

Darden Hill Road Community Meeting

Project Location Hays County Darden Hill Road

Project Limits
Sawyer Ranch Road (FM 164) to FM 1826

Meeting Location
Cypress Springs Elementary School
11091 Darden Hill Rd, Driftwood, TX 78619

Meeting Date and Time May 17, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

Translation Services
None

Presenters
No official presentation

Elected Officials in Attendance Commissioner Walt Smith

Total Number of Attendees (approx.) 93 attendees

Total Number of Commenters

37

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Project Overview

Darden Hill Road Improvements

Hays County is planning for improvements to Darden Hill Road and RM 150 from RM 1826 to RM 12, including the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Darden Hill Road and Sawyer Ranch Road.

Improvements are being planned in phases and studies are being conducted to determine what improvements are the most feasible



and beneficial for the area while fitting within the unique character of the community.

Darden Hill Road from RM 1826 to Sawyer Ranch Road

Hays County is in the process of designing improvements to Darden Hill Road from RM 1826 to Sawyer Ranch Road. Improvements being considered include widening Darden Hill Road from two to four lanes with a median and shoulders, adding a shared-use-path for both pedestrians and cyclists, and constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Darden Hill Road and RM 1826.

Darden Hill Road from Sawyer Ranch Road to RM 12

Improvements on Darden Hill Road from Sawyer Ranch Road to RM 12 are in the early planning stages and studies are being conducted to determine the most feasible and beneficial options for the area. Improvements being studied include extending Darden Hill Road to RM 150 near Woods Loop, widening from a rural two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided roadway with shoulders, adding accommodations for both pedestrians and cyclists, and constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Woods Loop and new Darden Hill Road.

Roundabout at Darden Hill Road and Sawyer Ranch Road

Additionally, construction has begun on a roundabout at the intersection of Darden Hill Road and Sawyer Ranch Road. The roundabout will improve safety and mobility by slowing traffic and keeping drivers moving through the intersection. The roundabout will also improve access to Cypress Springs Elementary School during drop-off and pick-up, address anticipated growth in traffic associated with future, planned school facilities at this location, and will tie into future improvements on Darden Hill Road. Construction is expected to be complete in Early 2024.

Community Meeting Summary

Darden Hill Road Improvements from RM 1826 to Sawyer Ranch Road

Hays County hosted a community meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at Cypress Springs Elementary School (11091 Darden Hill Road, Driftwood, TX 78619). The purpose of the meeting was to share project information, gather feedback on proposed improvements to Darden Hill Road from RM 1826 to Sawyer Ranch, and provide information regarding the construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Darden Hill Road and Sawyer Ranch Road. Approximately 93 individuals including Commissioner Walt Smith at ended this meeting. The study team received 38 comments during the comment period. Information about the project and opportunities for public input were made available online at improve150.com/darden from May 17 to June 2, 2023. Translation services were not requested, and there was not an official presentation at this meeting.

Property Owner Meetings

Working with the community is vital to the project development process. The County recognizes that this project will affect adjacent property owners and is taking steps to reduce impacts where possible. The project team offered individual meetings with affected property owners prior to the public meeting to share detailed information on the project, potential impacts, and the community meeting. The team met with four of the seven potentially impacted property owners.

Key takeaways from property owner meetings:

- Concern about personal property impacts
- Understanding the right-of-way process and reimbursement for acquisition
- Concern about sharp curve near Fieldstone Loop
- Concern about speeding on Darden Hill Road
- Concerns about access due to proposed median

Community Meeting Notification Tools

Flyer – Flyers were mailed to 89 property owners along Darden Hill Road and around the proposed project area on April 28, 2023. Mailing lists were pulled using data from the Hays County Appraisal District.

Media Release – Hays County distributed a media release on May 9, 2023, with information on the project, community meeting, and open comment period. Media coverage was included in the Dripping Springs Century News on May 18, 2023, and Hays Free Press on May 24 and 31, 2023.

Email Notice – An email was sent to 87 stakeholders on May 3, 2023.

Email Reminder – An email reminder for the meeting was sent to 112 stakeholders on May 17, 2023.

Reminder To Comment – An email was sent to 167 recipients on May 26, 2023.

Social Media – Notifications were distributed through the Hays County Twit er and Facebook accounts. Agency partners also shared meeting information on their social media accounts.

Date	Organization	Platform	Topic
April 28, 2023	Hays County	Facebook	Meeting announcement
April 28, 2023	Hays County	Twitter	Meeting announcement
May 13, 2023	City of Dripping Springs	Facebook	Meeting announcement
May 16, 2023	City of Dripping Springs	Facebook	Meeting reminder
May 17, 2023	Hays County	Facebook	Meeting reminder
May 17, 2023	Hays County	Twitter	Meeting reminder
May 30, 2023	Hays County	Facebook	Comment period reminder
May 31, 2023	Hays County	Twitter	Comment period reminder

Promotion Materials



Flyer



What We Heard







2 text comments

7 in-person mapped comments

9 emailed comments

17 online comment responses

3 in-person comment responses

Public Comments

Public comments were shared through several different means including two by text, 7 mapped comments, 9 by email, 17 open house comment responses, and three in-person comment responses. All public comments were reviewed, and key themes were identified. All public comments received are included in the appendix along with responses.

Key Themes:

- Access concerns due to median
- Need for improved access at Fieldstone Loop
- Concern roadway width is not needed.
- Desire to keep rural feel of Darden Hill Road
- Opposition to project
- Noise concerns

Next Steps

Hays County and the project team continue to perform data collection and analysis and design refinement. The team will continue to work with property owners during design refinement and share a full project update with the community later this year. Preliminary design is anticipated to be complete in early 2024.

There is currently no funding identified for future phases of project development.

Comment Number	Commenter Name	Date Received	Source	Comment	Comment Topic	Response
1	N/A	5/17/2023	Мар	Can old Darden be an access road for Fieldst[one] to access new Darden? Can old Darden?	Fieldstone Loop access Plan for existing Darden Hill Road when improvements are constructed	The project team is evaluating the current design at the Fieldstone Loop entrance and exploring potential solutions to enhance safety for Fieldstone residents as they turn on to Darden Hill Road. The old Darden cannot serve as an access road due to the need for roadway removal. When a new roadway is constructed, it is often necessary to remove or decommission the old roadway for several reasons including safety standards, efficient traffic flow, maintenance and cost considerations, and land use opportunities.

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2	N/A	5/17/2023	Map	Will the school district have more than the roundabout entrance to the campus	School access	The project team is actively collaborating with the school district as they plan for the future. Additional access points would require collaboration with either private property owners or the School District itself. The County is committed to partnering with the School District to determine viable entrance points involving County roadways, ensuring safety and convenience for our students and community.
3	N/A	5/17/2023	Мар	What's the setback from houses? What's The SET BACK FROM HAVES 7	Proximity of roadway to adjacent homes	The proximity of the roadway to houses and property lines varies across the project limits.

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4	N/A	5/17/2023	Map	Why is there a 40-ft median rather	Median width	Part of this project includes
				than a simpler 12-ft curbed median		water quality improvements
				(like WM Cannon)?		as required by TCEQ. To
						meet these requirements,
						Hays County is designing the
						median as a large drainage
						ditch that will include 15 feet
						of natural vegetative filter
						strips on each side.
						Vegetative filter strips
				Control of the Contro		remove sediment and other
						pollutants before the water
				May 19 Harry College C		drains to existing creeks.
				Kow & SMORE 12 of curture		_,
				and the same		The intent of designing this
						type of median was to take
						advantage of the natural
				The state of the s		direction of the water flow
						while also considering the
				(S) (A) (S)		rural nature of the area.
						Raised medians are typically
						designed for more urban
						areas.

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5		5/17/2023	Мар	Hard to get out of Arbor Canyon pass. Need RT turn + traffic light.	Access to residential area off of RM 1826	The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is currently studying the feasibility of improvements to RM 1826 from US 290 to RM 150. These potential improvements include upgrading the existing 2-lane road to a 4-lane divided roadway with bicycle and pedestrian paths. The feasibility study is anticipated to take one year to complete. At this time, there is no funding identified for detailed design or construction of the potential improvements to RM 1826. View the TxDOT web page for updates on this study: RM 1826 from US 290 to RM 150 (txdot.gov)
6		5/17/2023	Map	Fieldstone egress. Is this safe? Acceleration lane? Safety	Fieldstone Loop access	The final configuration of Fieldstone Loop at Darden Hill Road is being revised based on public comments. The updated schematic reflecting these changes will be posted to the project webpage once revised.

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7		5/17/2023	Мар	Regarding roundabout at Darden Hill + 1826: With no intersection control we will not be able to get out of neighborhood in AM + PM. Please check traffic count.	Access concerns for residential area near proposed roundabout	As a part of the FM 150 Character Plan, the County received input from landowners and community members that roundabouts were preferred over traffic signals with the intent to preserve the natural character, calm traffic speeds, reduce the number of traffic signals, and offer gateway entrances to the Driftwood and Dripping Springs areas. The team conducted an analysis to compare the efficiency of signalized intersection versus a

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Number	TVGITTE .	Neceiveu				roundabout intersection. This analysis also considered nearby roadways and their efficiency. These studies found that a roundabout will handle the volume of traffic now and in the future as the County continues to grow with no adverse effects to access for Arbor Canyon Pass. Additionally, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is currently studying the feasibility of improvements to RM 1826 from US 290 to RM 150. These potential improvements include upgrading the existing 2-lane road to a 4-lane divided roadway with bicycle and pedestrian paths. The feasibility study is anticipated to take one year to complete. At this time, there is no funding identified for detailed design or construction of the potential improvements to RM 1826. View the TxDOT web page for updates on this study: RM 1826 from US 290 to RM

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8	Boppy Duke	5/17/2023	Email	Why do we need one mile of a 7-lane wide state highway like 290 down Darden Hill? 7 lanes wide? from 2-lane 1826 to 2-lane 150? And all that work on 150 to add a bike lane /shoulder? how about fixing Sawyer Ranch? run a 7-lane highway through their yards too.	Roadway width Other projects	The project is proposing to expand Darden Hill Road from the rural two lanes to four lanes (two lanes in each direction) with a median and shoulders. When planning for roadway improvements, the County works to balance several factors including anticipated growth plans for future development in the area. Thank you for your comment on Sawyer Ranch Road. There are plans to improve Sawyer Ranch Road as a separate effort. To learn more visit hayscountytx.com
9	Ted Lehr	05/17/2023	Email	Hello, Thank you for the informative website and for holding the public meeting tonight at Cypress Springs. I am Ted Lehr, president of the board of directors of the Fieldstone Loop Property Owners Association (FPOA). I hope to speak (briefly) on the following items tonight. They represent some of the requests, suggestions and hopes of the residents of FPOA. We look forward to being a productive and helpful partner in the Darden Hill project. 1. Safety:	Fieldstone Loop access Concerns for school traffic Pedestrian crossing at subdivision Concern for noise Need for landscaping Partnership opportunities	1. The final configuration of Fieldstone Loop at Darden Hill Road is being revised based on public comments. The updated schematic reflecting these changes will be posted to the project webpage once revised. 2. The proposed design includes a left turn lane from Darden Hill to Fieldstone Loop.

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				1. We would like an active control signal at the entrance to our loop. EG: Traffic light at Fieldstone which only stops if a person needs to turn in or out. Details TBD. 2. Left hand turning lane from the west into the loop. 3. If sidewalks are constructed on the south / south-west side of Darden Hill, a pedestrian crosswalk. 4. It is probable that a new high school will be built. Will that mean another controlled intersection? 5. We suggest that the county evaluate the traffic and safety challenges that Sawyer Ranch has had during school hours so that we can implement some of what they have learned. 6. From the county's experience, should we anticipate more traffic into our neighborhood during, for example, school hours? 7. We would like to be directed toward information that Hays County has on safety improvements it has made for similar projects. 2. Noise Abatement: 1. We would like to see proposals for how traffic noise will be mitigated.		 The final configuration of Fieldstone Loop at Darden Hill Road is being revised based on public comments. The updated schematic reflecting these changes will be posted to the project webpage once revised. The County will continue to coordinate with the school district on their plans for expansion. A traffic study was conducted as part of the evaluation for improvements. The proposed plan provides a solution that accommodates existing and projected traffic levels through 2045 while the roundabout at Sawyer Ranch Road and Darden Hill Road accommodates existing and projected traffic through 2040. Proposed improvements do not direct traffic into the neighborhood. Information about Hays County's transportation projects can be found at hayscountytx.com

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Number	Name	Received	Source	1. EG-1: Possible sound wall—ideas: earth formed (like a hill), or concrete (disguised by dirt/trees/flowers). 2. EG-2: Rock wall the width of Fieldstone 2. Quiet road surface. Recall the noisy repaving of 1826 several years ago. 3. Landscaping: 1. We want to understand better what a 'context sensitive' project is. We hope it includes respecting and maintaining some of the natural beauty that drew people to the area.	Comment Topic	Noise Abatement: 1. This project is still in early design. A noise study was not conducted as part of this project development process and no noise abatement features are included in the proposed plan at this time. However, as the project moves forward, noise could be studied and abatement measures considered. 2. The County recognizes that noise can be disruptive to adjacent property owners and will
				2. What are the proposed landscaping and beautification objectives? 1. Will wildflowers, native trees, bushes and grasses be planted, for example, on the sides and median 4. Appearance of the entrance to Fieldstone Loop 1. What proposals are there to maintain and enhance the appearance of the entrance to Fieldstone Loop 5. Partnership: 1. We would like to be a constructive, helpful partner to		consider using a special pavement that dampens roadway noise. Landscaping 1. The County will work to preserve the natural character of the area and incorporate improvements that tie into the rural feel of Hays County. 2. Hays County will seed the area where possible and the center median will include natural vegetative filter strips to remove sediment and

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				Hays County as Darden Hill is improved. Our board and residents look forward to listening and learning as well as commenting tonight. Sincerely, Ted Lehr 13240 Fieldstone Loop FPOA Board President		other pollutants before the water drains to existing creeks. Essentially, the median will be a big grassy area. Appearance of the entrance to Fieldstone Loop 1. The final configuration of Fieldstone Loop at Darden Hill Road is being revised based on public comments. The updated schematic will show the revised intersection/entranc e and posted to the project webpage once revised.
						Partnership 1. Hays County appreciates your participation and partnership. As the project moves forward we will work to identify potential opportunities to partner with the community on improvements.
10	Protect Our water	05/17/2023	Written	We are watching. Don't do anything to harm the drinking water here. Or	Concern for water contamination	The County follows all environmental requirements

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						to identify and protect water resources during project development and construction.
11	Diana Manweiler	05/17/2023	Written	What about sidewalks ect. Bike into the lot 75 ant to Cypress Springs School?	Pedestrian access at Cypress Springs	The project proposes to add a 10-foot wide shared-use-path on the south side of Darden Hill Road to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists.
12	Steven Garbrecht	05/17/2023	Online	I would like to voice my support for a turn circle at 150 and 12. It would be the best use of the land there and provide the safest and fastest route from my house and town. I also think that the 12 should be widened to 4 lanes from 150 to 290 to reduce congestion during rush hour.	Other projects	The roundabout at RM 12 and RM 150 is currently under development by the County. For more information on this project, please visit improve150.com. As of now, there are no active studies regarding further improvements to RM 12.
13	Will Rodger	05/17/2023	Online	How will pedestrians from Fieldstone Loop and the North side of Darden Hill Rd access the shared use path on the south side of the road? Could we add a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Fieldstone Loop and Darden Hill Rd.? Given the need to cross 6 lanes of heavy traffic, would there need to be a blinking light? I don't know if cars will be able to see pedestrians crossing the street as they are coming around the curve (i.e., curve blocks view).	Pedestrian crossing at Fieldstone Loop	The final configuration of Fieldstone Loop at Darden Hill Road is being revised based on public comments. The updated schematic reflecting these changes will be posted to the project webpage once revised.
14	Leland Rodger	05/17/2023	Online	There are only 3 houses on the South side of Darden Hill Rd between 1826 and Sawyer Ranch Rd, so why are we putting the sidewalk/path on that side of the road. All of the houses are on	Pedestrian crossing at Fieldstone Loop	The final configuration of Fieldstone Loop at Darden Hill Road is being revised based on public comments. The updated schematic

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15	Angela Rees	05/18/2023	Online	With possible plans for future middle school and high school to be built near Cypress, you should plan for more biking and pedestrian pathways. I would like to see a pathway down Sawyer Ranch and the pathway on Darden Hill to continue on. It would be nice for a good crosswalks a safe distance from the roundabout.	Need for additional pedestrian accommodations	Hays County plans to connect the shared-use-path on Darden Hill to the roundabout at Sawyer Ranch Road and down Sawyer Ranch Road in the future. The County has finished construction on a sidewalk on Sawyer Ranch Road from Meadow Creek Drive to Belterra Drive in summer 2020 and plans to extend it to Darden Hill Road and through the roundabout. Additionally, the shared-use-path could continue west on Darden Hill Road in future project phases.
16	Ted Lehr	Thursday, May 18, 2023	Email	Hello Commissioner Smith and Darden Hill Project communication engagement team, Thank you for the pleasant and informative meeting last night. This is Ted Lehr, president of FPOA board of directors. I previously sent email from Please find my report (with corrections for typos) to the FPOA neighborhood	Fieldstone Loop access Concerns for school traffic Pedestrian crossing at subdivision Concern for noise Need for landscaping Partnership opportunities	Thank you for taking the time to participate in the open house and for sharing notes from your conversations with team members at the open house. Please note that conversations are included in reporting but are not interpreted as comments.

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				from my conversations during		
				yesterday's meeting.		
				Regards,		
				Ted		
				PS: I've included the email address		
				for the FPOA board members on		
				the To: line.		
				Hi Neighbors,		
				deleted non-relevant board meeting		
				information		
				Here are my notes from yesterday:		
				I spoke with the lead engineer (don't		
				recall his name), a community		
				engagement person, Audrey Kuhl and		
				county commissioner Walt Smith. The		
				conversation with Ms. Kuhl was		
				pleasant and helpful. The most		
				relevant conversation was with the		
				commissioner. We sat down and he		
				reviewed the following list of concerns.		
				His responses and comments are per		
				my memory and are in red. Any quoted		
				words are from memory and shouldn't		
				be considered verbatim.		
				I found it important to remember the		
				difference between State roads and		
				County roads.		
				1826 and 967 are, for example, State roads maintained, designed by the		
				TxDOT		
				Darden Hill, Sawyer Ranch and 150 are		
				County roads.		
				If you compare the recent		
				improvements to 150 and those on		
				967 near the schools, you can see		

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			Source	differences in, for example, the double yellow lines separating the lanes. Safety: 1. We would like an active control signal at the entrance to our loop.EG: Traffic light at Fieldstone which only stops if a person needs to turn in or out. Details TBD. "No Hays County Rd will have lighted control signals. "The first reason he cited was the cost of installing and maintaining active control signals. He stated that Hays County Road related tax rates are the lowest since the late 1980s. He, the lead engineer, and I talked about an "acceleration lane" being added to the southwest bound lane for a left hand turn out of Fieldstone. 2. Left hand turning lane from the west into the loop. This is in the concept. He and the engineer weren't certain of its eventual status. 3. If sidewalks are constructed on the south / south-west side of Darden Hill, a pedestrian crosswalk. His response was unclear to me; but my	Comment Topic	Response
	I		I	takeaway is because Fieldstone doesn't have		

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				sidewalks, then there would be no crosswalk		
				implemented from		
				Fieldstone to the multi-		
				use path proposed for		
				the west/south side of		
				Darden Hill.		
				4. It is probable that a new		
				high school will be built.		
				Will that mean another		
				controlled intersection?		
				No. The high school would		
				use the proposed		
				roundabout. He said the		
				current superintendent is		
				much more communicative		
				than the previous one. [For		
				Cypress Springs] the		
				commissioner said he was		
				told that there would be no		
				school there for 6 years. A		
				month later he was asked		
				for an active control		
				intersection. The County		
				said no to active control		
				and proposed a		
				roundabout.		
				5. We suggest that the		
				county evaluate the traffic		
				and safety challenges that		
				Sawyer Ranch has had		
				during school hours so		
				that we can implement		
				some of what they have		
				learned. My takeaway is		
				that he didn't understand		

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					we were asking whether		
					they had learned about		
					how school traffic impacts		
					road usage. He, instead, talked a lot about how		
					they are studying why the		
					road surface has failed as		
					it has.		
				6.	From the county's		
				0.	experience, should we		
					anticipate more traffic into		
					our neighborhood during,		
					for example, school hours?		
					He didn't seem to		
					understand why we would		
					ask this question.		
				7.	We would like to be		
					directed toward		
					information that Hays		
					County has on safety		
					improvements it has made		
					for similar projects. He		
					asked that we/I get on the		
				_	information list.		
				2.	Noise Abatement:		
					1. We would like to		
					see proposals for how traffic noise		
					will be mitigated.		
					2. EG-1: Possible		
					sound wall—		
					ideas: earth		
					formed (like a		
					hill), or concrete		
					(disguised by		
					dirt/trees/flower		
					s).		

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				Sawyer Ranch or 150). He		

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				seemed		
				disappointed		
				that 150 used		
				the top seal		
				approach. He		
				seemed to		
				prefer the		
				original 1826		
				resurfacing		
				implementation		
				from several		
				years ago		
				because, he		
				said that over		
				2-3 years it		
				becomes quiet		
				due to traffic		
				and is a much		
				more durable		
				and stable		
				construction. It		
				wasn't clear to		
				me which is		
				being planned		
				for Darden Hill.		
				Landscaping:		
				1. We want to		
				understand		
				better what a		
				'context		
				sensitive'		
				project is. We		
				hope it		
				includes		
				respecting and		
				maintaining		
				some of the		

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				natural beauty		
				that drew		
				people to the		
				area.		
				2. What are the		
				proposed		
				landscaping,		
				beautification		
				objectives?		
				Just the green		
				grass matts.		
				He seemed to		
				think that I		
				was asking		
				only about in		
				front of		
				Fieldstone, but		
				I said, several		
				times, why not		
				wild flower		
				vegetation		
				along all of		
				Darden Hill		
				instead of		
				grass matts.		
				He seemed to		
				say that the		
				County has		
				never done it.		
				I told him that		
				not having		
				done it before		
				is not a		
				reason. Still,		
				he said that		
				Fieldstone can		
				plant and pay		

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			Source	for as many wild flowers as it wants and there is a process to coordinate with the county as may be needed from time to time. 3. Will wild flowers, native trees, bushes and grasses be planted, for example, on the sides and median 4. Appearance of the entrance to Fieldstone Loop 1. What proposals are there to maintain and enhance the appearance of the	Comment Topic	Response
				entrance to Fieldstone Loop. No plans other than placing the grass matts.		

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				5. Partnership: We would like to be a constructive, helpful partner to Hays County as Darden Hill is improved. He was very pleasant and seemed to know his engineering.		
17	Ted Lehr	05/19/2023	Email	Hello, Thank you again for the informative, friendly community meeting earlier this week. The following two questions came from some of our neighbors in Fieldstone Loop: Aside from what appear to be pedestrian cross walks at the roundabout at Sawyer Ranch, there do not appear to plans for pedestrian crossings at Fieldstone or at the intersection at 1826. We believe we understand that Hays County commissioners do not want signalized intersections on Hays County roads. Question: What is the policy of Hays County for providing safe pedestrian crossings and does that policy cover crossings at places other than major intersections like Sawyer Ranch Road and Darden Hill? Specifically: We would like to understand why a pedestrian crossing	Hays County pedestrian crossing policy Need for pedestrian crossing at Fieldstone Loop Plan for Old Darden Hill Road at Fieldstone Loop	The final configuration of Fieldstone Loop at Darden Hill Road.is being revised based on public comments. The updated schematic reflecting these changes will be posted to the project webpage once revised.

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Number	Name	Received		at the Fieldstone across Darden Hill has not been proposed. Regarding the softening of the curve of Darden Hill in front of Fieldstone Loop: The new curve creates a large space between Fieldstone's HOA properties line and the new road. Presumably, this is Hays County property. Question: What are plans and time line for what Hays County will do with that land during and after project completion? Specifically: Does Hays County expect to sell that land to private developers? 1. Does Hays County expect to put any Hays County buildings or other above ground physical installation on that land (eg: a staging area for service trucks)? 2. What laws and rules apply to development of county property such as the land that will be 'opened up' in front of Fieldstone? Thank you for engaging our community and our neighborhood on this project. Sincerely, Ted Lehr President, FPOA Board of Directors CC'd FPOA BoD email.		
18	Unknown	05/19/2023	Text	I believe the proposed roundabout at 150 and 1826 is going to prevent residents in Rim Rock from being able to exit our neighborhood and increase	Access concerns for residential area near proposed roundabout	As a part of the FM 150 Character Plan, the County received input from landowners and community

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				installed light works well. Have the		were preferred over traffic
				large number of houses, most with		signals with the intent to
				multiple drivers been considered in		preserve the natural
				this proposed roundabout?		character, calm traffic
						speeds, reduce the number
						of traffic signals, and offer
						gateway entrances to the
						Driftwood and Dripping
						Springs areas.
						The team conducted an
						analysis to compare the
						efficiency of signalized
						intersection versus a
						roundabout intersection.
						This analysis also considers
						nearby roadways and their
						efficiency. These studies
						found that a roundabout will
						handle the volume of traffic
						now and in the future as the
						County continues to grow
						with no adverse effects to
						access for Arbor Canyon
						Pass.
						Additionally, the Texas
						Department of
						Transportation (TxDOT) is
						currently studying the
						feasibility of improvements
						to RM 1826 from US 290 to
						RM 150. These potential
						improvements include
						upgrading the existing 2-lane
						road to a 4-lane divided
						roadway with bicycle and

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						pedestrian paths. The feasibility study is anticipated to take one year to complete. At this time, there is no funding identified for detailed design or construction of the potential improvements to RM 1826. View the TxDOT web page for updates on this study:
						RM 1826 from US 290 to RM 150 (txdot.gov)
19	Melinda Jackson	05/19/2023	Online	The whole plan looks like a development land-grab to turn the eastern portion of Darden Hill into a Circle C-type development zone. Our major thoroughfares such as 1826, 150, and 12 are not 4 lanes with divided medians. Darden Hill is a roadway not a superhighway to and from the massive new subdivision developments. I understand we need better traffic control around the new schools, but this is NOT it. What needs to be done is to resurface, smooth the route, and expand the road shoulders for bikes and pull-overs. These more modest improvements will be vastly less expensive and more likely to pass as bond measures. As I understand, there is no funding secured for this project. I will vote against funding for this version if /when arises to citizen approval. We need to invest in traffic flow and safety issues along our main arteries foremost while also making prudent upgrades to Darden Hill.	Roadway width	Population growth coupled with new and planned development has heightened the need to improve the local roadways to optimize their existing efficiency and increase capacity where warranted. The need for improvements to Darden Hill Road was first identified in the 2013 Hays County Transportation Plan, the 2017 RM 150 West Character Plan, and reaffirmed in the 2021 Hays County Transportation Plan. To learn more visit hayscountytx.com One of the goals of this project is to improve the safety, mobility, and the east-west connectivity

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						between RM 1826 and RM
						12. The County recognizes
						that roadway improvements
						can pose impacts to adjacent
						property owners. Where
						possible, the County will
						work to reduce impacts. and
						will work to reduce impacts.
						Although RM 1826, RM 150,
						and RM 12 are maintained
						by TxDOT, Hays County
						collaborates with TxDOT to
						discern community
						transportation needs and
						craft suitable solutions.
						TxDOT is presently assessing
						the feasibility of
						enhancements to RM 1826,
						spanning from US 290 to RM
						150. These potential
						augmentations might
						include transforming the
						present 2-lane road into a 4-
						lane divided roadway,
						complete with bicycle and
						pedestrian paths. This
						feasibility study is projected
						to conclude in a year.
						Currently, no funds are
						allocated for the detailed
						design or the construction of
						the possible improvements
						to RM 1826.
						For updates on this study,
						please visit the TxDOT web

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						page: RM 1826 from US 290 to RM 150 (txdot.gov)
20	Leland Rodger	05/21/2023	Online	Sidewalk crossings - the sidewalk should be on north side of Darden where all the residential homes are and not south side where it makes no sense (there are only 3 homes vs 40) There should be sidewalks accounted for in the design of the sawyer ranch roundabout on the east side crossing Darden and on the south side across the school driveways so that kids can get to school and leave school. Ultimately there should be a sidewalk on east side of sawyer up to sycamore to connect the existing sidewalk there.	Concern for proposed location for shared-use-path	The shared-use-path is placed on the southern side of the road to serve as an access point for pedestrians navigating the Cypress Springs school campus. This will allow students and parents to safely walk to and from school without needing to cross Darden Hill Road.
21	Leland Rodger	05/21/2023	Online	Road width and ditch - the 40' ditch between eastbound and westbound lanes is not warranted and will lead to residents having to perform U-turns multiple times a day to access their homes. There should be a flat surface between the east and west bound traffic to allow residents ability to leave their homes and enter their homes in an efficient manner.	Concern for median	Part of this project includes improving safety and mobility. One of the ways the County does this is by constructing a median which helps to manage left-turn movements. Another aspect of any roadway improvement project is developing a drainage design that can handle the extra water run-off created by widening the road. Rather than designing a median and drainage ditch on the outside of the roadway, the County opted to design drainage improvements that meet

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						TCEQ requirements in the middle of the roadway and to utilize this area as a median to improve safety and mobility now and in the future. To meet TCEQ requirements, Hays County is designing the median as a large drainage ditch that will include 15 feet of natural vegetative filter strips on each side. Vegetative filter strips remove sediment and other pollutants before the water drains to existing creeks. The intent of designing the median this way is to take advantage of the topography while also considering the rural nature of the area.
22	Leland Rodger	05/21/2023	Online	Speed limit - As a result of this work, extra lanes and smooth roads, the speed limit should be REDUCED to 35 for this section of road on Darden from 1826 to Sawyer Ranch because otherwise there will be increased speeding / reckless driving. This is especially prudent with the addition of a sidewalk (pedestrian safety) and in line with the speed limit through the residential / school area by Sycamore Springs.	Concern for speed limit of new roadway	Darden Hill Road is being designed for to maintain the existing travel speed of 40 miles per hour. A speed zone study will be completed once construction is complete and will determine the final speeds of the roadway.

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23	Samantha	05/24/2023	Email	Hi Audrey,	Impacts to property and	The Darden Hill Phase 2
	LeBlanc				right-of-way acquisition	project is currently only
				Thank you for taking my call.		funded for preliminary
						design and is not currently
				As discussed, my client was		authorized to begin ROW
				approached by the county for the		negotiations on this project.
				expansion of Darden Hill Road and		When the County is
				eminent domain of 3 acres of their		authorized to acquire ROW
				property. This will take a significant amount of their land changing the		for a transportation project,
				private entrance to their home and		only the necessary acreage
				ultimately affecting why they		will be considered as part of
				purchased the property only a year		the acquisition. This helps
				ago. They just received their assessed		avoid the problem of
				value from the county tax assessor's		counties acquiring property
				office of \$6,131,930.00. They have		and using them for purposes
				decided they cannot stay in this home		other than transportation.
				and would like to approach the county		The only instance of
				to purchase the full 21.95 acres which		acquiring additional ROW is
				includes the home for \$4.5M. This is		in situations where the
				obviously under the assessed value of		remainder parcel (the area
				the home from the county, but they		that has not been identified
				have found another home they would		as necessary for the project)
				like to move forward with asap and this would allow them to do this. This		is deemed an uneconomic
				would alleviate any ongoing litigation		remainder, meaning that
				on their side of keeping the 3 acres and		there is not enough land that
				allow the county to move forward with		remains to be useable in any
				their plans even making money with		appreciable sense (i.e.,
				subdividing the property if needed.		residence, commercial
						facility, etc.). This parcel
				If you can please forward this to the		does not seem to fall into
				appropriate person and copy me on		that category. When the
				this email I would greatly appreciate a		County identifies funding for
				timely response.		ROW acquisition, the
						County's ROW agent will be
				Thank you,		,
				Samantha LeBlanc		in contact with the property

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						owner regarding land that has been identified for this project.
24	Nicholas P. Laurent	05/24/2023	Email	Dear Ms. Kuhl: We represent Daniel and Shirley Tarrillion, the above Landowners in connection with Hays County's planned acquisition of a portion of their land for the Darden Hill Improvements Project. We ask that all future communication regarding this matter be directed to the undersigned attorneys on behalf of our Clients. We also look forward to the Zoom call on May 4 at 10:30 am to discuss this important matter. In the meantime, we wanted to alert you to some critically important issues relative to the Project and its impact on our Client's land and improvements and request a reroute of the current configuration on the Tarrillion property. We have attempted to analyze as best we can the limited materials provided by Hays County outlining the proposed route of the road improvements planned on our Client's Property. Thus, this request is based on current information provided to our Clients and available to the public. Our Clients own a beautiful 9.82 acre improved property at the corner of Darden Hill Road and FM 1826. The	Impacts to property	County recognizes that property acquisition can pose challenges to property owners and works to balance several factors when planning for roadway improvements that require additional right of way. A few factors include the number of impacted properties, structure impacts, utility impacts and cost. The County appreciates your involvement and is performing additional analysis of the project at the property and will work to reduce impacts where possible.

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				tract enjoys approximately 680 feet of		
				frontage on FM 1826 and 720 feet of		
				frontage on Darden Hill road. The		
				property has been immaculately		
				landscaped with trees along both		
				arterials providing privacy and security		
				to its improvements. The property is		
				highly improved with a 3,716sf home		
				with an attached finished garage,		
				covered porch, pool/spa, 792sf guest		
				house, 440sf detached garage, and		
				associated barns and stables for		
				horses. High quality fencing and gates		
				separate the various improvements		
				and pastures with a paved circular		
				driveway extending to the house from		
				the gated entrance on FM 1826. Of		
				particular importance and concern is a		
				newly constructed 1,200sf horse barn		
				immediately to the east of the main		
				house that is located in the proposed		
				acquisition area. In sum, our Clients		
				enjoy the ideal rural residential ranch		
				property that they are extremely		
				concerned will be negatively impacted		
				by the Darden Hill Road project		
				planned by Hays County. See attached		
				aerial of our Client's property.		
				If Hays County proceeds with routing		
				its Project through the Property's FM		
				1826 and Darden Hill Road frontage,		
				the tract will lose its privacy and		
				security while bringing the new Right		
				of Way boundary within a few hundred		
				feet of their house and the above		
				improvements. Moreover, the current		
				route extends through or entirely		

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Ivallibel	Ivairie	Hecelycu		consumes the new 1,200sf horse barn		
				which has an approximate		
				replacement cost new of \$200,000.		
				Accordingly, the critical concern		
				created by the proposed route centers		
				on the lost 1,200sf barn and the		
				severely impaired value of the		
				remainder and the significant		
				improvements resulting from the close		
				proximity of the new road and the		
				associated loss of privacy, security, and		
				area to run our Client's horses. Indeed,		
				the proposed taking represents more		
				than a quarter of our Clients' whole		
				property. The impact on the property's		
				remainder value including the		
				aforementioned improvements will be		
				substantial, perhaps well into the		
				seven figures.		
				Consequently, as a threshold matter,		
				and to avoid any confusion, our		
				Client's preference is to avoid the		
				devastating impact of the proposed		
				acquisition on their Property		
				altogether and to have the acquisition		
				moved completely off their land. If		
				Hays County nevertheless decides it		
				must acquire a portion of our Clients'		
				property despite their stated		
				opposition, in the spirit of cooperation		
				we have been authorized to request		
				that the acquisition be reduced or		
				tapered down as much as possible to		
				avoid the new horse barn and reduce		
				the impact on the remainder Property.		
				In particular, request is made for the		
				project to be shifted to the east side of		

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				Darden Hill Road as much as possible, again, to avoid the devastating impact on our Client's land and improvements. Please see the attached Exhibit depicting a proposed alternative taking that spreads the burden of this project equally on all adjoining landowners. Our Client will agree to a mutually agreeable right-of-entry agreement to allow Hays County to access their property for surveying purposes if Hays County agrees to consider and survey an alternate route consistent with the request and concerns outlined above. We also request that Hays County coordinate an in-person meeting on the property to discuss the routing situation to try and find a viable solution for all parties. We are hopeful that Hays County will work amicably with our Clients with respect to this matter. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request and we look forward to visiting with you on May 4.		
25	Daniel Alviar	05/26/2023	Online	If we want to go to 1826 from our home (Driveway #17) how will we be able to cross the planned double lanes on Darden Hill Rd and make a left hand turn towards 1826? Will there be a paved crossing in front of driveway 17? Also if we are coming from Sawyer Ranch Rd and traveling East towards 1826 how are we going to be able to	Property access	To access RM 1826 from your house, you would make a right onto Darden Hill Road and turn around at Fieldstone Loop. There is no paved crossing planned in front of your property.

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				make a left turn into our driveway (Driveway 17) at 10222 Darden Hills Rd?		To access your property when traveling east from Sawyer Ranch Road, you would make a U-turn at the median opening just east of your property and turn right into your driveway.
26	Lesa M Bailey	05/26/2023	Online	Darden Hill definitely needs improvementthere is no doubt. BUT "widening from two to four lanes with a median and shoulders" seems like over kill. The four lane road would dead end into two lane roadsit doesn't make sense. I believe upgrades similar to Sawyer Ranch Road would be more than adequate. I also don't agree with rerouting Darden Hill to 150. Yes, a few existing curves could be straightened, but I don't agree with a "short-cut" to 150. This would save at most a few minutes, at the expense of disrupting many property owners. I feel that some of these "improvements" are not necessary, and money could be better spent on other area roads that are also in need of improvement.	Opposition to project	Hays County is quickly developing, and it is the responsibility of the County to provide safe and efficient travel for everyone who uses the County's roadways. One of the goals of this project is to improve the safety, mobility, and the east-west connectivity between RM 1826 and RM 12. The County recognizes that roadway improvements can pose impacts to adjacent property owners. Where possible, the County will work to reduce impacts. Improvements to Darden Hill Road from RM 1826 to RM 150 are occurring in stages. The improvements proposed on Darden Hill Road from RM 1826 to Sawyer Ranch Road would tie into future improvements on Darden Hill Road west of Sawyer Ranch Road.

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27	Joe Peter	05/27/2023	Online	I have four questions I would like answered. First where did the concept	Project origination	Population growth coupled with new and planned
				of such a massive road originate?	Project development	development has
				Second were lesser concepts	'	heightened the need to
				considered ie 2 lane road with turn	Project decisions	improve the local roadways
				lane, etc. Third who are the ultimate	_	to optimize their existing
				decision makes on the final design?	Project funding	efficiency and increase
				What's the status of funding for this project?		capacity where warranted.
				. ,		The need for improvements
						to Darden Hill Road was first
						identified in the 2013 Hays
						County Transportation Plan,
						the 2017 RM 150 West
						Character Plan, and
						reaffirmed in the 2021 Hays
						County Transportation Plan.
						To learn more visit
						hayscountytx.com
						The County's goal is to
						construct roadway
						improvements that will
						accommodate existing and
						future traffic demands.
						While less improvements
						may accommodate existing
						traffic, the additional
						development in the area,
						school expansions and
						planned new school
						facilities, and population
						growth within Hays County
						indicate widening to 4-lanes
						is the most feasible option
						to provide transportation
						solutions long-term.

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						The decision to move the project forward is at the discretion of the Hays County Commissioner's Court. The project is funded through design by the voterapproved 2016 bond. There is currently no funding identified for final design, right-of-way acquisition, or construction plans.
28	Nancy Porter	05/27/2023	Online	Why waste land and money for divided roadway. Make it 3 lane (2 travel 1 turn lane) like RR 12 and without median that has to be maintained and watered costing more money. Kids don't walk in this area they are spoiled and pampered and ride in parent's vehicles. Sidewalks on Sawyer are not used by kids going to schools only adults walking and ATVs. Your beautification project on DH is not needed. We have lots of native vegetation just look around.	Roadway width Opposition to median Opposition to shared-use-path	The County's goal is to construct roadway improvements that will accommodate existing and future traffic demands. While less improvements may accommodate existing traffic, the additional development in the area, school expansions and planned new school facilities, and population growth within Hays County indicate widening to 4-lanes is the most feasible option to provide transportation solutions long-term. Part of this project includes water quality improvements as required by TCEQ. To meet these requirements, Hays County is designing the median as a large drainage

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						ditch that will include 15 feet of natural vegetative filter strips on each side. Vegetative filter strips remove sediment and other pollutants before the water drains to existing creeks. The intent of designing this type of median was to take advantage of the natural direction of the water flow, consider the rural nature of the area, and utilize the area as a median to improve safety and mobility. Hays County is quickly growing, and it is the responsibility of the County to provide safe and efficient travel for everyone who uses the County's transportation system, including pedestrians and bicyclists.
29	Lorri French	05/30/2023	Written	I woud like to speak to someone about the proposed widening of Darden Hill Rd and how it will effec my and my horse pasture. I have previously called to talk about my concerns. I have horse property on Darden Hill Rd ad my driveway is on Darden Hill Rd. I would appreciate a promopt response. Thank youi.	Impacts to property	Thank you for meeting with the project team virtually on May 31, 2023 to discuss improvements to Darden Hill Road west of Sawyer Ranch Road. As discussed in the meeting, that segment of Darden Hill Road is in preliminary design and potential impacts to adjacent properties are still being evaluated.

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						The County recognizes that roadway improvements can pose impacts to adjacent property owners. Where possible, the County will work to reduce impacts.
30	Lorri French	05/31/2023	Email	This is Lorri French I have already sent in a few concerns about widening Darden Hill, as previously stated I have horses on my property, a barn and a carport that will all be effected by this project. I forget to express that I also have a rental that will be effected and numerous oak trees.	Impacts to property	Thank you for meeting with the project team virtually on May 31, 2023 to discuss improvements to Darden Hill Road west of Sawyer Ranch Road. As discussed in the meeting, that segment of Darden Hill Road is in preliminary design and potential impacts to adjacent properties are still being evaluated. The County recognizes that roadway improvements can pose impacts to adjacent property owners. Where possible, the County will work to reduce impacts.
31	Frank Hutchinson	05/31/2023	Email	To Project Engineer. My name is Frank Hutchinson. And as	Impacts to property Property access	The projected growth and development within the region necessitate the
				you know I attended your May 17,	Sporty decess	expansion to four travel
				2023, Open House. As well as spoke previously to your team via. a Zoom		lanes, as opposed to
				call concerning the Darden Hill		maintaining two. Four lanes will effectively
				Improvements and its impact on my		accommodate increased
				property. During the Zoom Call your		traffic volumes, reducing
				team went to great detail specifically		congestion and ensuring
				describing verbally describing the one-		smoother traffic flow,

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- Italiibei	Turine	Received		way turn lane configuration from 1826		especially during peak travel
				to Sawyer Ranch Rd. Since at the time		times.
				of the call according to your team		
				there were no specific exhibits		A raised median presents
				available to specifically show any visual		significant safety advantages
				detail for the turn lane or its potential		over a two-way center turn
				impact on the overall traffic flow.		lane. Divided medians:
				Based on the information I was given, I		
				commented in part on the negative		1. Reduce Head-on
				impact the turn lane will likely have on		Collisions: By
				the access and development of my		physically separating
				property.		opposing traffic
						streams, the risk of
				At the May 17, 2023. I was surprised to		head-on collisions is
				see the exhibits your team had		substantially
				produced that were supposed to be		diminished.
				representative of the Darden Hill		2. Control Left-turn
				Improvements. When I asked what		Movements: Medians
				happen to the one way turn lane, I was		limit the number of
				told the exhibit showing the medians		locations where
				allowing for left turns and U-turns was		vehicles can turn,
				what your team was describing at the		which means fewer
				time of the Zoom call. I hardly think so.		conflict points and
				We can debate the issue and specific		thus reduced crash
				meaning with other professionals		potential.
				about what constitutes a dedicated		3. Eliminate the Need for
				and safe turn lane. However, given the		Drivers to Judge
				not-so-distant future development of		Multiple Lanes:
				another new school and planned high		Turning drivers only
				school and other development activity		need to judge the
				between 1826 and Sawyer Ranch Rd, it		speed and distance of
				is not hard to imagine what just one		vehicles in one
				truck and trailer or a couple of cars		direction at a time.
				trying to turn at the same time in the		4. Enhance Pedestrian
				planned, "Median Breaks" would do to		Safety: Medians can
				traffic And or safety concerns. I would		offer a refuge for
				hope that all concerned would get the		pedestrians, allowing
						them to cross one

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				planned improvements right the first time.		direction of traffic at a time.
				Respectfully, Frank Hutchinson		A divided roadway design is a proactive approach that prioritizes both capacity and safety for all road users.
32	Brian Greene	05/31/2023	Online	I would like to adamantly oppose this wasteful and unnecessary Darden Hill road project. I drive this road all the time, and other than during school pickup, there is very little traffic. It is small country road and defines the feel of where I live. In fact, I purposely try to avoid 290 and drive these backroads to avoid the feel of suburban sprawl that is slowly taking its toll on Dripping Springs. Turning Darden Hill into a virtual freeway would destroy the feel of the neighborhood around this area. Why don't you add a median to 290, which actually is needed and would be very helpful? Please keep the traffic on 290 and avoid building out endless pavement in the country. This is a huge waste of time even considering this project. There are so many critically needed projects in this county – why are you focusing on something we do not want and do not need?	Opposition to project	Population growth coupled with new and planned development has heightened the need to improve the local roadways to optimize their existing efficiency and increase capacity where warranted. The need for improvements to Darden Hill Road was first identified in the 2013 Hays County Transportation Plan, the 2017 RM 150 West Character Plan, and reaffirmed in the 2021 Hays County Transportation Plan. To learn more visit hayscountytx.com One of the goals of this project is to improve the safety, mobility, and the east-west connectivity between RM 1826 and RM 12. The County recognizes that roadway improvements can pose impacts to adjacent property owners. Where possible, the County will

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						work to reduce impacts. and will work to reduce impacts. The progression of this project lies in the hands of the Hays County Commissioner's Court. While the design phase of the project is financed by the voter-endorsed 2016 bond, at present, there's no earmarked funding for the final design, rights-of-way procurement, or the schematics for construction.
33	Ivan	05/31/2023	Online	I think that widening Darden Hill by a few feet and even a median could be nice, but why on earth would we need four lanes for this road? There just isn't enough traffic to justify that. Also, you should wait till after the 290 expansion is done to re-evaluate. Many people have shifted over to 1826 because of the construction on 290 and when that wraps up 1826 and Darden will see alot less cars. There are more important projects to tackle than this – please table this.	Roadway width	The County's goal is to construct roadway improvements that will accommodate existing and future traffic demands for efficient transportation. While less improvements may accommodate existing traffic, the additional development in the area, school expansions and planned new school facilities, and population growth within Hays County indicate widening to 4-lanes is the most feasible option to provide transportation solutions long-term.

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34	Chris	05/31/2023	Online	This isn't needed. If you connect Enchanted Oaks Dr directly to 1826 (or to Woodland Dr), that will alleviate the school congestion. Even better would be to connect Cypress with a second entrance from Enchanted Oaks. We certainly don't need 4 lanes plus a divider on Darden. That is the biggest overkill since TXDOT went and created their disaster at the Y on 290. Please don't repeat the same mistake.	Opposition to project	Population growth coupled with new and planned development has heightened the need to improve the local roadways to optimize their existing efficiency and increase capacity where warranted. The need for improvements to Darden Hill Road was first identified in the 2013 Hays County Transportation Plan, the 2017 RM 150 West Character Plan, and reaffirmed in the 2021 Hays County Transportation Plan. To learn more visit hayscountytx.com The County's goal is to construct roadway improvements that will accommodate existing and future traffic demands for efficient transportation. While less improvements may accommodate existing traffic, the additional development in the area, school expansions and planned new school facilities, and population growth within Hays County indicate widening to 4-lanes is the most feasible option

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						to provide transportation solutions long-term.
35	Tara Sunday	05/31/2023	Online	Please cancel this project and leave Darden Hill Rd as is. Thank you.	Opposition to project	The County's goal is to construct roadway improvements that will accommodate existing and future traffic demands for efficient transportation. While less improvements may accommodate existing traffic, the additional development in the area, school expansions and planned new school facilities, and population growth within Hays County indicate widening to 4-lanes is the most feasible option to provide transportation solutions long-term.

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36	Jami Ladue	06/01/2023	Email	Good morning, The proposed roundabout at Darden Hill and 1826 would essentially prevent people in Rim Rock from leaving the neighborhood at Arbor Canyon Pass which is the main exit for about 400 homes, most of which have at least two drivers, many have more than two. Our family has 5 drivers who will be at risk trying to leave the neighborhood with constant traffic coming from a roundabout from the direction of Darden Hill. The current light provide enough of a break in traffic that 2-3 cars can exit the neighborhood during each light cycle, even during busy times. People are going to be forced to make risky moves to leave the neighborhood if a roundabout is put in. Deaths will be the result. Please consider that the current light is adequately controlling traffic and providing a reprieve for the thousands of residents exiting Rim Rock. Thank you. Jami Ladue	Access concerns for residential area near proposed roundabout	As a part of the RM 150 West Character Plan, the County received input from landowners and community members that roundabouts were preferred over traffic signals with the intent to preserve the natural character, calm traffic speeds, reduce the number of traffic signals, and offer gateway entrances to the Driftwood and Dripping Springs areas. The team conducted an analysis to compare the efficiency of signalized intersection versus a roundabout intersection. This analysis also considered nearby roadways and their efficiency. These studies found that a roundabout will handle the volume of traffic now and in the future as the County continues to grow with no adverse effects to access for Arbor Canyon Pass. Additionally, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is currently studying the feasibility of improvements to RM 1826 from US 290 to RM 150. These potential

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						improvements include upgrading the existing 2-lane road to a 4-lane divided roadway with bicycle and pedestrian paths. The feasibility study is anticipated to take one year to complete. At this time, there is no funding identified for detailed design or construction of the potential improvements to RM 1826.
						View the TxDOT web page for updates on this study: RM 1826 from US 290 to RM 150 (txdot.gov)
37	Kathleen Magat	06/01/2023	Online	Please include street lights to ensure homeowners are able to turn into driveways to ensure safe driving during the night hours.	Desire for streetlights	At this time illumination has not been identified as a major need for this corridor. The County tries to avoid adding unnecessary lighting as an effort to reduce light pollution. If illumination needs are warranted, this will be investigated at a later date.

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38	Lorri French	06/02/2023	Text	1. this is Lorri French this is	Impacts to property	Thank you for bringing
				my well house and rental barndominium that is		specific features of your property to our attention. As
				within 40 ft of proposed		Hays County progresses with
				new widening of Darden		the right-of-way acquisition
				hill		for the project, we will be
						conducting thorough
				2. this is just one of the		appraisals on affected
				magnificent oak trees		properties. These appraisals
						will comprehensively
				3. this is my current		evaluate and take into
				fence line and horse		account impacts to
				pasturethe bulk of my		structures and other
				property loss would		features on each property, in
				come from this pasture		line with standard appraisal
						guidelines.
				4. more trees		
				5. more trees and		
				carport that are in path		
				of suggested widening		
				6. widen		
				grove would cut into my		
				drive getting to my		
				garageI would lose all		
				the area midway of		
				green gate		
				7. parking for horse		
				trailer would no longer		
				exist either		

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HOUSE PROMOTION

Flyer

DARDEN HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



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ATTEND THE COMMUNITY MEETING!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023 6:30 - 8 P.M.

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The County will share background information and the preliminary design for community feedback at the meeting. All information will be available online, and the comment period will be open through June 2.

The improvements to Darden Hill Road from RM 1826 to Sawyer Ranch Road are needed to improve safety, mobility, and connectivity in the community and include:

- Widening from two to four lanes
- Adding a path for pedestrians and cyclists to connect to existing sidewalks and create a continuous path
- · Adding a median and shoulders
- Improving the intersection of Darden Hill Road and RM 1826

This project is part of a larger effort being planned in phases to improve Darden Hill Road and RM 150 from RM 1826 to RM 12. The improvements to Darden Hill Road will tie into RM 150 near Woods Loop and extend to RM 12 to create an improved connection between RM 1826 and RM 12.

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SUBMIT COMMENTS MAY 17 TO JUNE 2, 2023



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About the Project:

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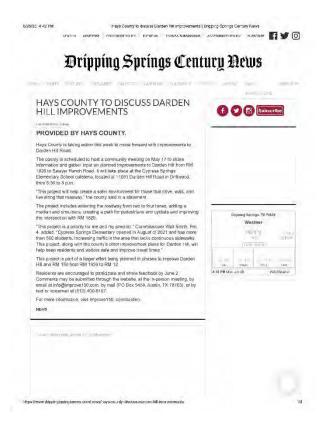


Media Coverage





Hays Free Press, story published. on May 24.



Dripping Springs Century News, story published on May 18.

Social Media

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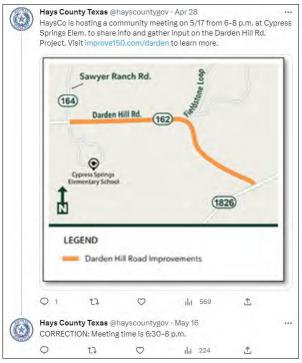
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Twitter post published on April 28



Twitter post published on May 11



Twitter post published on May 17

Darden Hill Road Improvements Exhibits







DARDEN HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



Goals:

- Design an improved roadway that will improve safety and enhance accessibility for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers
- Coordinate with property owners and the community to share information, receive input, and minimize impacts where possible
- Plan ahead to account for anticipated growth in the area

DARDEN HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



Why is this needed?

RAPID GROWTH

Several developments are planned in the area including two school campuses, a church, and additional residential neighborhoods

IMPROVED SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY:

Proposed improvements will provide students, residents, and other travelers with enhanced connectivity to provide connections between neighborhoods, parks, schools, and other key destinations



Source: CAMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan



Source: Historical data obtained from TxDOT's traffic count database system

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Existing Roadway:

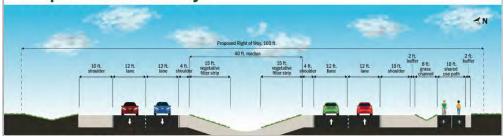


- One10-foot travel lane in each direction
- · Limited roadway shoulders

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Proposed Roadway:



- Two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction
- 40-foot depressed grassy median with improved water quality features
- 10-foot Shared Use Path on the south side of the road to help students, pedestrians, and bicyclists travel safely

DARDEN HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



Design Considerations:

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Medians Enhance Safety by:

- Reducing turning conflicts
- Reducing crashes caused by conflicts between traffic turning left, head-on traffic, and crossing traffic
- Allowing for protected turns and optimized flow of traffic



Medians will have breaks to allow for left turns and U-turns.

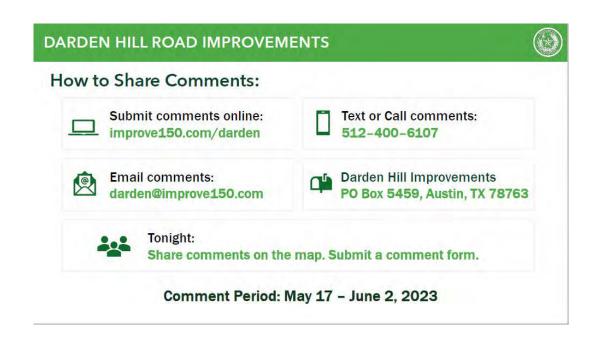
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Next Steps and Timeline



There is currently no funding identified for right of way acquisition or construction for Darden Hill from RM 1826 to Sawyer Ranch Road. However, the County is actively seeking funding and expects to begin the acquisition process in early 2024.





DARDEN HILL AND SAWYER RANCH ROAD ROUNDABOUT

SAWYER RANCH AND DARDEN HILL ROAD



Roundabout at Sawyer Ranch and Darden Hill Road

Hays County is constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Sawyer Ranch Road and Darden Hill Road to improve safety and mobility.

Construction on the roundabout is beginning summer 2023.

There are 9 different roundabouts planned in the Driftwood and Dripping Springs area.



Visualization of completed roundabout at RM 3237 and RM 150 that was constructed summer 2022.

SAWYER RANCH AND DARDEN HILL ROAD



Roundabout

- Installing a two-lane roundabout
- Construction funded through the 2016 Road Bond





SAWYER RANCH AND DARDEN HILL ROAD



Construction and Timeline

Aaron Concrete Contractors, LLC will construct the roundabout project in phases. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2023 and be complete in fall 2023. Two lanes of traffic (one in each direction) will be open throughout construction.

PHASE 1

- Prepare site for construction and set barricades
- · Utility coordination and relocation

PHASE 2

· Construction of north side of roundabout

PHASE 3

· Construction of south side of roundabout

PHASE 4

Final paving and landscaping

What to Expect During Construction:

- · Large vehicles in the area
- Intermittent lane closures with flaggers present to direct traffic
- · Traffic delays

POLLUTION 0

POLLUTION =

- Noise
- · Crews in the right of way

SAWYER RANCH AND DARDEN HILL ROAD



WEHICLE EMISSIONS

CONSUMPTION

Roundabout Benefits

- SLOWER SPEEDS: Roundabouts average speed of 25 mph and reduce the severity of crashes.
- NO LIGHT TO BEAT: Promotes a continuous, circular traffic flow. No incentive to speed up to try and "beat the light."
- FEWER ACCIDENTS: Curved roads and one-way travel around the roundabout reduce the possibility for T-bone and head-on collisions.
- LOWER COST LONG-TERM: No cost for hardware, maintenance and electrical costs associated with traffic signals, which can cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 per year

SAWYER RANCH AND DARDEN HILL ROAD



How to Receive Construction Updates:

Sign up online: improve150.com/

SawyerRanchRoundabout

Questions/Comments:



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Darden Hill Road Improvements Open House Comment Card

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COMMENT (Please Print):	

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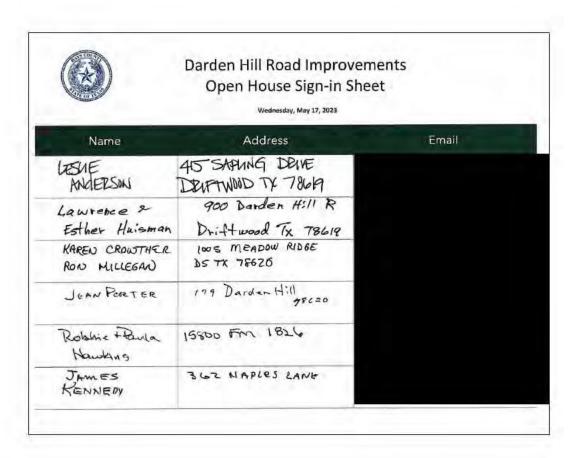
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To:Darden Hill Improvement P	Project <darden@improve150.com></darden@improve150.com>
why do we need one mile o from 2-lane 1826 to 2-lane	of a 7-lane wide state highway like 290 down Darden HIII? 7 lanes wide? 150? And all that work on 150 to add a bike lane /shoulder? how about 7-lane highway through their yards too.

Darden Hill Improvement Project

From: Ted Lehr

Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 3:55 PM
To: Darden Hill Improvement Project

Subject: Fieldstone Loop Board Owner Association Comments

Hello,

Thank you for the informative website and for holding the public meeting tonight at Cypress Springs. I am Ted Lehr, president of the board of directors of the Fieldstone Loop Property Owners Association (FPOA). I hope to speak (briefly) on the following items tonight. They represent some of the requests, suggestions and hopes of the residents of FPOA.

We look forward to being productive and helpful partner in the Darden Hill project.

1. Safety:

 We would like an active control signal at the entrance to our loop. EG: Traffic light at Fieldstone which only stops if a person needs to turn in or out. Details TBD.

2. Left hand turning lane from the west into the loop.

- If sidewalks are constructed on the south / south-west side of Darden Hill, a pedestrian crosswalk.
- 4. It is probable that a new high school will be built. Will that mean another controlled intersection?
- We suggest that the county evaluate the traffic and safety challenges that Sawyer Ranch has had during school hours so that we can implement some of what they have learned.
- 6. From the county's experience, should we anticipate more traffic into our neighborhood during, for example, school hours?
- 7. We would like to be directed toward information that Hays County has on safety improvements it has made for similar projects.

2. Noise Abatement:

- 1. We would like to see proposals for how traffic noise will be mitigated.
 - EG-1: Possible sound wall—ideas: earth formed (like a hill), or concrete (disguised by dirt/trees/flowers).
 - 2 EG-2' Rock wall the width of Fieldstone
- 2. Quiet road surface. Recall the noisy repaying of 1826 several years ago.

3. Landscaping:

 We want to understand better what a 'context sensitive' project is. We hope it includes respecting and maintaining some of the natural beauty that drew people to the area.

2. What are the proposed landscaping, beautification objectives?

 Will wild flowers, native trees, bushes and grasses be planted, for example, on the sides and median

4. Appearance of the entrance to Fieldstone Loop

What proposals are there to maintain and enhance the appearance of the entrance to Fieldstone Loop

5. Partnership:

 We would like to be a constructive, helpful partner to Hays County as Darden Hill is improved.

Our board and residents look forward to listening and learning as well as commenting tonight.

Sincerely, Ted Lehr

13240 Fieldstone Loop FPOA Board President		
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Notes from the Darden Hill Project meeting

Ted Lehr

Thu 5/18/2023 10:15 AM

To: Walt.Smith@co.hays.tx.us <walt.smith@co.hays.tx.us >;Darden Hill Improvement Project <darden@improve150.com>;Fieldstone Property Owners' Association Board Members

Cc: Ted Lehr

Hello Commissioner Smith and Darden Hill Project communication engagement team,

Thank you for the pleasant and informative meeting last night. This is Ted Lehr, president of FPOA board of directors. I previously sent email from

Please find my report (with corrections for typos) to the FPOA neighborhood from my conversations during yesterday's meeting.

Regards,

Ted

PS: I've included the email address for the FPOA board members on the To: line.

---- Forwarded Message --

From: Ted Lehr

To: Fieldstone Property Owners' Association

Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2023, 09:50:17 AM CDT

Subject: Tonight's board mtg and notes from the Darden Hill Project meeting

Hi Neighbors,

... deleted non-relevant board meeting information

Here are my notes from yesterday:

I spoke with the lead engineer (don't recall his name), a community engagement person, Audrey Kuhl and county commissioner Walt Smith. The conversation with Ms. Kuhl was pleasant and helpful. The most relevant conversation was with the commissioner. We sat down and he reviewed the following list of concerns. His responses and comments are per my memory and are in red. Any quoted words are from memory and shouldn't be considered verbatim.

- I found it important to remember the difference between State roads and County roads.
 - 1826 and 967 are, for example, State roads maintained, designed by the TxDOT
 - Darden Hill, Sawyer Ranch and 150 are County roads.
 - If you compare the recent improvements to 150 and those on 967 near the schools, you can see differences in, for example, the double yellow lines separating the lanes.

Safety:

We would like an active control signal at the entrance to our loop.
 EG: Traffic light at Fieldstone which only stops if a person needs to turn in or out. Details TBD. "No Hays County Rd will have lighted control signals."
 The first reason he cited was the cost of installing and maintaining active

control signals. He stated that Hays County road related tax rates are the lowest since the late 1980s. He, the lead engineer and I talked about an "acceleration lane" being added to the southwest bound lane for a left hand turn out of Fieldstone.

- 2. **Left hand turning lane** from the west into the loop. This is in the concept. He and the engineer weren't certain of its eventual status.
- 3. If sidewalks are constructed on the south / south-west side of Darden Hill, a pedestrian **crosswalk**. His response was unclear to me; but my takeaway is because Fieldstone doesn't have sidewalks, then there would be no crosswalk implemented from Fieldstone to the multi-use path proposed for the west/south side of Darden Hill.
- 4. It is probable that a new high school will be built. Will that mean another controlled intersection? No. The highschool would use the proposed round-about. He said current superintendent is much more communicative than the previous one. [For Cypress Springs] the commissioner said he was told that there would be no school there for 6 years. A month later he was asked for an active control intersection. The County said no to the active control and proposed a round about.
- 5. We suggest that the county evaluate the traffic and safety challenges that Sawyer Ranch has had during school hours so that we can implement some of what they have learned. My takeaway is that he didn't understand we were asking whether they had learned about how school traffic impacts road usage. He, instead, talked a lot about how they are studying why the road surface has failed as it has.
- 6. From the county's experience, should we anticipate more traffic into our neighborhood during, for example, school hours? He didn't seem to understand why we would ask this question.
- We would like to be directed toward information that Hays County has on safety improvements it has made for similar projects. He asked that we/l get on the information list.

2. Noise Abatement:

- We would like to see proposals for how traffic noise will be mitigated.
 - EG-1: Possible sound wall—ideas: earth formed (like a hill), or concrete (disguised by dirt/trees/flowers).
 - 2. EG-2: Rock wall the width of Fieldstone. Hays County will not use the county residents tax dollars to reduce noise for one neighborhood (especially a small one). It is ok, however, for us to propose, build and pay for ourselves sound walls [on Hays County frontage].
- 2. Quiet road surface. Recall the noisy repaving of 1826 several years ago. The commissioner seems to be a civil/road engineer himself. He used a lot of techno-jargon (eg: chipped-seal versus top seal? ... treatments like those on Sawyer Ranch or 150). He seemed disappointed that 150 used the top seal approach. He seemed to prefer the original 1826 resurfacing implementation from several years ago because, he said that over 2-3 years it becomes quiet due to traffic and is a much more durable and stable construction. It wasn't clear to me which is being planned for Darden Hill.

3. Landscaping:

5/24/23, 10:46 AM

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- 1. We want to understand better what a 'context sensitive' project is. We hope it includes respecting and maintaining some of the natural beauty that drew people to the area.
- 2. What are the proposed landscaping, beautification objectives? Just the green grass matts. He seemed to think that I was asking only about in front of Fieldstone, but I said, several times, why not wild flower vegetation along all of Darden Hill instead of grass matts. He seemed to say that the County has never done it. I told him that not having done it before is not a reason. Still, he said that Fieldstone can plant and pay for as many wild flowers as it wants and there is a process to coordinate with the county as may be needed from time to time.
 - 1. Will wild flowers, native trees, bushes and grasses be planted, for example, on the sides and median
- 4. Appearance of the entrance to Fieldstone Loop
 - 1. What proposals are there to maintain and enhance the appearance of the entrance to Fieldstone Loop. No plans other than placing the grass matter.
- 5. **Partnership**: We would like to be a constructive, helpful partner to Hays County as Darden Hill is improved. He was very pleasant and seemed to know his engineering.

Questions/comments on Darden Hill Project

Ted Lehr

Fri 5/19/2023 9:56 AM

To: Darden Hill Improvement Project <darden@improve150.com>;Fieldstone Property Owners' Association Board Members

Hello,

Thank you again for the informative, friendly community meeting earlier this week. The following two questions came from some of our neighbors in Fieldstone Loop:

- Aside from what appear to be pedestrian cross walks at the round about at Sawyer Ranch, there do not appear
 to plans for pedestrian crossings at Fieldstone or at the intersection at 1826. We believe we understand that
 Hays County commissioners do not want signalized intersections on Hays County roads.
 - Question: What is the policy of Hays County for providing safe pedestrian crossings and does that
 policy cover crossings at places other than major intersections like Sawyer Ranch Road and Darden
 HIII?
 - Specifically: We would like to understand why a pedestrian crossing at the Fieldstone across
 Darden Hill has not been proposed.
- Regarding the softening of the curve of Darden Hill in front of Fieldstone Loop: The new curve creates a large space between Fieldstone's HOA properties line and the new road. Presumably, this is Hays County property.
 - 1. Question: What are plans and time line for what Hays County will do with that land during and after project completion?
 - Specifically:
 - 1. Does Hays County expect to sell that land to private developers?
 - 2. Does Hays County expect to put any Hays County buildings or other above ground physical installation on that land (eg. a staging area for service trucks)?
 - 3. What laws and rules apply to development of county property such as the land that will be 'opened up' in front of Fieldstone?

Thank you for engaging our community and our neighborhood on this project.

Sincerely, Ted Lehr President, FPOA Board of Directors CC'd FPOA BoD email.

10041 Darden Hill

Sold With Sammy

Wed 5/24/2023 1:57 PM

To:Darden Hill Improvement Project <darden@improve150.com>

Hi Audrey,

Thank you for taking my call. As discussed my client was approached by the county for the expansion of Darden Hill Road and eminent domain of 3 acres of their property. This will take a significant amount of their land changing the private entrance to their home and ultimately affecting why they purchased the property only a year ago. They just received their assessed value from the county tax assessor's office of \$6,131,930.00. They have decided they cannot stay in this home and would like to approach the county to purchase the full 21.95 acres which includes the home for \$4.5M. This is obviously under the assessed value of the home from the county but they have found another home they would like to move forward with asap and this would allow them to do this. This would alleviate any ongoing litigation on their side of keeping the 3 acres and allow the county to move forward with their plans even making money with subdividing the property if needed.

If you can please forward this to the appropriate person and copy me on this email I would greatly appreciate a timely response.

Thank you, Samantha LeBlanc

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May 2, 2023

Nicholas P. Laurent
Office:

<u>Via E-Mail</u>
Ms. Audrey Kuhl
Project Team
Hays County – Darden Hill Road Improvements Project
712 S. Stagecoach Trail
San Marcos, Texas 78666
Email: darden@improve150.com

Re: Project: Darden Hill Road Improvements (the "Project")

Condemnor: Hays County ("Hays County")

Landowner: Daniel and Shirley Tarrillion ("Landowners" or "Clients")

County: Hays County, Texas

Property: 1826 Darden Hill Road - 9.82 acres ("Property")

Dear Ms. Kuhl:

We represent Daniel and Shirley Tarrillion, the above Landowners in connection with Hays County's planned acquisition of a portion of their land for the Darden Hill Improvements Project. We ask that all future communication regarding this matter be directed to the undersigned attorneys on behalf of our Clients. We also look forward to the Zoom call on May 4 at 10:30 am to discuss this important matter.

In the meantime, we wanted to alert you to some critically important issues relative to the Project and its impact on our Client's land and improvements and request a reroute of the current configuration on the Tarrillion property. We have attempted to analyze as best we can the limited materials provided by Hays County outlining the proposed route of the road improvements planned on our Client's Property. Thus, this request is based on current information provided to our Clients and available to the public.

Our Clients own a beautiful 9.82 acre improved property at the corner of Darden Hill Road and FM 1826. The tract enjoys approximately 680 feet of frontage on FM 1826 and 720 feet of frontage on Darden Hill road. The property has been immaculately landscaped with trees along both arterials providing privacy and security to its improvements. The property is highly improved with a 3,716sf home with an attached finished garage, covered porch, pool/spa, 792sf guest house, 440sf detached garage, and associated barns and stables for horses. High quality fencing

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Telephone: Fax:

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and gates separate the various improvements and pastures with a paved circular driveway extending to the house from the gated entrance on FM 1826. Of particular importance and concern is a newly constructed 1,200sf horse barn immediately to the east of the main house that is located in the proposed acquisition area. In sum, our Clients enjoy the ideal rural residential ranch property that they are extremely concerned will be negatively impacted by the Darden Hill Road project planned by Hays County. See attached aerial of our Client's property.

If Hays County proceeds with routing its Project through the Property's FM 1826 and Darden Hill Road frontage, the tract will lose its privacy and security while bringing the new Right of Way boundary within a few hundred feet of their house and the above improvements. Moreover, the current route extends through or entirely consumes the new 1,200sf horse barn which has an approximate replacement cost new of \$200,000. Accordingly, the critical concern created by the proposed route centers on the lost 1,200sf barn and the severely impaired value of the remainder and the significant improvements resulting from the close proximity of the new road and the associated loss of privacy, security, and area to run our Client's horses. Indeed, the proposed taking represents more than a quarter of our Clients' whole property. The impact on the property's remainder value including the aforementioned improvements will be substantial, perhaps well into the seven figures.

Consequently, as a threshold matter, and to avoid any confusion, our Client's preference is to avoid the devastating impact of the proposed acquisition on their Property altogether and to have the acquisition moved completely off their land. If Hays County nevertheless decides it must acquire a portion of our Clients' property despite their stated opposition, in the spirit of cooperation we have been authorized to request that the acquisition be reduced or tapered down as much as possible to avoid the new horse barn and reduce the impact on the remainder Property. In particular, request is made for the project to be shifted to the east side of Darden Hill Road as much as possible, again, to avoid the devastating impact on our Client's land and improvements. Please see the attached Exhibit depicting a proposed alternative taking that spreads the burden of this project equally on all adjoining landowners.

Our Client will agree to a mutually agreeable right-of-entry agreement to allow Hays County to access their property for surveying purposes if Hays County agrees to consider and survey an alternate route consistent with the request and concerns outlined above. We also request that Hays County coordinate an in-person meeting on the property to discuss the routing situation to try and find a viable solution for all parties.



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We are hopeful that Hays County will work amicably with our Clients with respect to this matter. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request and we look forward to visiting with you on May 4.

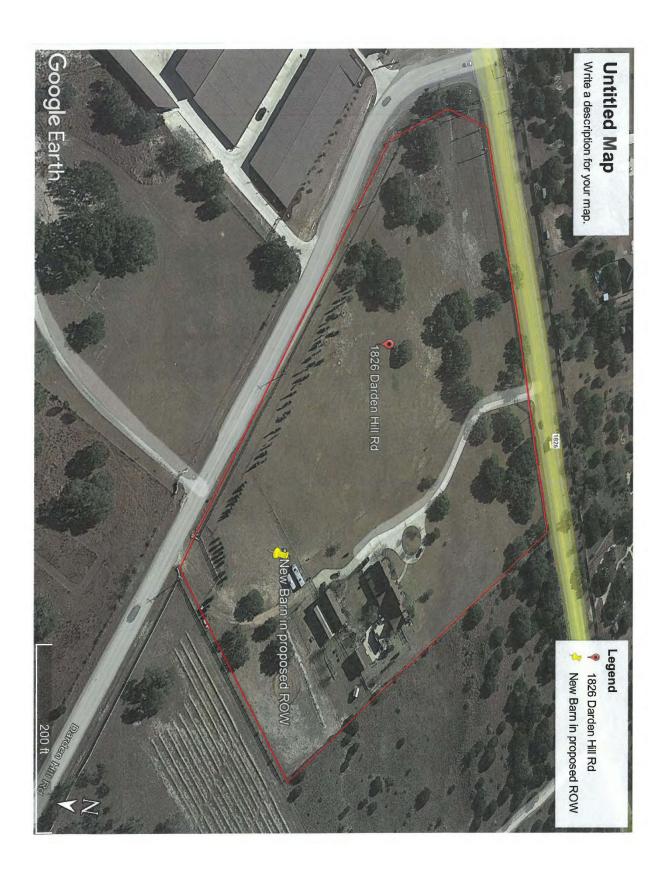
Very truly yours,

Nicholas P. Laurent

c: Client

Mr. Roy Brandys (firm)







property concerns

Wed 5/31/2023 1:37 PM

To:Darden Hill Improvement Project <darden@improve150.com>

This is Lorri French I have already sent in a few concerns about widening Darden Hill, as previously stated I have horses on my property, a barn and a carport that will all be effected by this project. I forget to express that I also have a rental that will be effected and numerous oak trees.

My address is 1142 Cedar Pass Rd Driftwood, Tx.

Sent from my iPhone

Darden Hill Road Improvements

Wed 5/31/2023 3:38 PM

To: Darden Hill Improvement Project <darden@improve150.com>

To Project Engineer.

My name is Frank Hutchinson. And as you know I attended your May 17, 2023, Open House. As well as spoke previously to your team via. a Zoom call concerning the Darden Hill Improvements and its impact on my property. During the Zoom Call your team went to great detail specifically describing verbally describing the one-way turn lane configuration from 1826 to Sawyer Ranch Rd. Since at the time of the call according to your team there were no specific exhibits available to specifically show any visual detail for the turn lane or its potential impact on the overall traffic flow. Based on the information I was given, I commented in part on the negative impact the turn lane will likely have on the access and development of my property.

At the May 17, 2023. I was surprised to see the exhibits your team had produced that were supposed to be representative of the Darden Hill Improvements. When I asked what happen to the one way turn lane, I was told the exhibit showing the medians allowing for left turns and U-turns was what your team was describing at the time of the Zoom call. I hardly think so. We can debate the issue and specific meaning with other professionals about what constitutes a dedicated and safe turn lane. However, given the not-so-distant future development of another new school and planned high school and other development activity between 1826 and Sawyer Ranch Rd, it is not hard to imagine what just one truck and trailer or a couple of cars trying to turn at the same time in the planned, "Median Breaks" would do to traffic And or safety concerns. I would hope that all concerned would get the planned improvements right the first time.

Respectfully,

Frank Hutchinson

Proposed roundabout at 1826 and Darden Hill

Jami Ladue

Thu 6/1/2023 8:37 AM

To:Darden Hill Improvement Project <darden@improve150.com>

Good morning,

The proposed roundabout at Darden Hill and 1826 would essentially prevent people in Rim Rock from leaving the neighborhood at Arbor Canyon Pass which is the main exit for about 400 homes, most of which have at least two drivers, many have more than two. Our family has 5 drivers who will be at risk trying to leave the neighborhood with constant traffic coming from a roundabout from the direction of Darden Hill. The current light provide enough of a break in traffic that 2–3 cars can exit the neighborhood during each light cycle, even during busy times. People are going to be forced to make risky moves to leave the neighborhood if a roundabout is put in. Deaths will be the result. Please consider that the current light is adequately controlling traffic and providing a reprieve for the thousands of residents exiting Rim Rock. Thank you.

Jami Ladue

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Phone:	
Name:	Steven Garbrecht
Address:	305 Springwood Rd, Dripping Springs
Email:	
Comment:	I would like to voice my support for a turn circle at 150 and 12. It would be the best use of the land there and provide the safest and fastest route from my house and town. I also think that the 12 should be widened to 4 lanes from 150 to 290 to reduce congestion during rush hour.
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Phone:	
Name:	Will Rodger
Address:	10304 Darden Hill Road
Email:	
Comment:	How will pedestrians from Fieldstone Loop and the North side of Darden Hill Rd access the shared use path on the south side of the road? Could we add a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Fieldstone Loop and Darden Hill Rd.? Given the need to cross 6 lanes of heavy traffic, would there need to be a blinking light? I don't know if cars will be able to see pedestrians crossing the street as they are coming around the curve (ie curve blocks view).
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Phone:	
Name:	Leland Rodger
Address:	10304 Darden Hill Road
Email:	
Comment:	There are only 3 houses on the South side of Darden Hill Rd between 1826 and Sawyer Ranch Rd, so why are we putting the sidewalk/path on that side of the road. All of the houses are on the North side and in Fieldstone Loop, so wouldn't it make more sense to put the sidewalk/path on the North side (with a way to cross near the school)?
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Phone:	
Name:	Angela Rees
Address:	Highpointe
Email:	
Comment:	With possible plans for future middle school and high school to be built near Cypress, you should plan for more biking and pedestrian pathways. I would like to see a pathway down Sawyer Ranch and the pathway on Darden Hill to continue on. It would be nice for a good crosswalks a safe distance from the roundabout.
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Phone:	
Name:	Melinda Jackson
Address:	PO Box 6, Driftwood TX 78619
Email:	
Comment:	The whole plan looks like a development land-grab to turn the eastern portion of Darden Hill into a Circle C-type development zone. Our major thoroughfares such as 1826, 150, and 12 are not 4 lanes with divided medians. Darden Hill is a roadway not a superhighway to and from the massive new subdivision developments. I understand we need better traffic control around the new schools but this is NOT it. What needs to be done is to resurface, smooth the route, and expand the road shoulders for bikes and pull-overs. These more modest improvements will be vastly less expensive and more likely to pass as bond measures. As I understand, there is no funding secured for this project. I will vote against funding for this version if /when arises to citizen approval. We need to invest in traffic flow and safety issues along our main arteries foremost while also making prudent upgrades to Darden Hill.
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Phone:	
Name:	Leland rodger
Address:	10304 Darden hill road
Email:	
Comment:	Sidewalk crossings - the sidewalk should be on north side of Darden where all the residential homes are and not south side where it makes no sense (there are only 3 homes vs 40) There should be sidewalks accounted for in the design of the sawyer ranch roundabout on the east side crossing Darden and on the south side across the school driveways so that kids can get to school and leave school. Ultimately there should be a sidewalk on east side of sawyer up to sycamore to connect the existing sidewalk there
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Phone:	
Name:	Leland Rodger
Address:	10304 Darden Hill
Email:	
Comment:	Road width and ditch - the 40' ditch between eastbound and westbound lanes is not warranted and will lead to residents having perform u-turns multiple times a day to access their homes. There should be a flat surface between the east and west bound traffic to allow residents ability to leave their homes and enter there homes in an efficient manner.
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Phone:	
Name:	Leland Rodger
Address:	10304 Darden Hill
Email:	
Comment:	Speed limit - As a result of this work, extra lanes and smooth roads, the speed limit should be REDUCED to 35 for this section of road on Darden from 1826 to Sawyer Ranch because otherwise there will be increased speeding / reckless driving . This is especially prudent with the addition of a sidewalk (pedestrian safety) and in line with the speed limit through the residential / school area by Sycamore Springs.
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Phone:	
Name:	Daniel Alviar
Address:	10222 Daden Hills Rd, Austin Tx. 78737
Email:	
Comment:	If we want to go to 1826 from our home (Driveway #17) how will we be able to cross the planned double lanes on Darden Hill Rd and make a left hand turn towards 1826? Will there be a paved crossing in front of driveway 17? Also if we are coming from Sawyer Ranch Rd and traveling East towards 1826 how are we going to be able to make a left turn into our driveway (Driveway 17) at 10222 Darden Hills Rd?
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Phone:	
Name:	Lesa M Bailey
Address:	1107 QUAIL RIDGE DR
Email:	
Comment:	Darden Hill definitely needs improvementthere is no doubt. BUT "widening from two to four lanes with a median and shoulders" seems like over kill. The four lane road would dead end into two lane roadsit doesn't make sense. I believe upgrades similar to Sawyer Ranch Road would be more than adequate. I also don't agree with rerouting Darden Hill to 150. Yes, a few existing curves could be straigteneed, but I don't agree with a "short-cut" to 150. This would save at most a few minutes, at the expense of disrupting many property owners. I feel that some of these "improvements" are not necessary, and money could be better spent on other area roads that are also in need of improvement.
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Phone:	
Name:	Joe Peter
Address:	10300 Darden Hills Rd.
Email:	
Comment:	I have four questions I would like answered. First where did the concept of such a massive road originate? Second were lesser concepts considered ie 2 lane road with turn lane, etc. Third who are the ultimate decision makes on the final design? What's the status of funding for this project? Please email responses to these questions
Sign Up for Email Updates:	✓ Checked

Phone:	
Name:	Nancy Porter
Address:	179 Darden Hill Rd
Email:	
Comment:	Why waste land and money for divided roadway. Make it 3 lane (2 travel 1 turn lane) like RR 12 and without median that has to be maintained and watered costing more money. Kids don't walk in this area they are spoiled and pampered and ride in parent's vehicles. Sidewalks on Sawyer are not used by kids going to schools only adults walking and ATVs. Your beautification project on DH is not needed. We have lots of native vegetation just look around.
Sign Up for Email Updates:	✓ Checked

Phone:	
Name:	
Address:	458 Stoney Point Rd, Austin, TX
Email:	
Comment:	I would like to adamantly oppose this wasteful and unnecessary Darden Hill road project. I drive this road all the time, and other than during school pickup, there is very little traffic. It is small country road and defines the feel of where I live. In fact, I purposely try to avoid 290 and drive these backroads to avoid the feel of suburban sprawl that is slowly taking its toll on Dripping Springs. Turning Darden Hill into a virtual freeway would destroy the feel of the neighborhood around this area. Why don't you add a median to 290, which actually is needed and would be very helpful? Please keep the traffic on 290 and avoid building out endless pavement in the country. This is a huge waste of time even considering this project. There are so many critically needed projects in this county – why are you focusing on something we do not want and do not need?
Sign Up for Email Updates:	X Unchecked

Phone:	
Name:	Ivan
Address:	
Email:	
Comment:	I think that widening Darden Hill by a few feet and even a median could be nice, but why on earth would we need four lanes for this road? There just isn't enough traffic to justify that. Also, you should wait till after the 290 expansion is done to re-evaluate. Many people have shifted over to 1826 because of the construction on 290 and when that wraps up 1826 and Darden will see alot less cars. There are more important projects to tackle than this - please table this.
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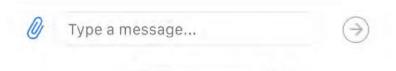
Phone:	
Name:	Chris Steven
Address:	1403 Grassy Field, Austin
Email:	
Comment:	This isn't needed. If you connect Enchanted Oaks Dr directly to 1826 (or to Woodland Dr), that will alleviate the school congestion. Even better would be to connect Cypress with a second entrance from Enchanted Oaks. We certainly don't need 4 lanes plus a divider on Darden. That is the biggest overkill since TXDOT went and created their disaster at the Y on 290. Please don't repeat the same mistake.
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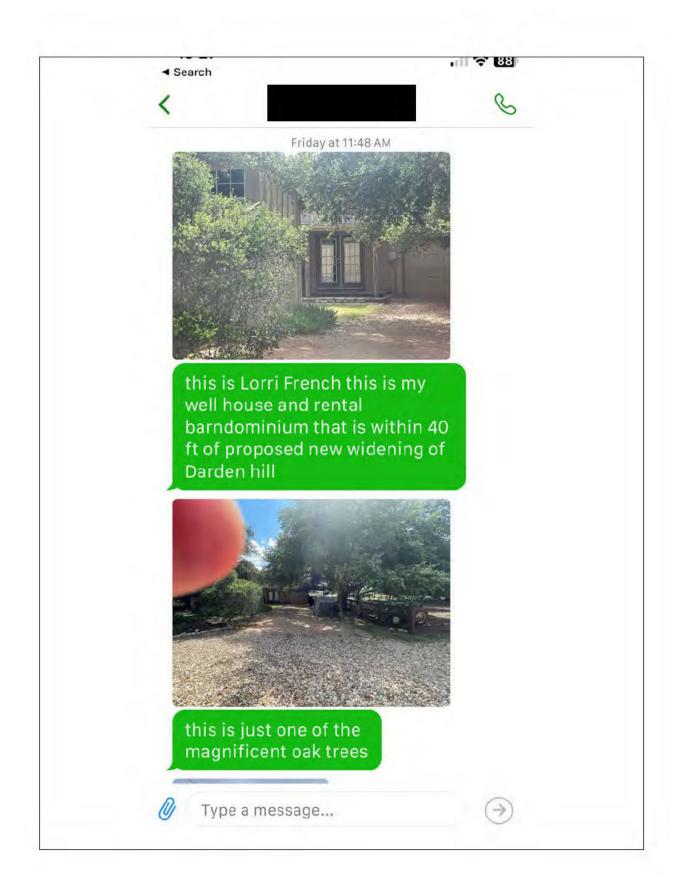
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Name:	Tara Sunday
Address:	
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Comment:	Please cancel this project and leave Darden Hill Rd as is. Thank you.
Sign Up for Email Updates:	X Unchecked

Phone:	
Name:	Kathleen Magat
Address:	10651 Darden Hill Rd
Email:	
Comment:	Please include street lights to ensure homeowners are able to turn into driveways to ensure safe driving during the night hours.
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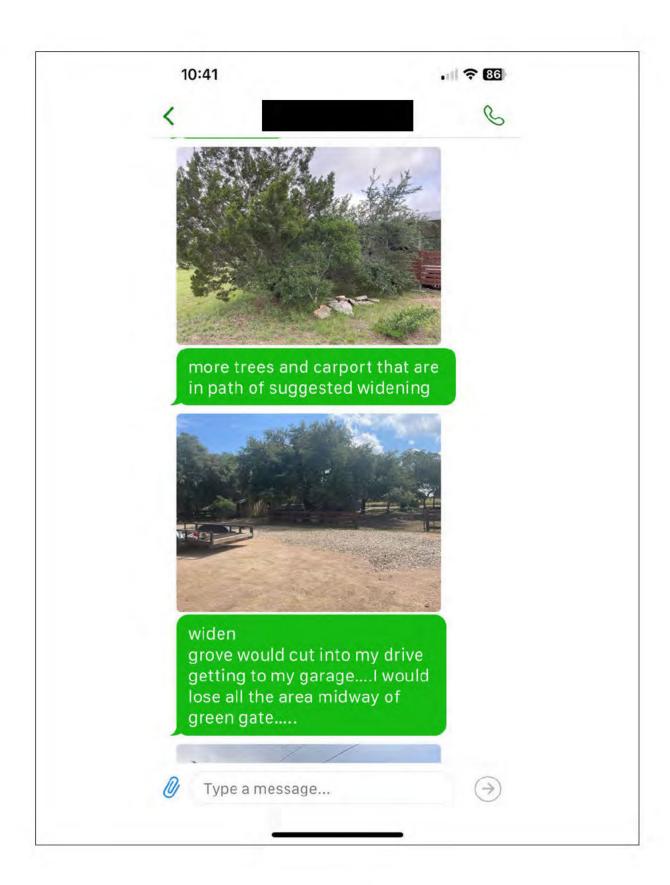
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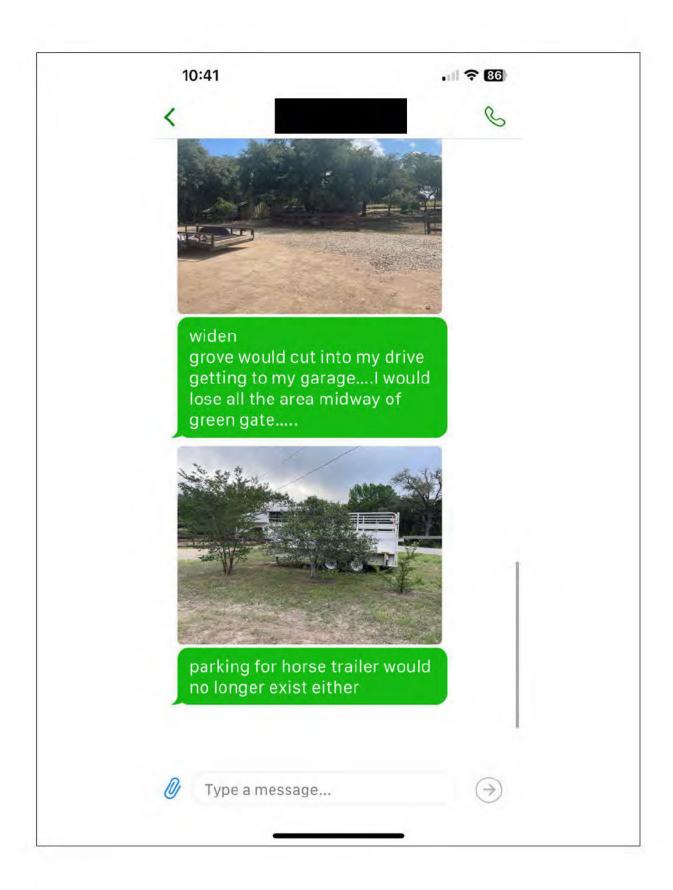




















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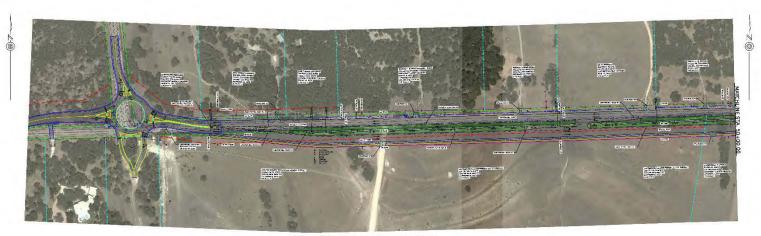
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Schematics for proposed improvements to Darden Hill Road



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Schematics for proposed Darden Hill and Sawyer Ranch Road roundabout