



PUBLIC MEETING OCTOBER 22, 2015

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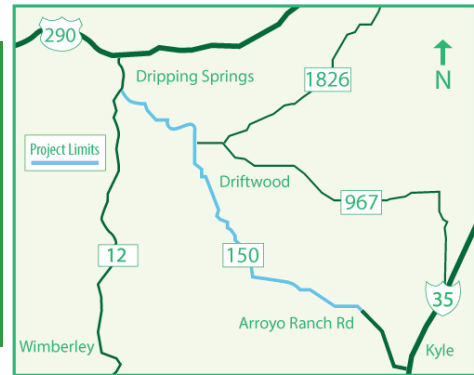
Thank you for being here tonight and for taking the time to get involved in this project. Hays County has so many great characteristics, but one of the most unique is the citizens and the effort you put forward to make this County and community a great place to live. The County values your comments and questions and will continue to integrate them into the Character Plan for FM 150. By working closely together, we will be able to develop solutions that serve the needs of our growing county while preserving the character.

Hays County Commissioners

Will Conley, Precinct 3 & Ray Whisenant, Precinct 4

FM 150 CHARACTER PLAN

The Plan will address FM 150 capacity and safety needs from Arroyo Ranch Road in Kyle to RR 12 in Dripping Springs. The County is developing a context sensitive plan for this area now while there is flexibility to address community needs and preferences in accommodating future traffic growth.



AGENDA

- 6:00 to 6:15 Sign In
- 6:15 to 7:15 Presentation
- 7:15 to 8:00 Open House

We encourage you to visit one-on-one with project team members to ask questions and share your input. Please be sure to share your comments and questions with team members and via comment card or email. All comments and questions submitted by comment card or email will be documented in the meeting report.



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement has been and will continue to be an integral and fundamental part of this process. The County will continue to hold public meetings, send email updates, meet with interested community members, and collect input and questions from the community. This is the third public meeting for the FM 150 Character Plan.

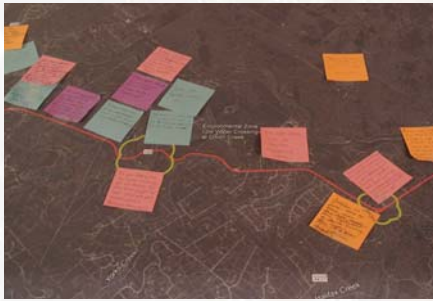
Previous Public Meetings

October 2014 – 129 Attendees

March 2015 – 95 Attendees



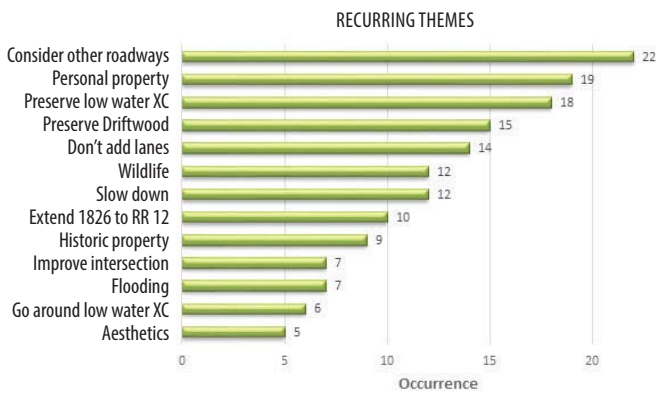
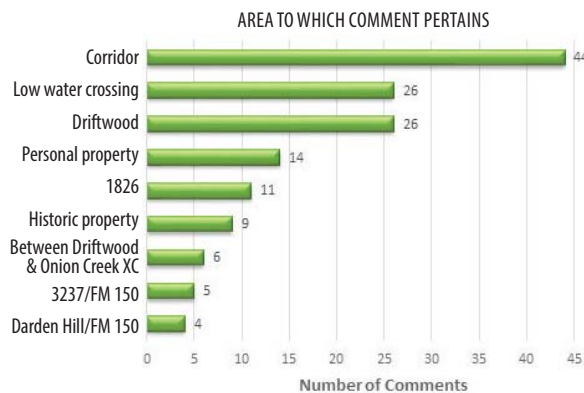
Informational meeting held to share project information and process



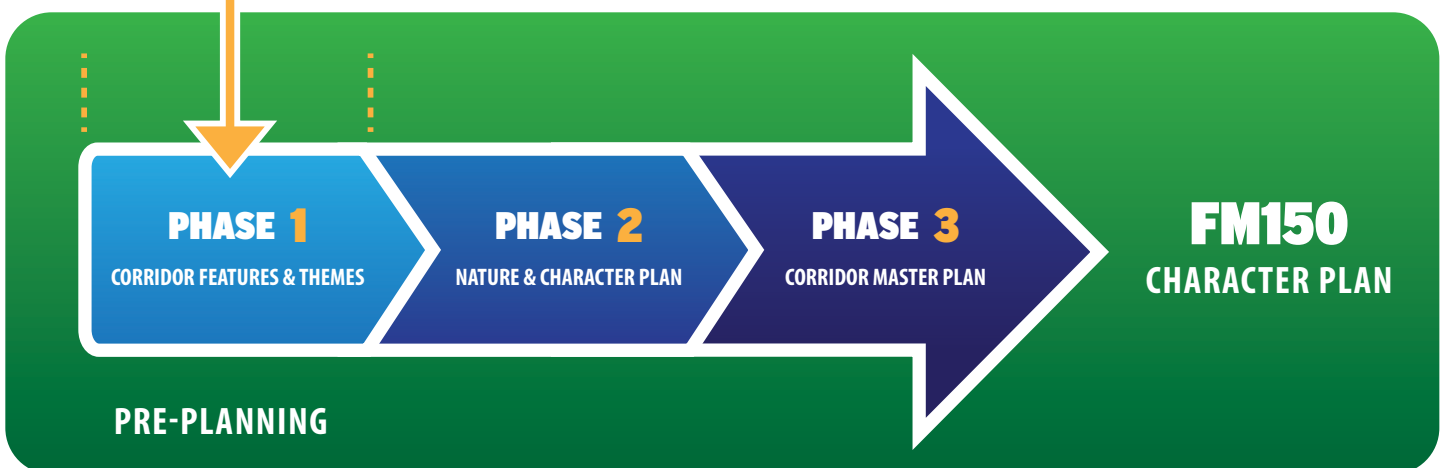
Workshop held with mapping exercise to collect input on the corridor



From 178 mapped comments and an additional 35 comments collected, the County and the project team got a good idea of what the community values along the FM 150 Corridor. Below is a summary of the received comments, and the full meeting report is posted on the project website.



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CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL

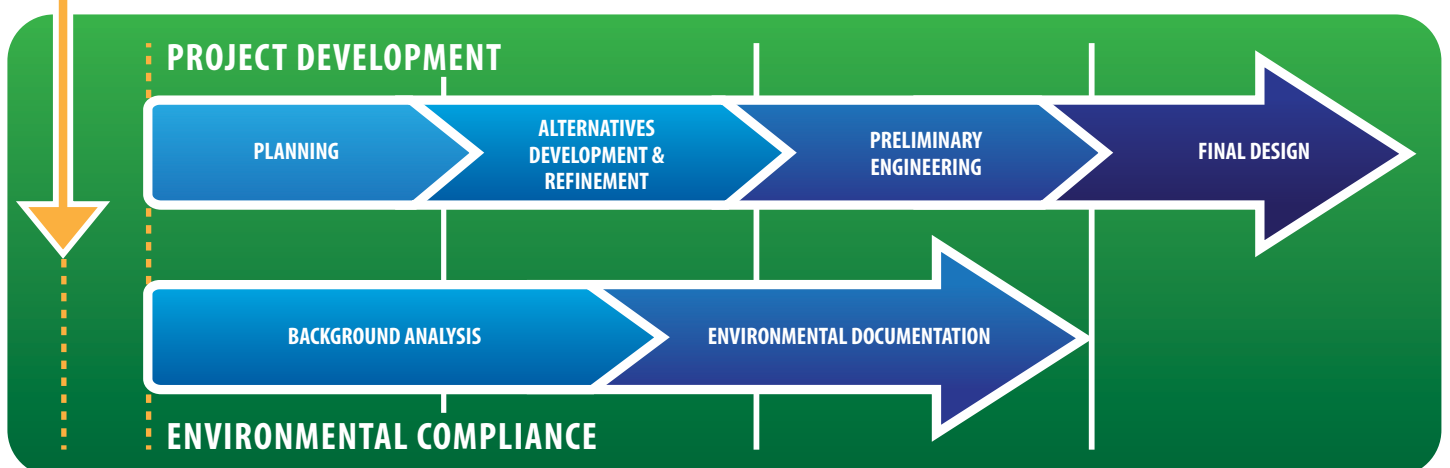
A Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP) of 11 local stakeholders has been working alongside the County and project team to help define the project and public process. The CAP has met 10 times and shared valuable input for the project.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Shared valuable input on the area, driving patterns, unique characteristics, and environmental considerations
- Worked with the project team to identify context zones along the corridor
- CAP member developed a video flyover of the project to share input and historical details
- Served as a sounding board to improve the presentation of materials in public meetings
- Helped inform the community of the project and opportunities to participate
- Developed a Driftwood Heritage Corridor concept to identify and preserve the Driftwood character which evolved into two different bypass concepts



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is the County studying FM 150?

FM 150 was identified in the Hays County Transportation Plan as a roadway that would at some point in the future need upgrades to handle the equivalent of 4 lanes of traffic due to growth projections. The County is developing a plan NOW for how to incrementally improve the roadway over time, allowing proactive, rather than reactive decisions to be made.

What are growth projections and where will growth occur?

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, or CAMPO, predicts that the population of Hays County will nearly quadruple over the next 25 years. Much of the growth is expected to occur near cities along I35, but the entire county will see a large population increase as employment, education, and recreation opportunities continue to develop. The roadway system will have to expand to accommodate traffic associated with growth.

Will FM 150 look like Highway 290?

The whole point of this process is to avoid a road that looks like 290! Hays County is engaging stakeholders in a comprehensive way well in advance of traditional roadway design projects. In addition, the context sensitive approach being used does not force fit a typical highway section to the corridor. Rather, it considers customized corridor concepts to match project needs.

What will the road look like?

That is the question this process will answer and we will not know until the process is complete. The road may not look the same in different communities as it is adapted to the different contexts along the corridor. The County is collecting technical information and community input. By putting these two together, a context sensitive plan for how the road could be modified will be developed in conjunction with extensive community input and discussions.

Will the road be 4 lanes and why do you need 150 feet of right-of-way?

This process and the resulting plan for moving forward assumes that FM 150 will eventually carry the equivalent of 4 lanes of traffic. The way 4 lanes actually lays out can vary. Some concepts include expanding the existing alignment while some include providing 2 lanes in a new alignment. The project team will continue working with community members on preferences in different areas such as incorporating a parkway feel with an emphasis on landscaping that requires more right-of-way or supporting a simpler layout with two lanes in each direction all on one section of pavement. Various options would require different amounts of right-of-way, as some would need more or less than 150 feet.

Is it too late to give my input?

No! This is the beginning phase for developing a plan for FM 150. Hays County and the project team will continue to work closely with the community throughout the Character Plan and beyond.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Need time to think? – Please email or mail comments and questions to the project team.

While comments and questions are accepted at any time, they must be received by **November 6, 2015**, to be included in the public meeting report.

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