



**Lubbock Outer Route Study**  
**Wednesday, October 30, 2013, 10:00 AM**  
**TxDOT Lubbock District Office, Bluebonnet Room – Training Center**  
**FINAL Stakeholder Meeting Summary**

Name	Organization
<b>Members Present</b>	
Nicholas Olenik	Lubbock County
Mayor Glen Robertson	City of Lubbock
H. David Jones	Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization
Neil Welch	City of Lubbock
Drew Paxton	City of Lubbock
Mike Lamberson	City of Slaton
Darrell Newsom	City of Wolfforth
Doug Hutchinson	City of Wolfforth
Brian Baker	S. Plains Community Action Association
David Vroonland	Frenship ISD
Pat Henderson	Cooper ISD
George McMahan	W. TX Home Builders Association
Stacy Smith	Plains Cotton Growers
Mark Heinrich	Lubbock County Commissioner

*To view to complete meeting sign-in sheets, see Attachment 1*

**MEETING OBJECTIVES:** Identify preliminary options for route evaluation for the Lubbock Outer Route Study

**Welcome/Introductions**..... Doug Eichorst, P.E.

Mr. Eichorst briefly explained that the process for considering a new outer route started about five years ago and now is the time to move forward. Phase 1 consisted of a feasibility study, which concluded that a 4-lane divided highway could be feasible by 2030, and a freeway could be feasible by 2050 on the south and west side of Lubbock. The next phase is to identify route alternatives. Today's meeting will begin this process.

**Review of Last Meeting Summary**..... Steve Warren, P.E.

Steve Warren, TxDOT TP&D Project Manager, informed the group that there was a meeting in June to kick-off Phase 2. At the June meeting, the group was briefed on the findings from Phase 1 as well as next steps to launch Phase 2.

Phase 1, The Feasibility Study, eliminated further consideration of the northern and eastern portions of what was initially considered the outer loop. These corridors are not projected to experience enough growth to support a new route at this time. The remaining corridors (south and west side of Lubbock) make up the Lubbock Outer Route. This group, along with public input, will help identify route alternatives to carry forward

into an environmental study. The construction of Lubbock Outer Route could be phased with frontage roads being built first and, as the need for capacity grows, could be upgraded to a freeway with frontage roads.

**Review Preliminary Options** ..... Steve Warren, P.E.

Three preliminary options were identified for consideration and evaluation by this group. These options need to be considered in terms of future growth, economic development, existing conditions, and environmental constraints. The feasibility study looked at a corridor approximately two miles wide. Included in that corridor was Woodrow Road as a possible connection to Slaton. However, it was determined to be too far south to work well. Division Street was also eliminated as a connector to Slaton. Additional proposed connections for accessing US 84 were FM 1585, 146<sup>th</sup> Street, and East Woodrow Rd.

The option along FM 1585 has some issues due to development, the sports complex, and existing plats. The FM 1585 segment is being proposed for west of Wolfforth. There are fewer restrictions following a route that goes by Reese Technology Center along Research Blvd./Quitsna Ave. At Shallowater, two options are suggested to connect to US 84. On the south, it is suggested to utilize FM 1585 as much as possible. Mr. Warren emphasized these options as very preliminary, based on “windshield” analysis and intended to be a starting point for stakeholder input.

The committee reviewed the preliminary options, marked up the maps with information related to future growth, parcel ownership information, known utilities and easements, and came up with revised options for evaluation by TxDOT and the consultant team. These options will be evaluated using the evaluation criteria such as connectivity, costs including right-of-way acquisition, and environmental impacts. The revised options will be sent to the committee for additional feedback.

**Review Draft Evaluation Criteria** ..... Steve Warren, P.E.

Mr. Warren went over the preliminary list of criteria for evaluating the proposed options. Criteria included congestion, safety, and socioeconomic impacts including converting farmland to residential or something other than agricultural use. Criteria listed under environmental factors include impacts to playa lakes and wetlands, historic sites and landmarks, and cemeteries, as well as old underground tanks and pipeline crossings. Finally, construction cost and other engineering components will be evaluated. Mr. Warren asked the committee to review the evaluation criteria and send comments on additional evaluation criteria that should be considered.

**Public Involvement**..... Steve Warren, P.E./Jefferson Grimes

One of the reasons for forming the stakeholder committee is to get input and feedback on the public involvement component of the study. Mr. Warren asked the committee members to review, and provide comment on the draft public involvement documents. These documents will be used as outreach and information tools and will be posted to the website once finalized. He also informed the committee that TxDOT is available to do group presentations outside of the formal public meetings.

The first public meeting for Phase 2 will likely be in late January/early February. Preliminary options will be presented to the public along with initial evaluation of each option. The committee will meet approximately two weeks before the public meeting to preview and provide feedback on the information.

**Next Steps**..... Doug Eichorst, P.E.

Next steps include updating the project website to include all members of the Stakeholder Committee and sending the map with the updated preliminary options to the committee. These maps may be shared with others to gather feedback and comment. The next stakeholder committee meeting will be in mid-late January, approximately two weeks ahead of the first public meeting.

**Adjourn** ..... Doug Eichorst, P.E.

**Next meeting** will be in January 2014, approximately two weeks prior to the first public meeting.

**Attachments:**

1. Sign-in sheets
2. Agenda
3. Preliminary Evaluation Criteria

**Meeting Staff:**

Doug Eichorst, Steve Warren, Jerry Cash, Karen Bradshaw, Joni Hutson, Cary Karnstadt, Jefferson Grimes (TxDOT)

Nishant Kukadia, Chris Lazaro (Jacobs)

Sonia Jimenez (Ximenes & Associates)

# **Attachment 1**

## **Sign-in sheets**

**Lubbock Outer Route Study Stakeholder Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 30, 2013, 10:00 AM**  
**TxDOT Lubbock District Office – Windmill Room**  
**135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, TX 79404**

**Members**

<b>Attending (✓)</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Alternate (Print Name)</b>	<b>Signature</b>
✓	H. David Jones	Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization		
✓	Nick Olenik	Lubbock County		
✓	Mayor Glen Robertson	City of Lubbock		
✓	Neil Welch	City of Lubbock		
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**General Sign-in**

Name (Please Print)	Representing	E-mail address (optional)
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CHRIS LAZARO	JACOBS	

# **Attachment 2**

## **Agenda**

**AGENDA**

Lubbock Outer Route Study  
Stakeholder Meeting #2  
Wednesday, October 30, 2013, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
TxDOT Lubbock District Office  
135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, TX 79404  
Room: Windmill Room

**MEETING OBJECTIVES:** Review preliminary options and public outreach tools for the Lubbock Outer Route Study

Welcome/Introductions.....Doug Eichorst, P.E.

Review of last Meeting Summary ..... Steve Warren, P.E.

Review Preliminary Options ..... Steve Warren, P.E.

Review Draft Evaluation Criteria ..... Steve Warren, P.E.

Public Involvement..... Steve Warren, P.E.

Next Steps .....Doug Eichorst, P.E.

Adjourn



# **Attachment 3**

## **Preliminary Evaluation Criteria**

**Preliminary Evaluation Criteria for Lubbock Outer Route  
Draft – October 28, 2013**

Congestion / Mobility

Average Daily Traffic for segments at the end (from US 84S to US 87, and US 84N to SH 114)  
Average Daily Traffic for the entire corridor  
Population served (5 mile buffer/10 mile buffer)

Safety

Annual potential for reduction in crashes

Socio-economic

Potential impact to tax rolls  
Potential Displacements  
Land Use (acreage of each land use) (including future land use)

Environmental Factors

Floodplains <sup>i</sup>  
Additional Impervious Cover  
Wetlands - acres (National Wetlands Inventory) <sup>i</sup>  
Playa Lakes (Number and acres) <sup>i</sup>  
Number of Water Wells  
No of streams crossed  
Acreage of water bodies  
Potential Threatened & Endangered (T&E) species habitat in acres <sup>ii</sup>  
Number of potential historic sites <sup>i</sup>  
Number of cemeteries <sup>i</sup>  
Number of National Historic Register sites  
Number of Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks  
Number of Official Texas Historical Markers  
Number of acres with an elevated potential for archaeological resources <sup>ii</sup>  
Number of potential Hazmat sites  
Acreage of Prime Farmland  
Number of potential traffic noise receptors  
Number of Oil/Gas wells  
Oil/Gas Pipeline Crossings

Engineering

Amount of existing pavement utilized  
Amount of additional right-of-way required  
Construction cost  
No. of stream crossings  
No. of bridges

<sup>i</sup> Will be calculated initially and updated based on field work

<sup>ii</sup> Will be added after field work

# **Attachment 4**

## **Preliminary Options**



*Need to get familiar  
for Lubbock Cooper/Tranship/Shallowwater*





