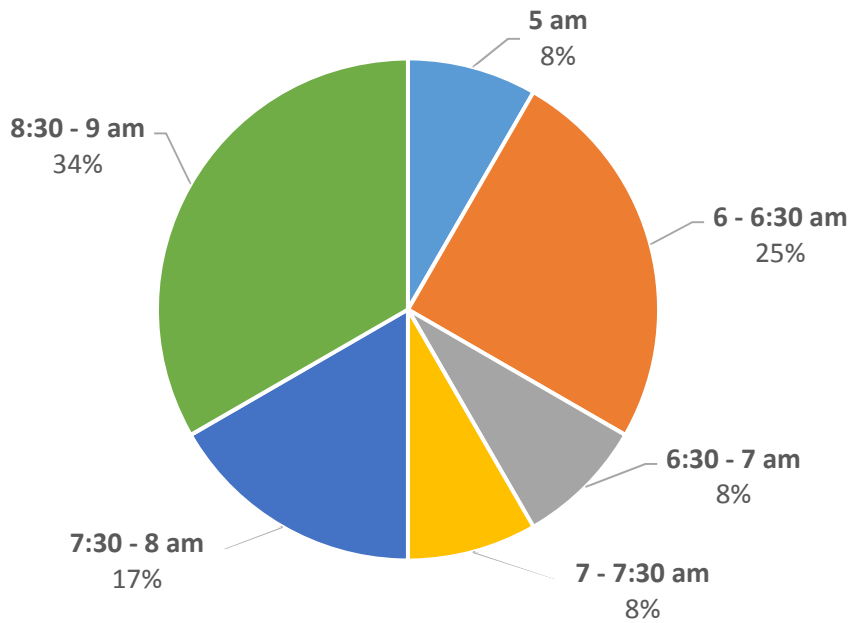
Question #1:

How often do you use SH 71 through the Y to drive into Austin?



Question #2:

If I really wanted to avoid morning traffic on SH 71/US 290 through Oak Hill, I need to leave my house between:



The "Creative Routes" information and general input gathered from the public at the Lake Travis SpringFest will be incorporated into in the environmental study by the project team.