



Documentation of Public Meeting

Project Location

Lampasas County

United States Highway (US) 281

0251-06-036

Project Limits

From Sulphur Creek to Burnet County Line

Meeting Location

Old Middle School Cafeteria – Western Avenue between North Avenue and Avenue B,
Lampasas, Texas 76550

Meeting Date and Time

June 18, 2018 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Translation Services

None

Presenters

Open House Format with Formal Presentation:

Jason Scantling, P.E., – TxDOT

Elected Officials in Attendance

None

Total Number of Attendees (approx.)

20

Total Number of Commenters

2

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A. Comments/ Response Matrix

Commenter Name	Date Received	Source	Comment Topic	Response
Glynda Carpenter	6/26/2019	Letter	Approximately five years ago, I think, your department widened the entrance to Hancock Springs Park and even managed to save a pylon which had to be moved. That change has handled our traffic the best ever. We thank you for that, expensive change, I'm sure. I understand at your public meeting here in Lampasas last Tuesday night, concerning the changes for Highway 281 construction, that your preliminary plans call for fencing off our present entrance and moving it a short distance to the south. Can you imagine the chaos of all that traffic coming out into the highway after a large event such as a big wedding, family reunion, prom, city function, midnight swim, or our Spring Ho celebration without a street light? I can't imagine that and I think I speak for most members of the Oran Milo Roberts Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Our DRT Chapter manages the city-owned historic Hancock Springs Hostess House. Please, if possible, reconsider those plans and leave our Hancock Springs Park Entrance the way it is.	With the realignment of the intersection, the entrance to the Hancock Springs Hostess House cannot remain where it is without creating an unsafe five-leg intersection. Traffic from the Hancock Springs Hostess House will have an easier time getting onto US 281 while there is a red light for US 281 traffic.
Sharon Haferkamp	7/11/2017	Comment Card	Will the CR 4016 change allow better access for enough people in the CR 4016 collector function to the school that pulls traffic off of 281 without backing 281 up with light timing for it?	Traffic timing will require a traffic study of the area. The change to CR 4016 would not be part of this project and may come after this project.
"			I like the summer construction to keep the area from getting too crazy with school/teenage traffic.	With the proposed work and the required duration of the project, work will not be able to be limited to just the summer months.
"			at current 281 & Plum intersection I have the following concern:	
"			traffic getting off of the soon to be old 281 only to turn into park is likely to create accidents because of the unexpected turn of a vehicle that just got on.	There will be a two-way left-turn lane that the turning vehicle can use to turn in to the park.
"			traffic on old 281 waiting at the light will be mobile obstructions to traffic entering the new 281 via a right turn	Sight distance can be improved by moving pedestrian ramps/stripping to the south by a few feet. Will move pedestrian ramps as much as is feasible.
"			the curve causing uncertainty over which lanes vehicles are in for right turning traffic onto new 281	The lanes will be marked as there use. Through lanes will be in advance of the intersections along with designated right turn lanes.
"			the right turn lane off of new 281 onto old 281 looks narrow.... And if so, then vehicles in that lane are likely to be driving close to the line between it & the other lane with the potential for side swipe accidents	Lane width meets criteria per TxDOT RDM.
"			with the shift of traffic in the new 281 alignment, I have concerns that the already tight turning radius of the 183 & 190 intersection will be worsened. In general, the intersections that have enough space for a crosswalk on each leg give better turning radiuses & more feelings of safety. At present, the stop bars are so close in that any stop over & sometimes close but not over depending on their vehicle position relative to the painted lines...makes left turns in particular very tight to impossible to make without entering the triangle or crossing into the right most lane where another vehicle could be turning right into.	The 183/190 intersection will be unaffected by this project.
			On the 281 name matter I would personally rather have 281 dropped as a name rather than cause confusion. Business to me means that I will be going through the town itself which isn't true here because the courthouse and the associated town square isn't on that stretch. Alternate routes seem to fit longer roads/routes like taking an alternate route to avoid/go around the town which this little stretch does not do because it outlets on the main north-south road thru a business district as well as the town/city itself. Goggle Maps shows that road as west 9th street up where it intersects Key Ave/183/190 with W. 9th Street turning off to the right. Old 281 may be the way residents will/could/might refer to it, but I think for out of towners who don't know the history, a name fitting with & descriptive of the short strips character &/or business plus park function would be more memorable for word of mouth, memory jogging, attractiveness/ association for the stretches inherent customers, as well as giving a sense of belonging/fitting in. The right name could really enhance the area.	Will have to get with all parties with addresses and the 911 response to see if this is a viable option to see if a name change would be allowed. Possible will consider name of Business 281.

"			<p>There is a lot of need to "jump" into the left lane when the RVs are turning into the RV park. From what I see, the RVs are coming to near, if not, total stops. Many of the jumping vehicles I see are most likely going too fast to actually stop behind the RV park turning traffic. An entrance to the park further down to the golf/putter business would help some. The existing left turn into the entrance by the propane tank is where I have the most conflict develop as I try to get into the center lane to turn left & opposing direction's traffic tries to do the same.</p>	<p>The landowner of the RV park needs to discuss with TxDOT if they would like to add a new driveway and/or revise their current driveways.</p>
"			<p>The second most likely place for there to be conflict at as I drive past is Naruna Road also known as 1478 in Maps. Right turning traffic must choose to either come to a near stop, total stop, and/or veer totally onto the side of Naruna Road that traffic is coming towards 281 on. This is essentially a choice between being rear ended or a head on/possibly side swipe. With the limited sight distance that traffic turning right on Naruna Rd from 281 has, there isn't much time to decide and a quick change from turning a "little" fast to having to quickly come to a stop (because of a vehicle approaching 281 on Naruna Road) suddenly makes vehicles behind the turning vehicle have to stop or jump lanes. This looks/feels like a step up for several different types of accidents. The way I remember the widening happening, that sight distance looks like it may shorten. Can a solution be found in design before another accident prone intersection is built? Right turn lane? Better turning radius onto Naruna Rd? Sight distance improvements? Widening of Naruna Road?? Or something else?</p>	<p>Will look into widening Naruna Rd at the intersection with US 281.</p>

Public Meeting 1: US 281 - CSJ 0251-06-036
Limits: Sulphur Creek to Burnet County Line
Date of Meeting: 06/18/19
Due Date: 07/05/19



B. Notices



Public Meeting - US 281, Lampasas County

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Where:	Old Lampasas Junior High School Cafeteria On Western Avenue between North Avenue and Avenue B Lampasas, TX 76550
When:	Tuesday, June 18, 2019 Open House: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Presentation: 6 p.m.
Purpose:	TxDOT invites interested citizens to comment on proposed improvements to US 281 in Lampasas County, from Sulphur Creek to the Burnet County Line. Comments must be postmarked by Friday, July 5, 2019, to be included in the official meeting record.
Description:	The proposed US 281 improvements would include the reconfiguration of the US 190 (Plum Street) intersection and reconstruction of the roadway to include continuous center-turn lane, curb and gutter, illumination, sidewalks, and drainage improvements between Sulphur Creek and the Burnet County Line.
Special Accommodations:	TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The meeting will be in English. If you have a special communication accommodation or need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please call (325) 643-0413 at least two working days prior to the meeting. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

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 the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT.

Contact: TxDOT Brownwood District
2495 US 183 N.
Brownwood, TX 76802
(325) 643-0413

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BROWNWOOD DISTRICT

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TxDOT TO CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETING FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO US 281 IN LAMPASAS COUNTY

June 18 meeting to be held at old middle school cafeteria on Western Avenue between North Avenue and Avenue B

May 22, 2019

LAMPASAS – The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting for the purpose of soliciting public comment on proposed improvements to US 281 in Lampasas County, from Sulphur Creek to the Burnet County Line.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at the old middle school cafeteria on Western Avenue between North Avenue and Avenue B, Lampasas, TX 76550. The meeting will be an open house format from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., and attendees are free to come and go; however, there will be a formal presentation beginning at 6:00 p.m. TxDOT staff will be on hand to answer questions before and after the presentation.

The proposed US 281 improvements would include the reconfiguration of the US 190 (Plum St.) intersection and reconstruction of the roadway to include continuous center turn lane, curb and gutter, illumination, sidewalks, and drainage improvements between Sulphur Creek and the Burnet County Line.

Maps showing the proposed project's location and geometric design will be available for viewing at the public meeting. This and other public information is also on file and available for public inspection at the TxDOT Brownwood District Office located at 2495 Highway 183 North, Brownwood, TX 76802.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and express their views on the proposed project. Written comments from the public regarding this project are requested, and may be submitted either in person or by mail to: Jason Scantling, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation, Brownwood District Office, 2495 Highway 183 North, Brownwood, Texas 76802. Written comments must be postmarked by Friday, July 5, 2019 to be included in the public meeting summary.

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TxDOT's [Brownwood District](#) includes Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Lampasas, McCulloch, Mills, San Saba and Stephens counties.

For news media inquiries, contact Lisa.Tipton@TxDOT.gov or (325) 643-0413.

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C. Sign-in Sheets



Citizen Sign-In Sheet

Proposed Improvements to US 281 from Sulphur Creek to Burnet County Line

Public Meeting – Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Old Middle School Cafeteria

Western Avenue between North Avenue and Avenue B

Lampasas, TX 76550

Name (Please Print)	Address	Phone number	How did you hear about the meeting?
CHARLES BROWN	2515 CR 4034 LAMPASAS TX 76550	[REDACTED]	Radio - GRAM
Chase Roscoe	1276 CR 3152 Kempner TX 76504	[REDACTED]	a meeting with city
Glynda Carpenter	202 S. Spring St. Lampasas	[REDACTED]	DRT
DIANE DAVIS	701 S Willis LAMPASAS	[REDACTED]	DRT
Gary Cox	512 E. Third Lampasas	[REDACTED]	City of Lampasas
Carol Wright	3668 CR 2200 Lampasas	[REDACTED]	DRT -
Ruth Martin	1220 W. 4 th Lampasas 76550	[REDACTED]	DRT email
Gary Davis	406 S. Chestnut, #1 Lampasas	[REDACTED]	Radio Gram



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JERRY HARRISON	204 CR 4018	[REDACTED]	Facebook
Tammy Martin	374 CR 4313 Lampasas, TX	[REDACTED]	FB
EDIE BOWEN	238 CR 4018	[REDACTED]	RADIOGRAM
Diane Valk	Stateline Right Way Service	[REDACTED]	Text Email
Baral Buckley	7321 FM 2813 Globe TX 76577	[REDACTED]	Friend
Chris Smith	190 PR 1015	[REDACTED]	Friend
Sharon Haterkamp	1907 US Hwy 281 Lampasas TX	[REDACTED]	email



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Connie Hartmann	(PO Box 333) 2483 Hwy S	[REDACTED]	News media
Andrew Garcia Jr.	2397 Hwy 281 S.	[REDACTED]	News media -
Sam Walker	P.O. Box 1687 Lampasas, TX 76550	[REDACTED]	News
Sammy Bailey	301 E. 4th Lampasas, TX	[REDACTED]	News
FINLEY DEGRAFFENRIED	312 E. Third St LAMPASAS, TX 76550	[REDACTED]	<u>NEWS</u> .

Diane Davis

DRT-Pres

re: Hostess House, AMONGS





D. Comments Received



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from Sulphur Creek to Burnet County Line**

**Public Meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 2019
Old Middle School Cafeteria
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COMMENT CARD**

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: Sharon Hafertkamp

ADDRESS: 1907 US Highway 281, Lampasas, TX 76550

REPRESENTING: self

(Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5)): check each of the following boxes that apply to you:

- I am employed by TxDOT
- I do business with TxDOT
- I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting

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Glynda 202 South Spring Street, Lampasas Texas 76550
Carpenter

June 22, 2019



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Sincerely,

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E. Figures







F. Description of Project Modifications Resulting from the Public Meeting (If Applicable)

Based on feedback received from the public during and after this meeting various changes have and will be considered as the project design continues. The access to the Hostess House received considerable attention and changes have been made to that access point that meet the need and are better received by the public. Other comment are being considered and will be implemented when and where possible.