

APPENDIX H

STAKEHOLDER MEETING NOTES



Meeting Notes

Meeting Details:

When: 1/27/11 at 2:00pm

Where: CTRMA Conference Room, 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 650

Purpose of the Meeting:

To meet with Dick Kallerman and Sinclair Black regarding their "Moving People Proposal", that would convert an existing general purpose lane into an express lane.

Meeting Attendees/Organization:

Lynda Rife, Rifeline; Paul Terranova, HNTB; Jon Geiselbrecht, TxDOT; Mike Walker, TxDOT; Joseph Carrizales, TxDOT; Kon Kwan, TxDOT; Mario Espinoza, CTRMA; Dick Kallerman, Sierra Club and Save Our Springs Alliance; Sinclair Black, Black & Vernooy Architects and Professor at University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture.

Information Provided:

Sinclair Black walked the team through the proposal "Moving People". The original proposal came from a Downtown Alliance Working group that included MoNAC, Sierra Club and neighborhoods. TTI provided educational support for the group. The focus of the proposal is to change community driving behavior by taking a general purpose lane and converting it to a managed lane for transit and HOV-2 commuters and then toll additional capacity with prices raised during peak driving periods. Mr. Black explained that this would cause less construction disruption and would save money that could be used in other places.

The project team explained that several of the alternatives that are part of the NEPA process came out of the Downtown Alliance task force including the conversion of a multipurpose lane and the conversion of the shoulder (which morphed into the express lane alternative.) The conversion of the multipurpose lane is one of the original alternatives being studied. The team explained the conversion was not one of the alternatives that they were planning to do more analysis on because it did not fully meet the purpose and need of the project. Mr. Black and Mr. Sinclair asked the team to continue investigating this alternative.

Issues/Concerns Raised by MoPac Improvement Project Team

1. State law requires a public vote to change a general purpose lane into a toll lane. Likely by all of Travis County
2. CAMPO policy does not allow a general purpose lane to be changed to a toll lane
3. The lane would need to be limited to registered van pools and buses due to enforcement issues and likely for the financing to work.
4. By decreasing current MoPAC capacity, there would be more congestion and more vehicles cutting through neighborhoods which could be an unintended consequence of the proposal

Follow-up Required:

- Provide Mr. Black and Mr. Kallerman the purpose and needs statement
- Team will discuss with FHWA the request to continue working on the alternative
- Mr. Kallerman and Mr. Black were encouraged to talk to the community leadership regarding the likelihood of passing a proposal of converting an existing lane on MoPAC to a toll lane.

MEETING MINUTES
MoPac Improvement Project
Outreach and Update
February 23, 2011
3:00 PM, University of Texas, Main Building Room 303

Attendees:

<u>ENTITY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
CTRMA	Mario Espinoza
HNTB	Paul Terranova
University of Texas	Dr. Pat Clubb
University of Texas	Dr. Bob Harkins
University of Texas	Bobby Stone
University of Texas	Amy Wanamaker

I. Overview

- The Mobility Authority presented an update on the status of the MoPac Improvement Project
- The University of Texas (UT) recognized that the proposed ingress/egress locations will most likely not be utilized by the UT Shuttle Services going between the UT Main Campus (via 35th St) and the J.J. Pickle Research Campus (via Braker Lane).
- The UT staff also acknowledged that a greater percentage of their staff, faculty, and students come to campuses from further out in the suburbs, and improvements to their commute are appreciated in terms of recruiting and quality of life.
- Although mixed-use development of the Brackenridge tract along Lake Austin Blvd is anticipated, details of scope and timing were not discussed. The group recognized that should development of Brackenridge proceed, discussions should be held to determine the feasibility of Lake Austin Blvd access to future southbound and northbound MoPac express lanes. The Mobility Authority mentioned that the MoPac Improvement Project is not proposing any improvements for Lake Austin Blvd in the vicinity of the MoPac right-of-way.

II. Action Items

- The Mobility Authority will continue to keep UT apprised of the MoPac Improvement Project through project updates, eNewsletters, open house meetings, and face to face meetings as appropriate.
- Bob Harkins will serve as our primary UT contact for the project. One on one project updates should be made to him and he should be informed of future public meetings.

The foregoing constitutes our understanding of the matters discussed and the conclusions reached. If there are any questions, corrections, omissions, or additional comments, please advise the author within five working days after receipt of these minutes.

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Meeting Notes

- Aesthetics to Provide value to Existing Properties
- Help to keep sense of place – Austin
- Play down Massive amounts of road
- Soften the Corridor/ Hill Country Theme
- Memorable Corridor – with wildflowers and trees
- Deep Eddy/ MoPac – Quality Aesthetics

CSDAC Concept Comments

- Variations on a theme along corridor – kit of parts & pieces w/ variety
- Names of neighborhoods along MoPac
- Unique icons/ per each exit/ wayfinding opportunities
- Scheme 'B' Appears taller...too tall?
- That the 3D model should reflect reality @ 12'-16' height walls @ south end
- Landscape Opportunities are KEY!
- Timeless/ native materials
- Option 'C' – looks too contemporary
- Option 'B' – brick color should be more tan; dark band on top makes wall look taller than actual; too many textures
- Darker colors on bottom of wall to help ground wall
- Beauty in Simplicity
- Want to see crash barrier option
- All concepts appear too busy?
- Suggestion – Unifies column; cap & rail w/ varied panels depending on location along corridor.
- Suggestion – more unification with panels and have columns reflect area of corridor.
- Want to see real relationships - house location/ wall placement; MoPac main lane vs wall; etc.... of various options. Use cars and people to show scale.



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MEETING No. 1 - AESTHETICS REVIEW

Thursday, March 24, 2011 | 6:00-8:00 pm
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Meeting Notes

Meeting Details:

When: 3/30/2011 5:30pm-7:00 pm

Where: Howson Branch 2500 Exposition Blvd., 78703 (512) 974-8800

Purpose of the Meeting:

To meet with Old Enfield Neighborhood Association in regard to issues brought up in a neighborhood newsletter and to discuss other issues that have come up in phone calls with Jim Christianson including Senator Watson's Legislation and Parsons Brinkeroffs' 2001 MoPac Study.

Meeting Attendees/Organization:

Neighbors: Kent Miller, Barbara DeBow, Jackson Giles, Helen Ingram, Heather Ball, Jason Nichols, Jim Christianson.

Team Members: Mario Espinoza, Mobility Authority; Lynda Rife, Rifeline; Paul Terranova, HNTB; Jon Geiselbrecht, TxDOT, Lorena Echeverria, AECOM; Heather Ashley-Nguyen, AECOM

Information Provided:

The project team explained the environmental process and the alternatives that were still on the table. They handed out the project update information piece that is attached and the CAMPO resolution that called for any MoPac project to be built within the current ROW. The team talked about the project in general but specific concerns were raised by the neighbors including the exact width of the shoulders by the neighborhood, how much of the grassy areas would be paved, and the north bound entrance ramp at Enfield. The team stated they would come back to provide that specific information. There was also concern over the exact location of the TxDOT ROW at the intersection of Newfield and Enfield. The team stated that the TxDOT ROW bordered along the curb line of Newfield Lane.

The project team talked about the width of the lanes and what other highways around Texas already have those 11' widths. Some areas of MoPac used to be 11 feet wide and recently were restriped to 12 feet wide as part of the resurfacing. The issue of semi-truck use of MoPac and the width of the lanes surfaced in regard to safety. The examples were provided where these types of trucks were using 11 foot lanes.

The team talked about the noise walls and the process. The neighbors wanted to know the height of the walls, where they would be placed, and if they lived across the street from a wall would they be allowed to vote on the sound walls, and exactly what they would be voting on and if they had any input into what happens rather than just an up or down vote. The team mentioned that, based on federal guidelines, a simple majority vote greater than 50% by the property owners adjacent to the sound barrier would determine whether the wall was built and what it would look like. If their property was not adjacent to the sound barrier, then they would have to lobby the property owners who are adjacent. Neighbors asked about how they could obtain a list of the property owners that would be voting. The team stated that they were beginning the process of identifying the voting property owners and would supply to TxDOT for their review.

The team stated that there was a Context Sensitive Design Advisory Committee that Helen Ingram from the Old Enfield Neighborhood was serving. There would be an open house likely in the late May time frame for public input. Then there will be noise workshops this summer.

The neighbors asked which oak trees would be removed in the Johnson Creek Trail and along Winsted Lane. The team stated that they would get back to them in regard to the information.

The neighbors asked who should they call to repair the existing wooden fences and will the City or TxDOT maintain the new sound walls that are constructed on TxDOT ROW. Neighbors are concerned

about how this project feeds into other City streets around Enfield. Lynda Rife stated she would see if Gary Schatz with the City could attend the next meeting and would try to figure out who at the City should be called regarding the fence repair. Gary and Jason Nichols recently conducted a traffic calming visit of Newfield Lane due to the amount of traffic cutting through the neighborhood.

Mario Espinoza gave an overview of Senator Watson's legislation in regard to MoPac. The neighbors were provided with the bill text and the press release from the Mobility Authority. There were no further questions and the issue will not be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The project team provided Jim Christianson with a copy of the Parsons Brinkeroffs' 2001 study with a caveat that the study was 10 years old and the AECOM study is going in a new direction. They asked the neighbors to remember that as they reviewed the material.

Follow-up Required:

- Set up meeting for April 20, 2011 with the neighborhood to follow-up with more specific information and maps
- Team needs to come back with specific answers for the neighborhood based on current design in regard to new pavement widths, noise wall heights and placement, noise wall voting process and maintenance, and oak tree impacts.
- Lynda Rife to invite Gary Schatz with the COA to the next neighborhood meeting.
- Lynda Rife will determine who they should call to get the fence repaired?
 - http://coa311web.ci.austin.tx.us/web_intake/Controller Use Service Type: "Fence Repair – MOPAC"

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Meeting Notes

Meeting Details:

When: 4/20/2011 5:30pm-7:00 pm

Where: Howson Branch 2500 Exposition Blvd., 78703 (512) 974-8800

Purpose of the Meeting:

Follow up on March 30th meeting with the Old Enfield Neighborhood Association

Meeting Attendees/Organization:

See attached list - Team Members: Lynda Rife, Rifeline; Paul Terranova, HNTB; Jon Geiselbrecht, TxDOT, Lorena Echeverria, AECOM; Heather Ashley-Nguyen, AECOM; Kon Kwan, TxDOT; David Moore, HHM.

Information Provided:

The project team reviewed the width of shoulders; construction changes to where the current pavement is and pointed out which trees would be removed.

The team talked about the noise walls and the process. The team pointed out where wall #16 and # 17 would be located, the height of the walls which would be between 12 foot and 18 foot depending on where they are located. The team also indicated that the walls are located where the study showed they should be located but exact location is still under design based on terrain, easements, utility poles, etc. The team explained that property owners that abut the property would be allowed to vote to decide upon the wall and in addition property owners that live across the street when no public property abuts the ROW. The voting will be by wall and a certified letter would be sent out to the property owners. They asked that the project team provide information/fact sheets regarding the sound wall workshops including time and date so they can circulate it.

The team stated that there was a Context Sensitive Design Advisory Committee that Helen Ingram from the Old Enfield Neighborhood was serving. There would be an open house May 26th at Gullet Elementary School, and it was recommended that actual wall heights be shown so residents get a feel for how tall the walls will be. A resident had a question about whether sound walls will be built first, and the team responded that sound wall construction is currently being proposed as part of the first phase of construction. Maintenance of the new sound walls has yet to be determined between TxDOT and the City of Austin.

The team provided the neighbors with the 311 website and number for repair the existing wooden fences

Gary Schatz with the City of Austin could not attend the meeting to discuss information about city streets. The neighbors stated that they would follow-up with the COA.

David Moore provided an overview of the area of Potential Effects and Historical mapping and that his job was to review them and ensure that no damage was done. No property would be taken. It is just assurance that we respect our historical properties.

There was some discussion regarding bike lanes and pedestrian lanes. Participants were encouraged to let the team know if they wanted to be part of future bike discussions. Angela Johnson and Stephanie Childs were identified.

Follow-up Required:

- No follow-up meeting until after noise workshops
- Ashley to invite Angela Johnson to bike meeting in May.
- Send Jim Christianson information regarding noise workshops once they are set

4/20/11 OLD ENFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD
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