

FACT SHEET GILLESPIE COUNTY RELIEF ROUTE

May 3, 2016

- The Relief Route Task Force was established in 2013 consisting of 10 city and county residents.
- Mission of Task Force is to identify the need and develop a viable solution for a Fredericksburg traffic relief route in order that our citizens may discern true information, which may ultimately lead to a vote on this important topic.
- A report completed by Acting Public Works Director Walter Ragsdale P.E. stated that within 5-6 years the average daily traffic flow on Main Street would exceed capacity.
- A Hazardous Material Commodity Flow Study conducted indicated that between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. a large truck will pass by on Highway 290 every 45-50 seconds. Most common truck type identified is a bulk carrier (dump truck, grain truck, bulk materials carrier, etc.)
- The Task Force retained outside engineering consultant, Greg Haley P.E. who assisted the Task Force in developing preliminary plans for two alternate routes. Both route options use portions of Friendship Lane which will reduce overall construction costs.
- Numerous meetings were held with staff from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) over the past three years and they are supportive of this project.
- The Task Force is currently focusing on general area bounded by Post Oak Road and Kerr Road on the western portion of the route.
- The preliminary design section of roadway was also discussed with TXDOT staff with the preferred design requiring a right-of-way of 140 feet.
- The Preliminary Report and Recommendations was prepared in November, 2015 and presented to the City Council and County Commissioners.
- TXDOT recently committed to conduct a Corridor Study of the Relief Route.

Prior to the start of the Corridor Study, the Task Force would like to receive public comments. Comments can be sent by May 30 to Relief Route Task Force, City of Fredericksburg, 126 West Main, Fredericksburg, Texas, or emailed to mwiggins@fbgtx.org.