

Fredericksburg Relief Route Study

Meeting Overview

Gillespie County Relief Route Task Force Meeting #6 Overview

DATE: June 25, 2019

TIME: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Fredericksburg City Hall, 126 W Main St., 78624

➤ **Opening Remarks and Introductions** - *Kory Keller, Chairman, Gillespie County Relief Route Task Force*

Kory Keller, Task Force Chairman, gave a brief welcome and thank you to all attending the meeting. He informed the group that a smaller Task Force meeting was held on May 23 and gave the following highlights:

- Community wants to make sure the relief route will happen this time
- Request to start sequencing the City's plan on inner routes in the Transportation Master Plan
- November 2020 bond election for street projects is the target for the City
- Desire to discuss the amount of right of way being proposed now in comparison to the 250 ft. proposed right of way in the Gillespie Transportation Plan of 1973
 - TxDOT response:
For TxDOT to take on new roadways, they are required to follow specific standards
TxDOT won't build new road without being able to trade existing road back to the City/County
400 ft. ROW is the minimum for frontage roads, can be smaller if no frontage roads
- CIRR Update
 - Sent out an email to all constituents with "CIRR Fact Sheet" which suggested not building a relief route

➤ **Preliminary Route Options – Initial Screening Results and Project Team Recommendations**- *Stacey Benningfield, CP&Y; Lynda Rife, Rifeline*

Stacey Benningfield, CP&Y, began by sharing that the first screen evaluation of the eight preliminary route options had been conducted. She explained that the goal of this screening was to identify a set of Primary Route Options.

Benningfield stated that the Study Team has conducted a preliminary assessment of frontage roads/access needs and has adjusted ROW assumptions accordingly (400' full frontage roads; 325' frontage road only on one side; 250' no frontage roads). She explained that the ROW footprints used for evaluation purposes reflected the adjusted ROW widths/frontage road assumptions. She followed this by presenting the results of the first screen evaluation. She explained that for each evaluation criteria, raw data was collected and a ranking (1 – 8) was assigned based on the raw data. The rankings were then tallied to determine the overall score for each option.



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Lynda Rife, Rifeline, then explained how input from the January 2019 public workshop was analyzed. She noted the public input raw data and resulting public input ranking for each route option.

Stacey Benningfield then explained that based on the results of the initial screening, the Study Team recommended moving forward with Route E (Grey), Route F (Orange), and Route G (Pink) as the “Primary Route Options”. The Task Force then discussed the possibility of adding two additional routes (D and H) which were the next highly ranked.

After the discussion, the Task Force voted (5 to 1) to move forward with five Primary Route Options. The five Primary Route Options are:

- Grey (E)
- Orange (F)
- Pink (G)
- Purple (D)
- Maroon (H)

Benningfield stated that the Primary Route Options will be presented at an upcoming public Open House (summer 2019). They will also be evaluated through the operational analysis and historic survey – both of which will be conducted over the summer. Benningfield explained that the Open House input, operational analysis results and historic survey information will be considered during the technical (second screen) evaluation of the Primary Route Options. The Task Force suggested that impacts on planned (platted) residential subdivisions also be considered during the evaluation of the Primary Route Options. City staff will provide plats.

➤ Access and Frontage Road Workshop - Lynda Rife, Rifeline

Lynda Rife explained that an Access Workshop would be held after the Open House (August or September). She explained that the purpose of the workshop is to engage stakeholders in a discussion of the pros and cons of frontage roads and allow the public to provide input on frontage road needs. She stated that those interested in participating in the workshop will have an opportunity to sign-up at the next Open House. The Task Force agreed that this type of workshop would be beneficial.

➤ Open House – Stacey Benningfield, CP&Y

Benningfield stated that the next Open House is tentatively planned for late-July or early-August. She suggested having the Open House at the Gillespie County Farm Bureau Pape Event Center. Participants would have the opportunity to view the Primary Route Options and give suggestions/modifications on maps provided. After discussion, the Task Force suggested July 23rd as the date if the Event Center is available.



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➤ **Next Steps** – *Stacey Benningfield, CP&Y*

Stacey explained that the next round of evaluation (second screen evaluation) will include results of the traffic (operational) modeling and historical resources survey for the five Primary Route Options. She stated that the historians have started data collection. At the second Open House in the fall of 2019, the intent is to present the “Locally-Preferred Route Option” to the public for review and input.

➤ **Meeting in Boerne (City of Boerne and Kendall County Relief Route Experience)-** *Kent Myers, Fredericksburg City Manager*

Kent Myers asked the Task Force members if they were interested in scheduling a trip to Boerne and Kendall County to discuss their experience with their potential relief route study. The members agreed that this would be a good way to find out more information.

➤ **Wrap Up** - *Kory Keller, Gillespie County Relief Route Task Force*

Kory Keller thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting.



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