

I-35 Corridor Segment Committee 2 – Meeting Notes
410 W. Loop 121, Belton, TX
October 28, 2010 – 9:00 AM to Noon

Welcome

The Segment 2 Facilitator Bruce Byron welcomed the I-35 Corridor Segment 2 Committee (CSC 2) members to their October meeting. The facilitator explained that the meeting would consist of a review of the recent public involvement effort and determination of the final recommendations of the CSC 2 to the I-35 Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC). It was explained that the Committee would be prioritizing their proposed transportation solutions into near-, mid-, and long-term categories.

Summary of Public Planning Workshops

The facilitator briefly reviewed some summary statistics with the Committee from their CSC 2 Public Planning Workshops that occurred in September including that:

- 7 public workshops were held for Segment Two (5 workshops for Segment Two only, and 2 joint workshops for Segments One and Two);
- 83 members of the public attended the Segment Two workshops;
- 76 Segment Two questionnaires were submitted (46 from the Segment Two workshops, 28 online, and 2 mailed);
- 40 respondents provided comments in the space provided at the end of the questionnaires; and,
- 3 emails related to Segment Two were submitted via the comment form on the MY 35 website.

The facilitator explained that the rest of the meeting would consist of reviewing the public questionnaire results, the Committee's prior questionnaire results, and determining CSC 2's final transportation improvement recommendations and priorities for the CAC based on this information.

Final Corridor Segment 2 Plan Recommendations

The Committee then reviewed the feedback from the planning workshops and began finalizing their recommendations to the CAC. The Committee reviewed and discussed each one of their proposed projects and categorized them into near-term, mid-term, and long-term categories. A summary of the Committee's action on each one of their proposed projects and their final recommendations are contained in *Attachment A*.

During the discussion, the Committee identified several edits to project summary sheets including:

- Add language to the I-35 interchange improvements project to reflect the importance of the I-35E/W interchange in Hillsboro;

- Add a note to the I-35 Improvements from Hillsboro to Bell County Line project to reflect that all six-lane gaps along this stretch of I-35 should be filled before eight-lane expansion is undertaken. Also, it was decided that the current six-lane expansion effort should be done in such a way that it can accommodate an ultimate eight-lane section in the future;
- Modify the Loop 12/Spur 408/I-20 Bypass project to note that the construction of continuous frontage roads is part of this project;
- For the SH 360 extension project, the Committee decided that the section from I-20 to US 67 is a near-term improvement, whereas, the US 67 to Hillsboro portion is a long-term improvement;
- For the DFW Regional Outer Loop project, the Committee decided that the Outer Loop section from I-20 (E) to Southwest Parkway (W), including Loop 9, was a near-term priority, whereas the section from Southwest Parkway (E) to I-20 (W) was a long-term priority; and,
- In reference to their operational improvements, the committee decided to combine the congestion pricing aspects of one of their improvements into the *reducing tolls on alternative routes to I-35 during times when I-35 is most congested* recommendation. This is the same action that was taken by CSC 1 for this item.

After categorizing all of their projects into near-, mid-, and long-term categories, the Committee ranked the near-term projects. A summary of the near-term project rankings is reflected in *Attachment A*.

Selection of a Member to Serve on the I-35 Corridor Advisory Committee

It was explained that each CSC will nominate a member to serve as a member of the I-35 Corridor Advisory Committee and to represent their respective Committee on the CAC. It was explained that this member will need to be able to attend the CAC meeting on December 1st in Austin, from 9AM to 4PM, and must also be an official member of the segment committee and not a representative or proxy. Committee member Grady Smithey was selected as the CSC 2 representative to the CAC; Committee member Barbra Leftwich is the back-up representative.

Wrap-up/Adjourn

It was noted that a revised CSC 2 Segment Plan that includes their final recommendations will be sent to the Committee for review in the next few weeks. The ultimate goal is to present the final MY 35 Plan to the Texas Transportation Commission in late January. The facilitator and TxDOT then thanked all of the Committee members for their participation in this planning effort.