



# Open House Summary and Comment Response Report

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SH 29 from Southwestern  
Boulevard to SH 95  
Williamson County, Texas  
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*The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.*

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## **Introduction**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) conducted an Open House meeting regarding the proposed SH 29 corridor study located in Williamson County on Tuesday, September 1, 2015. The meeting was held specifically to solicit public input on the SH 29 corridor study including the project's location, engineering and environmental constraints and potential impacts.

## **Project Summary**

### *Project Study Area*

The project study area includes the existing SH 29 facility and extends from Southwestern Boulevard located on the western boundary (near the City of Georgetown) to SH 95 to the east. The project study area generally follows the San Gabriel River to the south and County Road 124 to the north. The project study area covers approximately 15,419 acres.

### *Purpose and Need*

The purpose of the proposed project is to accommodate existing and projected traffic volumes and to improve the safety of the existing facility by either upgrading the roadway to meet current design standards or constructing a new location alignment between SH 130 and SH 95, or a combination of the two. Various segments of SH 29 are located within the floodplain of Smith Branch, Mileham Branch, and the San Gabriel River. The eastern end of the project is located within the floodway of the San Gabriel River and in some locations, the top of the road is five feet below the base flood elevation. TxDOT staff have reported that this portion of SH 29 frequently experiences overtopping and road closures even during relatively minor storm events.

Improvements to the facility are needed to accommodate increased traffic volumes resulting from the future projected population growth in the City of Georgetown and Williamson County. The original SH 29 facility was constructed between 1932 and 1934. Since that time, only routine maintenance or operational improvements have been made to the facility. The existing facility does not meet current design standards for the volume of traffic the facility currently carries and the projected future traffic volumes. This increase in traffic volumes has led to an above average crash rate on the facility. In addition, portions of the existing SH 29 facility are located within the 100 year floodplain and the roadway is occasionally overtopped by flood waters; therefore improvements to SH 29 are needed to minimize the frequency at which the roadway is overtopped.

## *Proposed Improvements*

This was the first Open House for the SH 29 corridor. The meeting was designed to introduce the study to the public and gather information. The purpose of the proposed project is to accommodate existing and projected traffic volumes and to improve the safety of the existing facility by either upgrading the roadway to meet current design standards or constructing a new location alignment between SH 130 and SH 95, or a combination of the two.

It is anticipated that if any improvements are made, the proposed facility would consist of the following:

- **From Southwestern Boulevard to SH 130:** The proposed cross section would consist of four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, two lanes in each direction, separated by a variable width center turn lane. The roadway would include 10-foot-wide outside shoulders flanked by a six foot sidewalk on one side and a variable width shared use path on the other side.
- **From SH 130 to SH 95:** The proposed cross section would consist of six 12-foot-wide travel lanes, three in each direction, with 10 foot outside shoulders and four foot inside shoulders. East and westbound traffic would be separated by a variable width depressed grassy median. A six foot sidewalk would be provided on one side of the facility and a variable width shared use path on the other side.

## **Open House Information**

### *Open House Date and Location*

The Open House was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at East View High School located at 4490 E University Ave, Georgetown, TX. A formal presentation was not provided.

### *Open House Notifications*

A variety of methods were used to reach out to citizens, potentially affected property owners, local leaders and elected officials. These notifications included:

#### Post Cards

Approximately 751 post cards were mailed to property owners located within the study area.

- Newspaper Advertisements
  - Display advertisements were published in the following newspapers.
    - *Williamson County Sun*
      - Published Date: August 16, 2015

– *Taylor Daily Press*

- Published Date: August 19, 2015

- Letters

Letters were mailed to elected officials on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

- Website Postings

TxDOT posted information and details about the Open House on their website:

<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/austin/090115.html>.

Documentation for each of the notifications mentioned above is available in **Attachment A**.

### *Open House Hand-outs and Exhibits*

Upon arrival at the Open House, attendees were asked to sign-in to document attendance and were provided with a set of handouts which included:

- Welcome Letter
- Study Process Overview
- Comment Card
- Study Area Map

Fifteen (15) project display boards and four roll plots were exhibited to provide information about the proposed study. They included the following boards/maps:

- One Welcome Board
- Two Project Purpose and Need Boards
- Two Study Process Boards
- Two Existing and Potential Future Cross Section Boards
- Two Boards showing Forecasted Truck Percentage on Corridor
- Two Crash History and Severity Boards
- Two Average Daily Traffic and Level of Service Boards
- Two Floodplain Constraints Boards
- Two Environmental Constraint Roll Plots
- Two SH 29 Corridor Study Roll Plots

Two identical sets of small scale aerial maps (SH 29 Corridor Study Roll Plots) and two identical sets of small scale environmental constraint maps of the project location were set up on tables.

Two identical sets of boards (identified above) were displayed in the room on easels.

A continuous looped video explaining the corridor study was operating in the hallway in front of the meeting room for public viewing and information.

Tables were provided in the room for attendees to complete comment forms.

Copies of the hand-out materials are included in **Attachment B**. Display boards and maps are included in **Attachment C**. Photographs of the meeting, including documentation of the boards and maps, are included in **Attachment D**.

### *Open House Format*

The open house portion of the Open House was held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., during which time the public was able to review project display boards and discuss the proposed project and the environmental document with project staff.

### *Open House Attendance*

A total of 107 persons signed-in at the meeting. Meeting sign-in sheets are included as **Attachment E**.

## **Public Comment and Response Summary**

The public comment period for SH 29 study began on August 16, 2015 with the first publication in the *Williamson County Sun*.

Comments were accepted at the meeting and by mail and fax following the Open House. Written comments were accepted by mailing to the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin District, P.O. Box 15426, Austin, TX 78761-5426. During the meeting, attendees were asked to provide comment on comment forms (to leave or mail in later). The public comment period concluded on September 11, 2015.

A total of 26 written comments were received during the comment period. In addition, 19 comment notes were placed on the exhibit by the public. All comments received during the comment period are included in **Attachment F**.

The verbatim comments received and a response to each comment follows in **Table 1**. Comments are listed in alphabetic order by last name.

**Table 1: Public Comment Summary**

Last Name	First Name	Date Received	Method Received	Comment (verbatim)	Response
Bullock	Edith	09/01/2015	Written Comment	<p>Thank you for allowing this presentation. We are so glad there is an effort to straighten 29 for safety's sake. There have been some horrific accidents due to the twist and turns. It is good also that the road will be moved out of the 100 year flood plan which has been an ongoing problem. I think it will be easy enough to miss/avoid going over the small cemeteries. There is one on our property. (see back)</p> <p>(On back): Mankins Family Cemetery (small) in center off prop. at Mankins Crossing (N. &amp; W. of bridge, S. of river).</p>	<p>TxDOT is evaluating potential improvements that would move the road, or portions of it, out of the 100-year floodplain. In addition, alternatives would be evaluated during future project development. Horizontal geometry would meet design safety standards.</p> <p>During project development efforts will be made to avoid cemeteries including the Mankins Family Cemetery.</p>
Dedear	David	09/01/2015	Written Comment	<p>Good to come off east at Mankins Crossing straight to current intersection at Hwy 95. Please see green line on map reverse side.</p> <p>(On back): Mr. Dedear provided an alignment located north of 29.</p>	<p>Comment noted. Alternatives will be evaluated during future project development.</p>
Dedear	Janice	09/01/2015	Written Comment	<p>I would like Hwy 29 to be straightened and moved North as marked on reverse. It is not safe for us to turn in our driveway or to leave our driveway. We no longer have a front yard and now there will be a County Park in our backyard. It is not safe for our grandkids to get on and off the school bus. Cars don't even slow down much less stop for the bus. Our house seems to be a magnet for burglars – would be great to get off the major traffic highway,</p> <p>(On back): Only route that makes any sense. Cheaper land. Would have to buy expensive land and elevate.</p>	<p>Comment noted. Alternatives will be evaluated during future project development. Alternatives evaluated will meet design safety standards. Traffic laws and criminal activity are the responsibility of local law enforcement.</p>
Domelsmith	Linda	09/01/2015	Written Comment	<p>Please extend my thanks to Rashed Islam for explaining the traffic study. He was very good. Improving SH29 to increase safety is a good goal.</p>	<p>Comment noted. Alternatives will be evaluated during future project development. Alternatives evaluated will meet design safety standards.</p>

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				The children of friends of ours were seriously injured in an accident on SH29 several years ago. (Jonah Water Truck – really)	
Dupree	Scott & Karmen	09/01/2015	Written Comment	#1 concern of ours is the short stretch of Hwy 29 which is east of SH130 to and to include CR 104, a southbound “feeder” to SH 130. We would like to continue this section exactly like the Hwy 29 Bridge/overpass of SH 130. Two lanes east bound, two lanes west bound, and a wide center turn lane to handle the 15 degree bend in Hwy 29 just east of SH130. We also turn left (heading eastbound) off 29 onto Eastview Drive (after bend in 29 and before west light to enter EVHS) 101 Eastview Drive	Comment noted. The proposed typical section presented at the 9/1/15 open house included a five lane section (two east bound, two west bound and one center turn lane) between Southwestern Boulevard and SH 130. East of SH 130, the proposed typical section presented included six travel lanes separated by a median. The team will evaluate feasibility of a raised median with turn lanes between SH 130 and CR 104 during future project development.
Easley	Clare	09/01/2015	Written Comment	I don’t see any need for changes. It most needs courteous drivers. No other way for equipment.	Comment noted
Eno	Karole	09/01/2015	Written Comment	Add to mailing list: (she did not receive a meeting notice)	Comment noted. The contact name will be added to the future mailing list.
Fox	Carol	09/01/2015	Written Comment	At the present time, I see no need to alter Hwy 29. Projections can become self-fulfilling prophecies. Leave things as they are for now.	Comment noted
Hluz	Christopher	09/01.2015	Written Comment	I was pleased to see sidewalks or sup on the proposed typical sections. I have watched students walk from E. V. High school to Churchill Farms or Meadows of Georgetown or in the vicinity of the University where no sidewalks exists. The exhibits were helpful in explaining the process.	Comment noted. Any proposed improvements would include a six foot sidewalk on the north side and a variable width shared use path on the south side of the roadway.
Loep	John & Norma	09/01/15	Written Comment	Who will maintain Hwy 29 east of CR 126 to 95? How will the new project impact home owners east of CR 126? On Hwy 29? Will the new corridor be a toll road?	Currently SH 29 is maintained by TxDOT. A preferred alternative has not been identified at this time; therefore it is undetermined at this time how the project will impact homeowners east of CR 126 and who would maintain the facility. Existing access will be maintained. Currently there are no plans to make SH 29 a toll facility.

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Jackson	Diana & George	09/01/15	Written Comment	We live off of 29. Not far from the proposed roadway. While we would like to see better and safer roads, we are concerned about how close expansion would bring the highway to our front door. We are a small neighborhood and worry about having a highway in our front yard. On the positive side -> we really love the idea of a pedestrian walking for safety.	Comment noted. Alternatives will be evaluated during future project development.
Meredith	Jon	09/02/2015	Letter	<p>To whom it may concern: Attached are my public comments for your Highway 29 corridor study. For brevity sake, I've bullet pointed my ideas. I'm applying the KISS methodology.</p> <p>Your goals are simple:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring roads up to code by removing it from floodplains</li> <li>• Plan for future vehicle growth/congestion</li> <li>• Reduce traffic incidents</li> </ul> <p>Working within these constraints to address your goals, here are my suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bringing SH 29 up to code: In general, the floodplain issue affects the road once every 5-7 years where a few volunteers have to go out and close down the road. It will stay closed for a few hours and one can detour down Chandler Road. If you insist on working on adjust it, KISS. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. First do a study to see how much the bridge at Hwy 95/29 Intersection can be horizontally bored under. When the river floods, it backs up going underneath the bridge at 95, which increases the floodplain pressure in that area on 29. Look at putting some large culverts/holes underneath Highway 95 to allow the river to flow</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Comment noted.</p> <p>1. Comment noted.</p> <p>a.. Any alternative developed will include a detailed hydraulic analysis that would address many of the concerns noted.</p>

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				<p>naturally. Right now the bridge at 95 acts as a damn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Install culverts over the low water crossings in other sections.</li> <li>c. Grade out drainage ditches and channels in low lying areas.</li> <li>d. As a last resort build up the highway.</li> </ul> <p>2. Plan for future vehicle growth/ congestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In general, most people go the speed limit give or take 5mph in this area. A lot of the current congestion comes from oversized loads going too slow. To address this issue, carve out passing zones, similar to what you'd find in a mountain pass road. I will also address this further in #3.</li> <li>b. Consider your estimates of 6% annual traffic growth as perhaps a bit optimistic. I work in the financial industry and it's hard to predict a year out, let alone 30 years. As counterbalance, to your estimates, population growth in developed countries has started leveling off.</li> </ul> <p>3. Reduce traffic incidents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. This is the easiest solution: do nothing. As you are probably aware, it's already legal to have an autonomous vehicle in Texas, and Google is currently testing them in Austin. For early adopters, they will be on sale in 2017/18. Mass adoption will happen by 2025. By 2035 the government will have mandated that all vehicles be equipped to talk to each other (similar to what's in aircraft now).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. See response to "a" above.</li> <li>c. See response to "a" above.</li> <li>d. Comment noted.</li> </ul> <p>2. Comment noted.</p> <p>a. Appropriate proposed typical sections will be developed during this study. Currently a six-lane divided section is being considered east of SH 130 to SH 95. Between Southwestern Boulevard and SH 130, the proposed typical section includes four travel lanes with a center turn lane. Because the typical sections being considered are for the ultimate facility, slower traffic could use the outside travel lanes, thereby allowing faster traffic to use the inside lanes.</p> <p>b. Comment noted. Growth rate estimates are based on 2040 Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) model.</p> <p>3. Comment noted.</p>

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				<p>i. All this to say: autonomous vehicles will decrease the traffic accidents without you doing anything. The statistics are already out there with Google having driven over one million miles (as of June 2015). The computer has not been responsible for a single crash.</p> <p>In conclusion, look like a genius. You want to build a road for the future. Incorporate technology advances into your planning. Rerouting 29 appears to me to be a waste of funds as you will still have to deal with the floodplain issue and now maintain another road. In the meantime, KISS.</p>	<p>i. Comment noted.</p>
Miles	John	09/01/2015	Written Comment	Move 29 out of the floodplain!!	Comment noted.
Miller	Karen	09/01/2015	Written Comment	<p>(1) Stop light placed at intersection of Hwy 29 and 1660 (Jonah)</p> <p>(2) Stop light put at 1660 and Chandler Rd./University Blvd.</p>	<p>(1) Comment noted. If any improvements to SH 29 move forward, a traffic signal warrant analysis would be required. If it is determined that intersections within the corridor meet warrants, then traffic signals would be considered.</p> <p>(2) FM 1660 at Chandler Road is outside the limits of the SH 29 study.</p>
Mordecai	Don	09/01/2015	Written Comment	ST Helen Catholic church will benefit greatly from your proposed lanes. For years when church is having a function we have trouble coming and going! Thank you for finally looking to improve the access!	Comment noted.
Naizer	Henry	09/01/2015	Written Comment	<p>(1) Obtain the abandoned Railbed from Gtown to Granger (along FM 971) and create a new Hwy 29</p> <p>(2) Alternate: replace the two bridges of the intersection of 29 and Hwy 95 and build a longer bridge without obstruction below from the County Road 347 to little (not legible) Circleville. This alone will reduce the flooding of the River upstream.</p>	<p>1. The design engineer and planning team will develop several alternatives for further consideration and evaluation. 2. A hydraulic analysis will be conducted as part of the study. The existing bridges at SH 29 and SH 95 will be evaluated. 3. TxDOT is responsible for debris removal along state owned facilities that are located within state owned right-of-way. Much</p>

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				(3) Have the Corp. of Engineers remove the heavy underbrush of Pecan Branch at the 29 & 95 intersection. Call me if you have any questions and can't read my handwriting.	of the debris noted in the comment is outside of TxDOT ROW on private land.
Stabeno	Patrick	09/01/2015	Written Comment	<p>There is really nothing wrong with SH 29 with flooding. It only shuts down 6 hours every year due to flooding. In my mind six hours of flooding does not justify building a new road and the expenses that ensue. Fixing the existing roadway seems to be a more common sense approach.</p> <p>Note: Mr. Stabeno also included a drawing on the meeting map showing and alignment north of existing SH 29 with the following text: “*New Road*”</p>	Comment noted. Moving the roadway out of the floodplain is only one goal of the project. Potential improvements to the existing facility will also be included in the study.
Stefek	Janie	09/18/2015	Letter	<p>Due to living in the area and being involved with a farm operation for about 60 years I have seen a lot of water come through the area and am familiar with the flooded area. I currently live on CR337 and so I am forced to take an alternate route after heavy rains. However, not only does it flood at Hwy 29 and Pecan Branch but, water goes over the road in several other places on CR337. Pecan Branch also floods on CR341. The property in CR341 that intersects CR124 has the branch that forms a Y (this is the branch by CR192 that intersects with the one off CR 124. This is in the middle of the property, and the whole area will flood in the heavy rains. The branch comes from 124 and also water comes up to the bridge top at 124 (see page 2) and floods the land (Page 2) but normally does not go over. On CR124 west of Pecan Branch water also goes over the road in several places, but not past CR192. As a result I would like to propose a route where there isn't quite as flooded. If Hwy29 is to remain in the same spot going through Georgetown; I would suggest at Makim Crossing (not sure if spelled that correctly) over to the north (that crossing is the large bridge</p>	<p>Comments noted and will be examined in the hydraulic analysis of the project area.</p> <p>Potential improvements studied include alternatives that would move the road, or portions of it, out of the 100-year floodplain.</p>

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				across Hwy95 between Jonah and Georgetown) and cut across to CR157 and at that point go straight across to Hwy29 where it would create an intersection at CR 346. This country road heads to Willis Creek Park. By going this route you should also be able to avoid gas lines going across properties. Thank you for your consideration. Janie Stefek	
Stephenson III	George	09/01/2015	Written Comment	<p>My request is if you decide to widen 29 in front of my property to take the right of way from across the street. The area across the street is not developed. The percentage of property you would need would have less impact and you would not have to move electrical lines, telephone lines or water lines or culverts, that congest my side of the road.</p> <p>Note: Mr. Stephenson also provide the location of his property on the comment form map.</p>	<p>The design team will develop several alternatives for further consideration and evaluation. Alternatives will be developed to avoid and minimize impacts to existing infrastructure and property boundaries to the maximum extent practicable.</p> <p>Comment noted.</p>
Taylor	Shirley	09/01/2015	Written Comment	<p>127 and part of 124 135 acre farm. Would not like to see this split up as has been in same family over 100 yrs.</p> <p>Note: Ms. Taylor circled the location of her property on the comment form map</p>	<p>The design team will develop several alternatives for further consideration and evaluation. Alternatives will be developed to avoid and minimize impacts to property boundaries to the maximum extent practicable.</p> <p>Comment noted.</p>
VanDerKamp	Chris	09/01/2015	Written Comment	<p>Would <u>not</u> like new Hwy to intersect our property or land on CR 338 as our house is very close to road. We are a quite dead end road and would like it to stay that way. Thank you, Chris VanDerKamp</p>	<p>The design team will develop several alternatives for further consideration and evaluation. Alternatives will be developed to avoid and minimize impacts to property boundaries to the maximum extent practicable.</p>
Watts	Kristee	09/01/2014	Written Comment	<p>My primary concern is safety and pass through from central Georgetown to East View High School. As a parent of two East View students preparing them as brand new drivers to be safe on SH 29 was a challenge. A driver must be prepared to stop at any moment as cars enter &amp; exit a congested roadway. Also kids walk to school from the Churchill Farms</p>	<p>Alternatives evaluated will meet current design safety standards. Currently TxDOT is considering sidewalks and a shared use path for bicyclists and pedestrians. This will include the area around East View High School.</p>

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				area on the shoulder of the road. Cars routinely pass turning vehicles on the shoulder near the school. I dread the day a car runs over one of those kids. Last, I work in Taylor and drive the route daily, exiting at CR 366. Anything that shortens the drive time is appreciated.	
Woerner	Clyde and Kay	09/01/2015	Written Letter	We have lived at this address since 1986. It is on the curve next to the Church of Nazarene. There have been 19 accidents on this curve during this time, that we know of. The 45 mph sign posted going both directions just gets run over, as no one slows down. We <u>need</u> a turn lane for sure for all the businesses along the way. The High School and Bus traffic makes it <u>so</u> dangerous. There are high school kids walking along the highway through the weeds & tall grass going back and forth.	TxDOT is proposing to evaluate alternatives for the SH 29 corridor that would meet current safety standards. Excessive speed should be controlled by local law enforcement. A raised median with turn lanes is currently being considered between Southwestern Boulevard and SH 130. East of SH 130, the facility being considered may include a divided roadway with crossovers at appropriate locations. The proposed facility would include a sidewalk and shared use path.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Written Comment	Move 29 out of the floodplain. Move it north too much traffic, too dangerous as is now between CR 366-95.	Comment noted.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Written Comment	What will happen to Hwy 29, FM Rd, County Rd.	Currently SH 29 is maintained by TxDOT. An alternative has not been identified at this time; therefore it is undetermined at this time how the project will impact SH 29, Farm to Markets and County Roads.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Written Comment	Move from Mankins Crossing to 124 at 95.  (On back): (Drew alignment – labeled proposed)	The design team will develop several alternatives for further consideration and evaluation. Alternatives will be developed to avoid and minimize impacts to existing infrastructure to the maximum extent practicable.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	One map was received that showed a hand drawn alignment north of SH 29. The following comments were placed on the map: 1) Only route that makes sense 2) Cheaper land	The design team will develop several alternatives for further consideration and evaluation. Alternatives will be developed to avoid and minimize impacts to existing

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				3) Out of floodplain 4) Would have to buy expensive land and elevate	infrastructure to the maximum extent practicable.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Put in Left Turn Lane at Eastview Dr.	Comment noted. The design team will evaluate all intersections within a corridor and determine the need for any operational improvements, including turn lanes at intersections during the study. If a turn lane is warranted, it would be installed if the project is constructed.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Need Light Turn Lane at 103	Comment Noted. The design team will evaluate all intersections within a corridor and determine the need for any operational improvements, including turn lanes at intersections during the study. If a turn lane is warranted, it would be installed if the project is constructed.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Historical Marker (near STA 295+00)	Comment Noted
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Cemetery (near 304+00 and 500' north)	Comment Noted
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Use RR Right of Way	The railroad right-of-way will be evaluated.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Hanson Property (408+00 to 416+00)	Comment Noted
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Joe Watson Property (402+00 to 405+00)	Comment Noted
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Sight Distance (465+00)	Comment Noted. The design team will develop several alternatives for further consideration and evaluation. This evaluation will include

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					several alternatives that will meet current design criteria, including sight distance criteria.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Speed Limits don't line (490+00)	Comment Noted. Information will be passed on to TxDOT.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Place on Exhibit	Byron Farm (586+00 to 598+00)	Comment Noted
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Byron House- Widening Existing Roadway would take family home. But we would rather the house go than divide the farm in two pieces	Comment noted. The design team will develop several alternatives for further consideration and evaluation. Alternatives will be developed to avoid and minimize impacts to existing properties to the maximum extent practicable.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Pecan Branch floods, clean out (732+00 3985' north)	A hydraulic analysis of the project area will be included as part of the study. TxDOT is responsible for debris removal only within state owned right-of-way.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Floods real bad, Bad flooding (776+00 4631' north)	Comment Noted. A hydraulic analysis of the project area will be included as part of the study.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Clear the Pecan Branch and Hwy 95 choke point with a new bridge w/o the blockage between Pecan Branch to Hwy 29 intersection w/Hwy 95	A hydraulic analysis of the project area will be included as part of the study. TxDOT is responsible for debris removal only within state owned right-of-way.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Another choke point is that the owners of Pecan Branch have not cleared out the under brush	A hydraulic analysis of the project area will be included as part of the study. TxDOT is responsible for debris removal only within state owned right-of-way.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	1852 house number Nat. Rag..., brother lives across the road (695+00)	Comment Noted.
No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Abandoned RR, Can we use the RR easement	The railroad right-of-way will be evaluated.

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No Name	No Name	09/01/2015	Comment Placed on Exhibit	Very dangerous intersection- 1660 and SH 29	Comment Noted. The design team will develop several alternatives for further consideration and evaluation. This evaluation will include several alternatives that will meet current design criteria including safety criteria.

## Attachment A

### Open House Advertisements and Notifications



# State Highway 29 Corridor Study

## From Southwestern Boulevard to State Highway 95

# OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday September 1, 2015 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Join us for the open house to discuss possible SH 29 corridor improvements between Southwestern Boulevard in Georgetown and SH 95 near Circleville in Williamson County. Study team members will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. The meeting will be held at:

**Eastview High School Cafeteria**  
**4490 East University Avenue**  
**Georgetown, Texas 78726**



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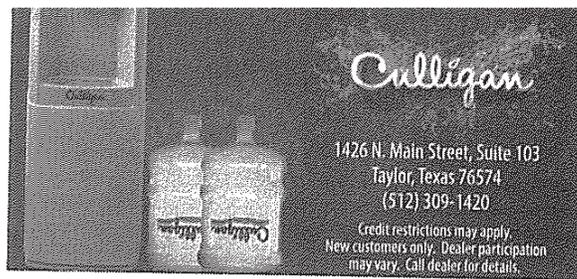
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August 4, 2015

The Honorable Dan A. Gattis  
County Judge  
Williamson County  
710 Main Street, Suite 101  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

RE: Open House to discuss possible SH 29 corridor improvements

Dear Judge Gattis:

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Sincerely,



Greg A. Malatek, P.E.  
Austin District Engineer

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Mayor  
City of Georgetown  
P.O. Box 409  
Georgetown, Texas 78627

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**Attachment B**

Open House Hand-outs



September 1, 2015

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) welcomes you to tonight's Open House concerning proposed improvements to State Highway (SH) 29 from Southwestern Boulevard in Georgetown to SH 95.

Please feel free to examine the exhibits on display from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. TxDOT staff and their consultants are available to answer your questions during this time. No technical presentation will be given.

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The purpose of the Open House is to provide information about the proposed study and gather input from the public. As you review the exhibits we ask that you bring to our attention any issues that you may be aware of that we might have missed through our research efforts. These issues could include cemeteries, older structures, large trees, wetlands, archaeological sites, and others that you feel are relevant. Markers are provided and you may highlight your concerns directly on the exhibits, or on the map on the back of the attached comment form. You may also use these markers to provide potential alignments for SH 29.

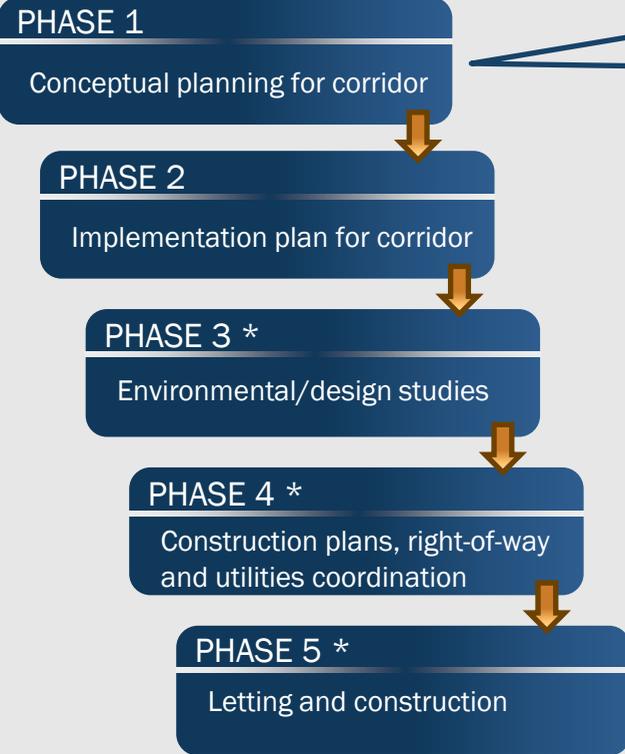
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All written comments received at the Open House will be taken into consideration during future project development.

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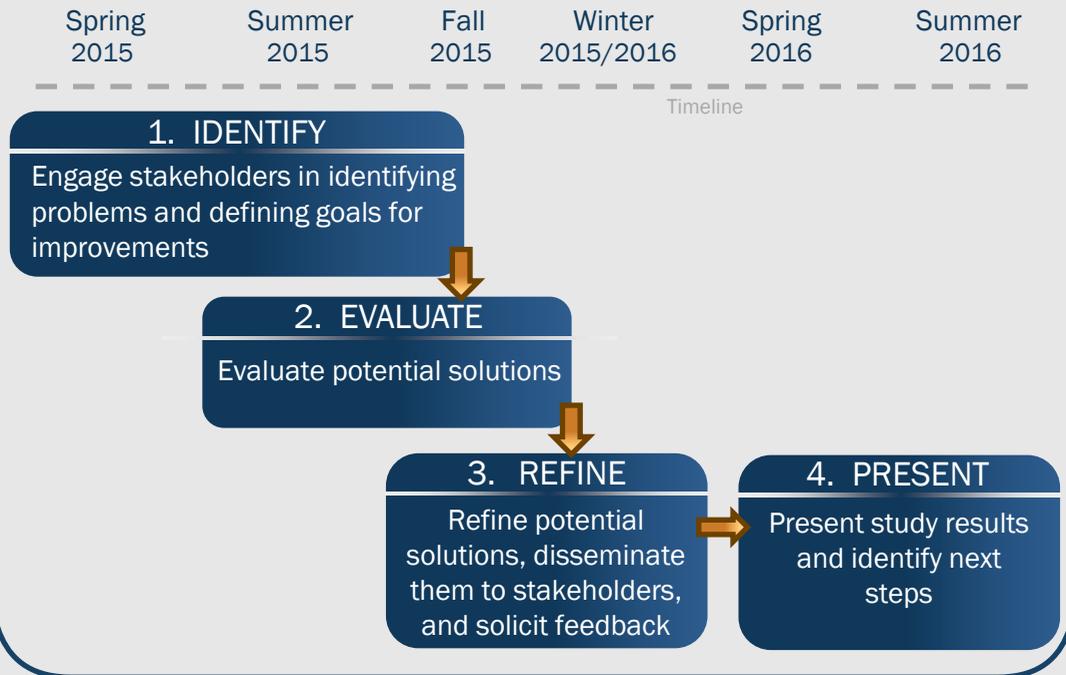
# SH 29 Improvement Study

## TxDOT Project Development Process

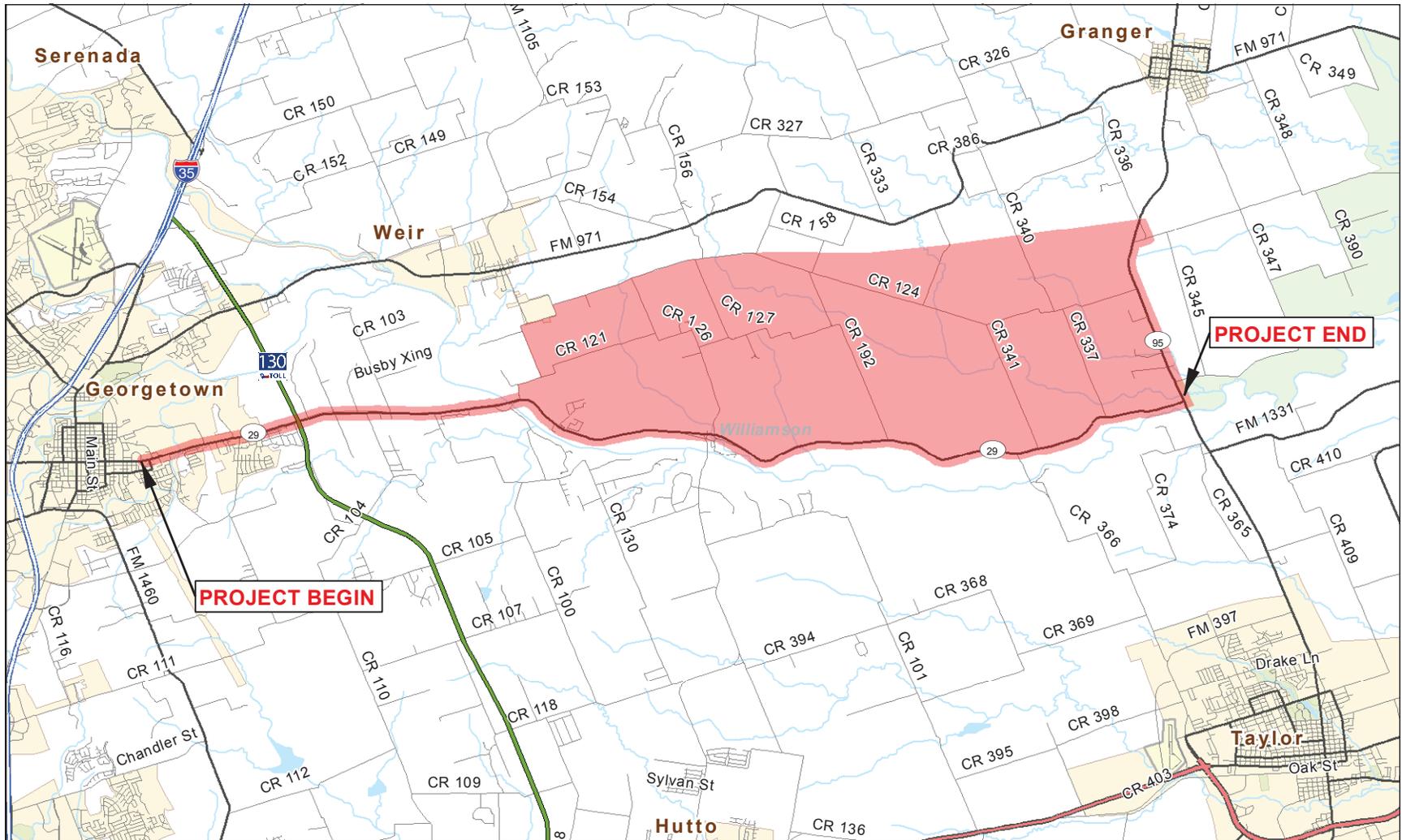


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## State Highway 29 Improvement Study

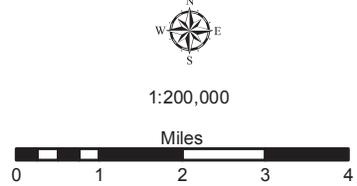






Base Map: County Base Map,  
Williamson County, Texas

 Project Study Area



SH 29 from  
Southwestern Boulevard to SH 95  
Williamson County, Texas  
CSJ: 0337-02-045

## Attachment C

Open House Display Boards and Maps



**Texas Department of Transportation**

**WELCOME**  
**State Highway 29**  
**OPEN HOUSE**

**From Southwestern Boulevard to State Highway 95**

**September 1, 2015**

**6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**East View High School Cafeteria**

# SH 29 Improvement Study

## Purpose and Need

### Purpose:

- To upgrade the existing roadway to meet current design standards and potentially provide a new location alignment between SH 130 and SH 95

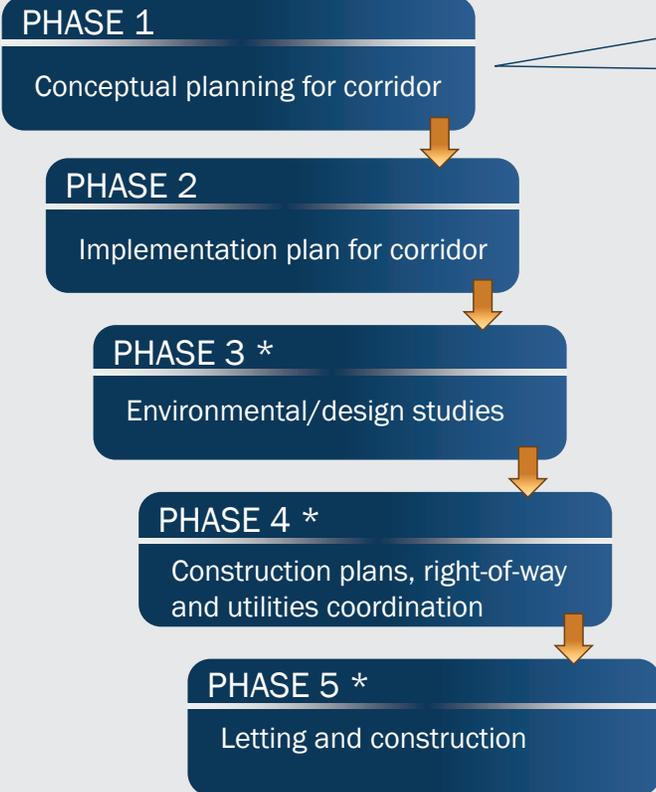
### Need:

The proposed project is needed in order to:

- Accommodate existing and projected traffic volumes
- Improve safety
- Address roadway flooding
  - Portions of SH 29 are located within the 100-year floodplain and occasionally overtopped by flood waters

# SH 29 Improvement Study

## TxDOT Project Development Process

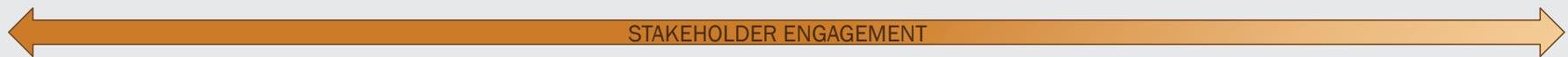


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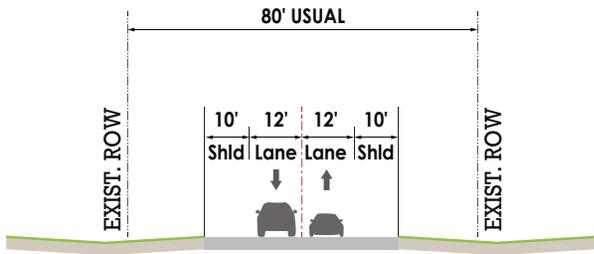
## State Highway 29 Improvement Study

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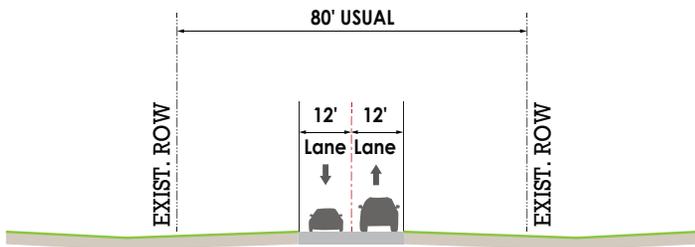
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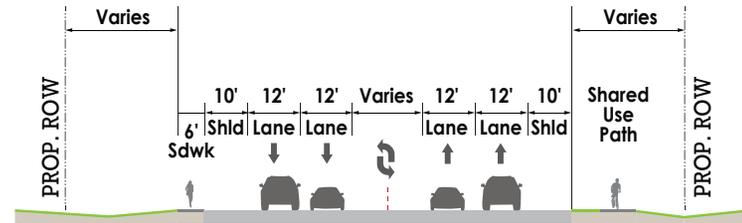


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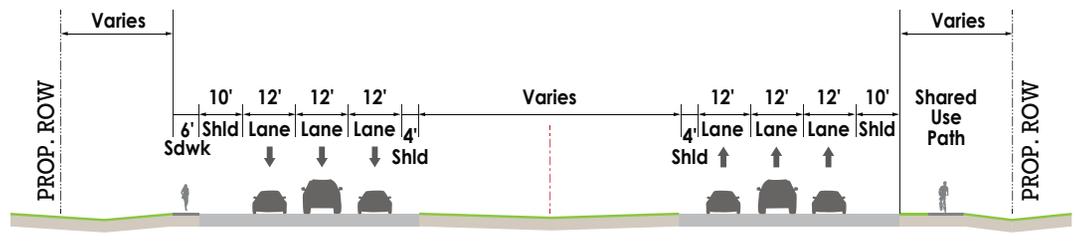


CR 126 to SH 95

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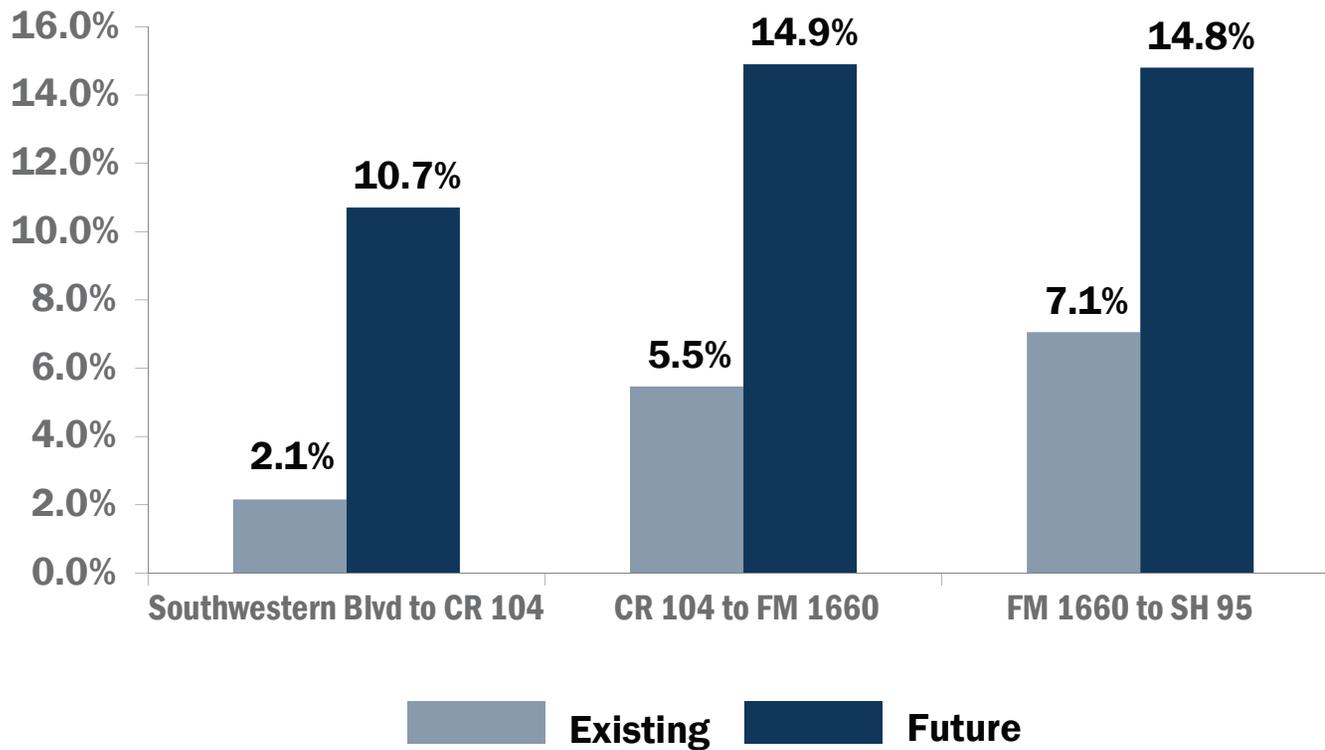


Southwestern Blvd. to SH 130



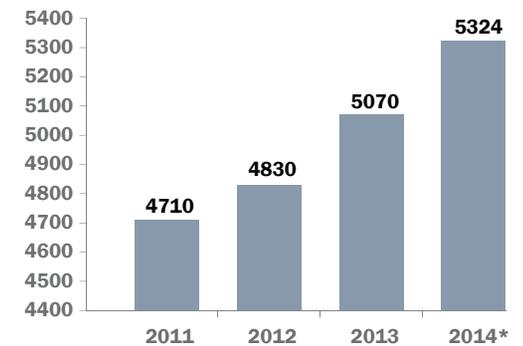
SH 130 to SH 95

## Forecasted Truck Percentage on Corridor



**Source:**  
 Existing truck percentage: 2015 peak period turning movement counts  
 Future truck percentage: TxDOT Statewide Planning Map

## Corridor Average Daily Traffic



**Average growth rate  
 of 4% per year.**

Source: TxDOT  
 \* Estimate

# SH 29 Corridor Study

## Crash History and Severity



## Average Daily Traffic (ADT)

Location	2015*	2045**	Annual Growth
Southwest Blvd. to SH 130	13,900	27,100	2%
SH 130 to FM 1660	8,000	25,700	4%
FM 1660 to SH 95	3,800	19,600	6%

## Level of Service (LOS) by Segment

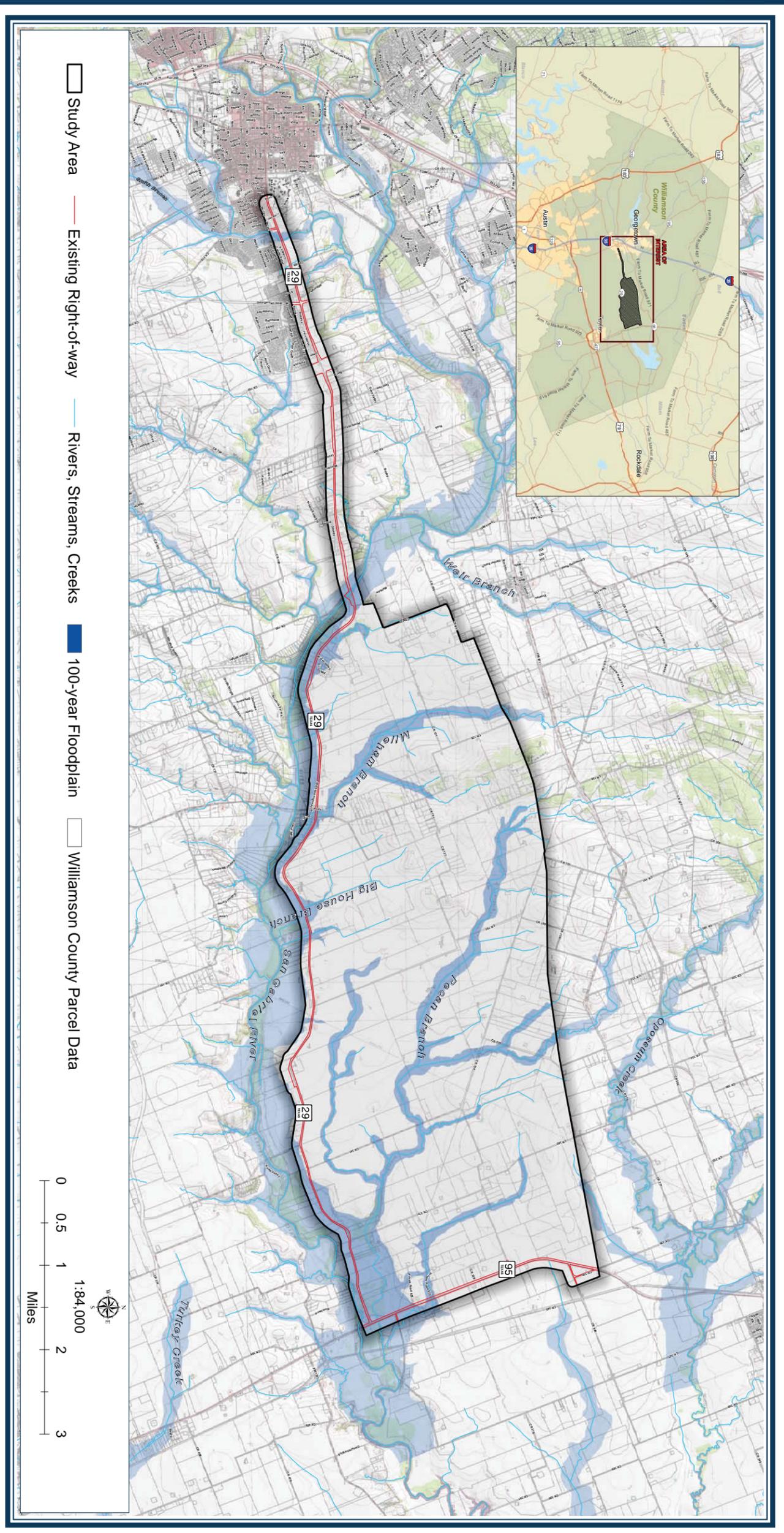
Location	Existing 2015 LOS	2045 No Build LOS
Southwest Blvd. to SH 130	D	E
SH 130 to FM 1660	D	E
FM 1660 to SH 95	C	E

Level of Service for corridor segments represent reduction in free-flow travel speeds for through vehicles.

A	B	C	D	E	F
Fast			Medium	Slow	

# FLOODPLAIN CONSTRAINTS

## SH 29 from Southwestern Boulevard to SH 95







## Attachment D

### Open House Photographs















## Attachment E

Open House Sign-In Sheets

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**SH 29 CORRIDOR STUDY FROM SOUTHWESTERN BOULEVARD TO SH 95**  
**WILLIAMSON COUNTY**

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Ethel Domel	78626
Linda Domelsmith	"
Jon Gieselbrecht	78751
TED ALEXANDER	78626
KIAN SAEBERT	76530
Paul + Claudia Roujal	78626
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Clay Collins	78626
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Grace Pyka	78626
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Wally Wilson	78628
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John Miles	78633
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HENRY L. NAIZER	76530
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Don Mordecai	78633
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## Attachment F

Comments Received

See back

**COMMENT FORM**  
**Open House**  
**SH 29 Corridor Study**  
**East View High School – September 1, 2015**

Thank you for allowing this presentation.

We are so glad there is an effort to straighten 29 for safety's sake. There have been some horrific accidents due to the twists & turns.

It is good also that the road will be moved out of the 100 yr flood plain which has been an ongoing problem.

I think it will be easy enough to miss/avoid going over the small cemeteries. There is one on our prop.

Name: Edith Bullock

Address: 3901 SH 130 (home place) + Mankins Prop.

Phone: 512-863-2870

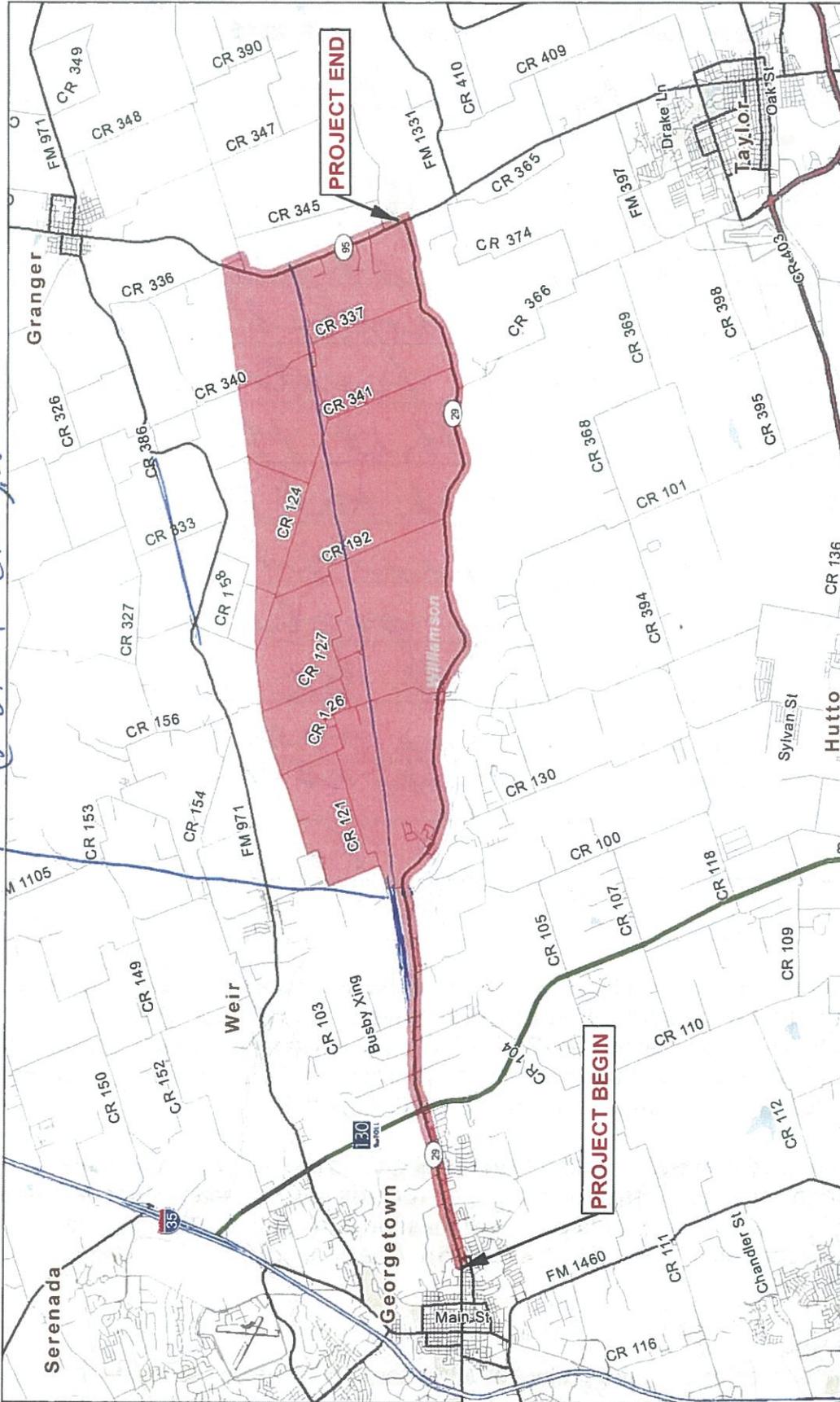
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Map shows center of 560' bridge  
Main St in center of bridge  
CR 124, CR 127, CR 126, CR 121  
CR 124, CR 127, CR 126, CR 121  
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Base Map: County Base Map, Williamson County, Texas

Project Study Area

1:200,000



SH 29 from  
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**COMMENT FORM**  
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**SH 29 Corridor Study**  
**East View High School – September 1, 2015**

GOOD TO COME OFF EAST AT MANKINS  
CROSSING STRAIGHT TO CURRENT INTERSECTION  
AT HWY 95  
PLEASE SEE GREEN LINE ON MAP REVERSE  
SIDE

Name: DAVID L DEDEAR

Address: 11350 EAST STATE HIGHWAY 29 G-TOWN 78626

Phone: 512 470 8634

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COMMENT FORM  
Open House  
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Name: Janice Dedear

Address: 11356 E Hwy 29

Phone: 512 470-8644

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Please extend my thanks to Rashed Islam for explaining the traffic study. He was very good.

Improving SH29 to increase safety is a good goal. The children of friends of ours were seriously injured in an accident on SH29 several years ago. (Jonah Water Truck - really)  
+ 3901 SH130 78626

Name: Linda Domelsmith  
Address: 4101 Canyon Cliff Circle Temple, Tx  
Phone: 254-773-8983 76502

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#1 Concern of ours is the short stretch of HWY 29 which is east of SH130 to and to include CR 104, a south bound "feeder" to SH130. We would like to continue this section exactly like the Hwy 29 Bridge/overpass of SH130.

Two lanes east bound, two lanes west bound, and a wide center turn lane to handle the 15° bend in HWY 29 just east of SH130

We also turn left (leading eastbound) off 29 onto Eastview Drive (after bend in 29 & before <sup>west</sup> light to enter EVHS) 101 Eastview Drive

Name: Scott and Karmen Dupree

Address: 402 Autumn Trail, Georgetown, TX 78626

Phone: 512-818-2824 and 512-818-2823

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I don't see any need for changes. It must mean countries drivers. no other way for equipment.

Name: Clare Casley  
Address: 13050 Hwy 29 East  
Phone: 512-930-3193

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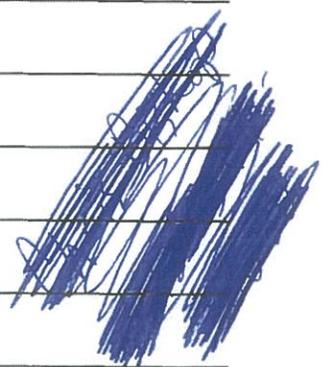
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Add to mailing list:  
(she did not receive  
a meeting notice)



Name:                     Karole Eno                      
Address:                     2449 Co. Rd. 101 Hutto, TX 78634                      
Phone:                     (512) 352-7188                    

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At the present time, I see no need to alter Hwy 29. Projections can become self-fulfilling prophecies. Leave things as they are for now.

Name: Carol Fox  
Address: P.O. Box 345 Taylor 76574 (2301 CR 374)  
Phone: 512-365-6475

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I was pleased to see sidewalks or sup on the proposed typicals sections. I have watched students walk from E.V. High school to Churchill Farms or Meadows of Georgetown or in the vicinity of the University where no sidewalks exists.

~~your~~ The exhibits were helpful in explaining the process.

Name: Christopher Hluz

Address: 708 Indian Meadow Dr.

Phone: 512 629 9758

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We live off of 29. not far from the proposed roadway. While I would like to see better and safer roads, I am concerned about how close expansion would bring the highway to our front door. We are a small neighborhood and worry about having a highway in our front yard.

On the positive side → we really love the idea of a pedestrian walkway for safety.

Name: Diana and George Jackson

Address: 212 Granite Dr.

Phone: 512-496-4491

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To: District Environmental Coordinator

From: Jon Meredith (512 585 6249) [jon.meredith@gmail.com](mailto:jon.meredith@gmail.com)

RE: Highway 29 Comment Form

Date: 9/2/2015

Pages: 3 (including cover)

To whom it may concern:

Attached are my public comments for your Highway 29 corridor study. For brevity's sake, I've bullet pointed my ideas. I'm applying the KISS methodology.

Your goals are simple:

- Bring road up to code by removing it from floodplain
- Plan for future vehicle growth / congestion
- Reduce traffic incidents

Working within these constraints to address your goals, here are my suggestions:

1. Bringing SH 29 up to code: In general, the floodplain issue affects the road once every 5-7 years where a few volunteers have to go out and close down the road. It will stay closed for a few hours and one can detour down Chandler Road. If you insist on working to adjust it, KISS.
  - a. First do a study to see how much the bridge at Hwy 95/29 Intersection can be horizontally bored under. When the river floods, it backs up going underneath the bridge at 95, which increases the floodplain pressure in that area on 29. Look at putting some large culverts/holes underneath Highway 95 to allow the river to flow naturally. Right now the bridge at 95 acts as a damn.
  - b. Install culverts over the low water crossings in other sections.
  - c. Grade out drainage ditches and channels in low lying areas.
  - d. As a last resort build up the highway.
  
2. Plan for future vehicle growth / congestion:
  - a. In general, most people go the speed limit give or take 5 mph in this area. A lot of the current congestion comes from oversized loads going too slow. To address this issue, carve out passing zones, similar to what you'd find in a mountain pass road. I will also address this further in #3.
  - b. Consider that your estimates of 6% annual traffic growth as perhaps a bit optimistic. I work in the financial industry and it's hard to predict a year out, let alone 30 years. As counterbalance to your estimates, population growth in developed countries has started leveling off.
  
3. Reduce traffic incidents:
  - a. This is the easiest solution: do nothing. As you are probably aware, it's already legal to have an autonomous vehicle in Texas, and Google is currently testing them in Austin. For early adopters, they will be on sale in 2017/18. Mass adoption will happen by 2025. By 2035 the government will have mandated that all vehicles be equipped to talk to each other (similar to what's in aircraft now).

- i. All this to say: autonomous vehicles will decrease the traffic accidents without you doing anything. The statistics are already out there with Google having driven over one million miles (as of June 2015). The computer has not been responsible for a single crash.

In conclusion, look like a genius. You want to build a road for the future. Incorporate technology advances into your planning. Rerouting 29 appears to me to be a waste of funds as you will still have to deal with the floodplain issue and now maintain another road. In the mean time, KISS.

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More 29 out of the floodplain!!

Name: John Miles

Address: 105 Crepe Myrtle Ln Georgetown 78633

Phone: 512-864-0914

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① stop light placed at intersection of Hwy 29 and 1660 (Jonah)

② stop light put at 1660 and Chandler Rd. / University Blvd.

Name: Karen Miller  
Address: 355 Old Hwy 29 E Georgetown, TX 78626  
Phone: 512-639-0102 cell

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ST Helen Catholic church will benefit greatly  
from your proposed lanes. for years  
when church is having a function we have  
trouble coming + going! Thank you for  
finally looking to improve the access!

Name: Don Mordocai

Address: 1850 CR 245 + 3,42 acres (CI) on 29

Phone: 512 415 7217 across from St Helen C Church

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along FMS 971

Call me if you have any question or want

① Obtain The abandoned Rail Bed from  
G-Town To Granger & Create a New  
Hwy 29  
alt

② Alternate: Replace The Two Bridges at  
the intersection of 29 & Hwy 95 and  
Build a longer Bridge without obstruction  
below from County Road 347 To little  
pass Circleville. this along will  
reduce the flooding of the River upstream.

③ Have The Corp of Engineers remove The  
Heavy underbrush ~~at the edge of Pecan Branch~~  
the 29 & 95 intersection

Name: HENRY NAIZER  
Address: 4701 Philco DR AUSTIN 78745  
Phone: 512-442-0347

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There is really nothing wrong with SH 29 with flooding. It only shuts down 6 hours every year due to flooding. In my mind six hours of flooding does not justify building a new road and the expenses that incur. Fixing the existing roadway seems to be a more common sense ~~approach~~ approach

Name: Patrick Steben

Address: 925 PR 350

Phone: 512 468 5277

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John someone called...  
could not read the fax I sent on 9-11-15.  
So here's my copy!  
Thanks!

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Due to living in the area & being involved with a farm operation for about 60 years I have seen a lot of water come thru the area & am familiar with the flood areas. I currently live on CR 337 and so I am forced to take an alternate route after heavy rains. However, not only does it flood at Hwy 29 & Pecan Branch but, water goes over the road in several other places on CR 337. Pecan Branch also floods on CR 341. The property on CR 341 that intersects CR 124 has the branch that forms a Y (this is the branch by CR 192 that intersects with the one off CR 124. This is in the middle of the property & the whole area will flood in heavy rains. The branch coming from 124 floods & also water comes up to the bridge top at 124 (see page 2) <sup>the land</sup>

Name: Janie Stefek

Address: 1151 CR 337, Granger TX 76530

Phone: evenings: 512-859-2032 day: 512-484-1625

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~~of the bridge~~ but normally does not go over. On CR 124 west of Pecan Branch water also goes over the road in several places but not past CR 192. As a result I would like to propose a route where there isn't quite as flooded. If Hwy 29 is to remain in the same spot going thru Georgetown, I would suggest at Makins crossing (not sure I spelled that correctly) veer to the north (that crossing is the large bridge across Hwy 29 between Jonah & Georgetown) & cut across to CR 157 and at that point go straight across to Hwy 95 where it would create an intersection at CR 346. This county road heads to Willis Creek Park. By going this route you should also be able to avoid gas line going across properties.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jenie Stefk

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My request is if you decide to widen 29 in front of my property to take the right of way from across the street. The area across the street is not developed. The amount percentage of property you would need would have less impact and you would not have to move electrical lines, telephone lines or water lines or coverts, that congest my side of the road.

Name: George H. Stevenson III

Address: 5410 E Hwy 29 Georgetown, TX 78627

Phone: 832-276-2807

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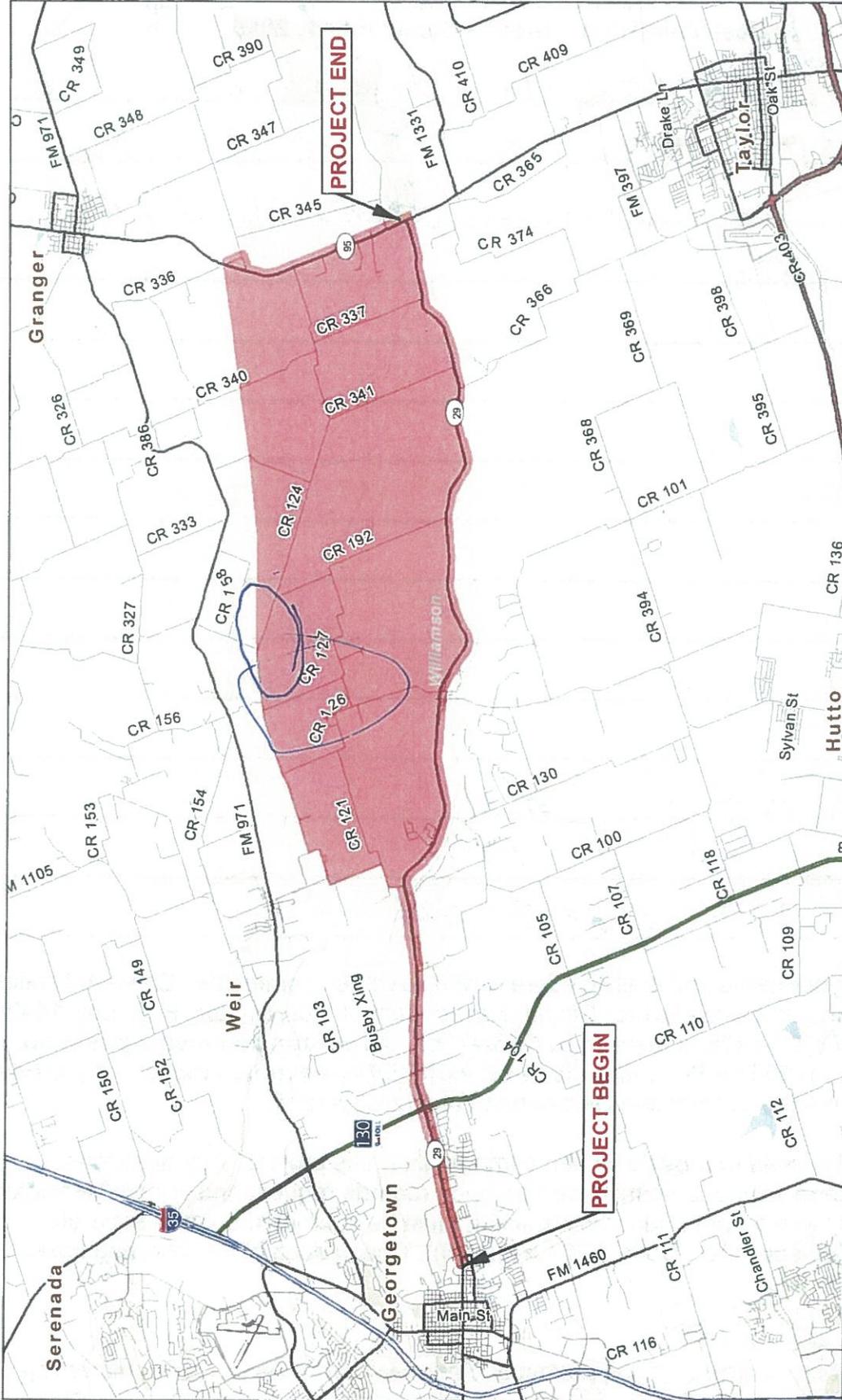
part of  
 127 + 124 = 135 ACRE FARM. Would not like  
 to see this split up AS HAS  
 been in SAME family over  
 100 yrs.

Name: Shirley Taylor  
 Address: 2302 CR 127  
 Phone: 512 966-2524

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Base Map: County Base Map,  
Williamson County, Texas

**Project Study Area**

SH 29 from  
Southwestern Boulevard to SH 95  
Williamson County, Texas  
CSJ: 0337-02-045

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Would not like new Hwy to intersect our property or land on CR 338 as our house is very close to road. We are a quite dead end road and would like it to stay that way.

Thank You

Chris VanDerKamp

Name: Chris VanDerKamp

Address: 150 CR 338, Granger

Phone: 512-401-7729

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My primary concern is safety and pass through from central Georgetown to East View High School. As a parent of two Eastview students preparing them as brand new drivers to be safe on SH 29 was a challenge. A driver must be prepared to stop at any moment as cars enter & exit a congested roadway.

Also, kids walk to school from <sup>the</sup> Churchill Farms area on the shoulder of the road. Cars routinely pass turning vehicles on the shoulder near the school. I dread the day a car runs over one of those kids.

Last, I work in Taylor and drive the route daily, exiting at CR 366. Anything that shortens the drive time is appreciated.

Name: Kristee Watts

Address: 525 Greenridge Rd Georgetown 78628

Phone: 512-863-4830

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There are high school buses walking along the highway through the weeds & tall grass going back and forth.

We have lived at this address since 1986. It is on the curve next to the Church of the Nazarene. There have been 19 accidents on this curve during this time, that we know of. The 45 mph sign posted going both directions just gets run over, as no one slows down. We need a turn lane for sure for all the businesses along the way. The High School and Bus traffic makes it so dangerous.

Name: Clyde & Kay Werner  
Address: 4101 E. University Ave.  
Phone: 512 863-5295

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MOVE 29 out of Floodplain. Move it North  
Too Much traffic, too dangerous as is now  
between CR 366 - 95.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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— What will happen  
at Hwy 29  
Fm Rd  
County Rd

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*Move from Manchinas Crossing to 124895*

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Put in Left Turn Lane at Eastview Dr.
2. Need Light / Turn Lane at 103
3. Historical Marker (near STA 295+00)
4. Cemetery (near 304+00 and 500' north)
5. Use RR Right of Way
6. Hanson Property (408+00 to 416+00)
7. Joe Watson Property (402+00 to 405+00)
8. Sight Distance (465+00)
9. Speed Limits don't line (490+00)
10. Byron Farm (586+00 to 598+00)
11. Byron House- Widening Existing Roadway would take family home. But we would rather the house go than divide the farm in two pieces
12. Pecan Branch floods, clean out (732+00 3985' north)
13. Floods real bad, Bad flooding (776+00 4631' north)
14. Clear the Pecan Branch and Hwy 95 choke point with a new bridge w/o the blockage between Pecan Branch to Hwy 29 intersection w/Hwy 95
15. Another choke point is that the owners of Pecan Branch have not cleared out the under brush
16. 1852 house number Nat. Rag..., brother lives across the road (695+00)
17. Abandoned RR, Can we use the RR easement
18. Very dangerous intersection- 1660 and SH 29

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