

FM 150 Character Plan Public Meeting Summary October 16, 2014



Hays County hosted an informational public meeting as a first step to develop the FM 150 Character Plan from the vicinity of Arroyo Ranch Road to Ranch Road 12 in Dripping Springs. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the project and process to the community as well as seek applicants for the project Citizen Advisory Panel, which will work closely with the county and project team throughout the project.

Meeting Details

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Thurman's Mansion
17900 FM 1826
Driftwood, TX 78619



Format: The meeting began in an open house format where attendees were able to view the study area and environmental maps and speak with project team members from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. A presentation on the project was given at 6:30 p.m. with a question and answer period following.

Attendance: 129 people signed in at the meeting.

Materials: As attendees entered, they were asked to sign in and share their email address to receive project updates. They were provided with comment cards, project contact information cards, and copies of the Citizen's Advisory Panel Charter.

Exhibits: Two large copies of the FM 150 West Corridor Map were displayed on tables for attendees to view. Additional information was shown, including: the Hays County Transportation Plan Map; FM 150 West Crash Locations Map; Human Constraints Maps; Natural Constraints Maps; and Context Sensitive Design exhibits.

Presentation: A presentation was given that covered a transportation overview in Hays County, the project background, what a character plan is, the approach for the project, and the strategies that will be used as the project continues and develops further. Project team contact information was also provided.



FM 150 West
Character Plan

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Q & A: A question and answer period followed the presentation. Some of the topics that were covered were:

- There were several specific questions about how the road might be improved, including whether it will be widened, what will happen at low water crossings, whether it will be moved in areas, and how will Onion Creek be protected.
 - The project team responded that these answers will come through this study process. The County wants to hear from the public on priorities and work together to address these items.
- There was concern expressed for the expected growth and for water supply.
 - The team responded that population is expected to increase four times by 2040 and this process is intended to get ahead of it. Water availability studies are not necessarily part of this road project process.
- A few questions were asked about the timeframe for this study.
 - This first phase will take around 12-14 months, and then subsequent phases, if moved forward, could be concluded by August 2016.
 - The construction or timing to build the project is not known at this point and it may even be up to 10 years out.
- There were expressions of support for this process and particularly the approach the County is taking for it.
- There was concern expressed for conflicting information about what may happen to FM 150 coming from different sources.
 - The project team indicated they will coordinate with other agencies and entities to facilitate consistency in information that is shared.

Notices and Advertisement of the Public Meeting

The following methods were used to contact and inform project stakeholders about the FM 150 Character Plan meeting:

Direct Mail

A postcard notification was mailed out to 202 property owners along FM 150 from Arroyo Ranch Road to RR 12 on September 30, 2014. The postcard notification provided project and meeting details.

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Austin, TX 78763

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Meeting Location

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The County looks forward to working closely with the community to develop this plan. Please RSVP by emailing: characterplan@improvefm150.com

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Published Notifications

Display advertisements were published in the following newspapers:

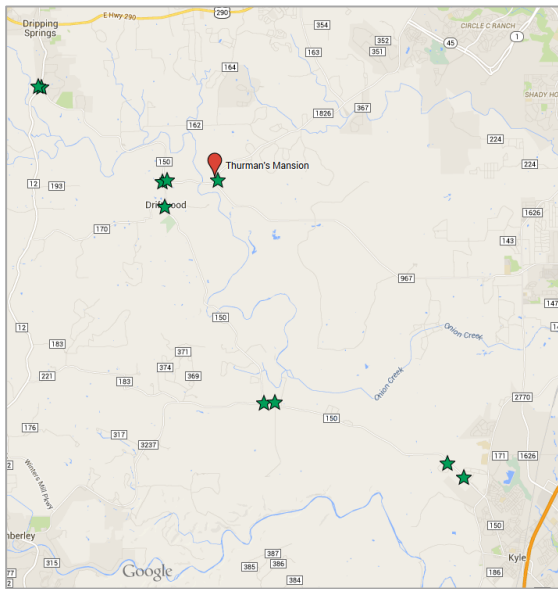
- *Hays Free Press* on October 8, 2014, and October 15, 2014
- *News Dispatch* on October 9, 2014, and October 16, 2014

E-mail Notifications

An email reminder of the meeting time and date was sent two times to 57 stakeholders on October 9, 2014, and 69 stakeholders on October 15, 2014.

Signage

Ten signs were posted along the project limits, informing residents and commuters about the meeting. The signs were posted on Thursday, October 9, 2014 through October 16, 2014.



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