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## FM 150 West Character Plan Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting Notes

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Date: February 19, 2015  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Subject: CAP Meeting 3  
Location: Driftwood Community Center  
Present: Hays County: Commissioner Whisenant

CAP Members: Mr. David Braun, Mr. Casey Cutler, Mr. Dennis Dement, Ms. Sharon Michaelis, Mr. Mark Oechsner, Mrs. Lisa Oechsner, Ms. Maile Roberts, Judge Bob Shannon, Mr. Mike Steinert, Mr. Bruce Turbow

Project Team: Joe Cantalupo and Greg Blackburn with K Friese & Associates; Brian Ray and Kelly Laustsen with Kittelson & Associates; John Kuhl and Julie LeClaire with Hicks Environmental; Paula Gruber with PSI; Van Short and Stephanie Russell with HNTB; Arin Gray and Albert Castro with CD&P

Public members that signed in: Sara Cutler, Nancy and Jim Marroquin, Randy and Judy Daugherty, Godd Cullson, S.P. Gates, Elizabeth Craig, Gary Cutler, Ripley McWilliams

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### Meeting Summary

Joe Cantalupo gave a presentation covering: follow-up from last meeting, a review of the project schedule, and an overview of context zones. John Kuhl gave an overview of the environmental resources map and explained that the project is a pre-NEPA project and the map was developed as a desktop constraints map. Brian Ray then covered traffic data collected to date, including traffic volume summary, travel patterns in the A.M. and P.M. peak hours, traffic operations, analysis of crash data, and a speed profile assessment. Joe then covered next steps and noted that the CAP would not meet next month, but asked members to attend the public meeting and represent the CAP.

The group then went through a mapping exercise to share input and give feedback on process for public meeting.

## Questions and Discussions:

The meeting was a casual format with discussions and questions throughout. Below is a summary of the questions asked and the discussions held.

- Asked about the golden-cheeked warbler and if the map would include all of the sets of data?
  - No this includes data from Texas A & M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources. The three different data sets can be overlaid but at this point it is just one.
- Asked about traffic counts and why the turning traffic off Old Kyle Road wasn't included?
  - Explained the volume summary is giving an overview of the different traffic patterns and turning information is covered in different slides.
- What is the stop sign shown between RR 12 and 1826?
  - It is Darden Hill Road.
- What is current capacity for FM 150?
  - 2-Lane road can typically handle 20,000 – 25,000 vehicles per day.
  - Operating at 25% capacity in the one segment
- Noted we need to think about the peak points, not just over the day. How many vehicles can a two lane road handle per hour?
  - In terms of big round numbers, a 2-lane road can handle 1,600 to 1,800 vehicles per hour
- How does the traffic data speak to the urgency of the project?
  - This is baseline information on the current conditions.
- What would trigger the need to start action on the project?
  - Noted we need to account for the forecasted population growth.
  - Noted the effort is really about doing good planning.
- In terms of crash data, what is fixed object?
  - An object that was not another car.
- Asked about comparing this to another similar 2-lane road.
  - Noted we are just sharing initial data but we can compare.
  - Noted that we don't really consider that any deaths are ok and that all efforts are moving towards zero death roadways.
- Any information on how many crashes were alcohol-related?
  - Don't remember offhand, but can look.
- There was an accident at RR 12 and FM 150 intersection recently – what was it?
  - Not sure what happened.
- If we are shooting for inferred speed, are we planning to build a four lane road?
  - We are not shooting for inferred speed, but reviewing existing conditions and want you to think about what the road looks like to a driver. We are not designing right now, but looking at data and concepts.
- If we can see what the future corridor would look like in May?
  - Noted we will look at future projections and compare to existing data. This will be one of several data points
- Noted we need to be able to get full public input and asked what about people that couldn't make it on March 25. Asked if on the website we could have a place for public comments.
  - We do and will continue to promote that we always accept comments and questions.

- Along the line of the roles of the CAP, some members wanted to work more than one meeting a month and asked consultants to provide information and maps to assist with this.
  - We know that there is a lot of information to take in now. We are not identifying projects in this phase of the projects (such as how many lanes, intersection improvements, etc). The project team will work to provide any information needed, and to coordinate and support the extra meetings with the CAP.

**Action Items:**

1. Gather information on how many crashes were alcohol-related.
2. Follow up with David Braun on what members will need for their independent meetings.