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Join us for the

Kendall Gateway Study Open House

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

**Boerne Middle School South
10 Cascade Caverns
Boerne, TX 78015**

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Open House is to introduce the feasibility study to the public and gather public input regarding the transportation-related vision and goals to relieve congestion on SH 46 and other major arterials in Boerne and Kendall County.

Visit txdot.gov, keyword "Kendall Gateway Study" for more information.

SEEKING A SOLUTION TO TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN KENDALL COUNTY AND BOERNE

Kendall County had a population of 23,743 in the year 2000. That number grew by about 70 percent, to an estimated 40,384, by 2015. It was recently recognized by the US Census Bureau as the 12th fastest growing county in the United States.ⁱ

The impact of the growing population has been dramatic. Boerne ISD expects an increase of about 2,000 students over the next five years, and three new schools are planned. Another 441 new homes are projected to be built this year in Boerne; Boerne ISD reports that number is expected to trend at an average of 438 new homes per year between 2017 and 2026.ⁱⁱ

Kendall County Judge Darrel Lux and City of Boerne Mayor Mike Schultz recognized the traffic challenges this kind of growth creates and submitted a joint resolution to TxDOT asking for help finding solutions.

TxDOT, partnering with Kendall County and the city of Boerne, responded to the resolution by launching a feasibility study in September 2016. The Kendall Gateway Study is expected to conclude in early 2018. The process includes continuous outreach through public meetings, working groups and open commenting periods to collect input from the public, from stakeholders and from agencies on the study area. Data showing where drivers currently move and where growth is projected will also be gathered during the study.

ⁱ "American FactFinder - Community Facts." Web. U.S. Census Bureau. Accessed December 2016.

ⁱⁱ "Demographic Summary, Fall 2015." Presentation. Boerne Independent School District. Prepared by Templeton Demographics.



"The feasibility study and recommendations will be data-driven. We'll use new data that will be collected by the consulting engineers during the study, data from the county's and the city's geographic information system departments, and most importantly, public input at meetings."

— Darrel Lux
Kendall County Judge



"Along with prosperity come mobility challenges. We need to use every tool we have available to identify potential solutions now rather than later. This study will give us the information we need to develop effective strategies and take appropriate actions that will move traffic while preserving the unique character of Boerne and Kendall County."

— Mike Schultz
Mayor of Boerne



Frequently Asked Questions

What is a feasibility study?

A feasibility study defines a problem, gathers data and recommends solutions that will best meet challenges. The process considers the benefits and costs of each solution, effectiveness of implementation, alternatives considered, environmental impacts, public opinions and input as well as other factors. Engineers and planners summarize these issues and analyze the reasons for selecting a preferred alternative in their implementation plan.

Who is heading the Kendall Gateway Study?

At the request of Kendall County and the city of Boerne, TxDOT is providing funding and oversight for the engineering consultant team conducting the study.

Why is this study being done?

Kendall County and the city of Boerne have experienced growth and an associated increase in traffic congestion. Through a joint resolution, both municipalities requested TxDOT's help identifying potential alternatives that could alleviate traffic congestion.

What is the study area?

The study area includes Kendall County and the city of Boerne.

Will the study result in a future project?

No future projects have currently been determined. The feasibility study will provide valuable information on the transportation needs and priorities in the area. The study and recommendations will be data-driven. No pre-selected routes or pre-defined areas direct the study. The goal is to identify potential alternatives to provide improved mobility as the area continues growing.

What kind of community outreach will be done?

The study includes up to three public meetings; a stakeholder working group made up of environmental, community and civic leaders; a technical work group made up of municipal and transportation professionals with a direct relationship to Kendall County and the city of Boerne; and presentations and information booths at local events.

How will traffic study information be used?

Traffic data is collected to help objectively analyze the amount of traffic and the typical traffic patterns on the busiest vehicular routes in the study area. Future projections will be combined with this data to help identify and prioritize congested areas, including offering potential alternatives to alleviate current traffic congestion and accommodate anticipated growth.

STUDY TIMELINE*

3rd Quarter 2016

- Technical Work Group Meeting #1 (October 20, 2016)
- Traffic Counts
- Data Collection

4th Quarter 2016

- Stakeholder Working Group Meeting #1 (December 6, 2016)
- Traffic Analysis
- Data Mapping

1st Quarter 2017

- Public Meeting #1 (January 17, 2017)
- Technical Work Group Meeting #2
- Stakeholder Working Group Meeting #2
- Data Analysis

2nd Quarter 2017

- Public Meeting #2
- Technical Work Group Meeting #3
- Stakeholder Working Group Meeting #3
- Alternatives Matrix

3rd Quarter 2017

- Public Meeting #3
- Refine Alternatives

4th Quarter 2017

- Technical Work Group Meeting #4
- Stakeholder Working Group Meeting #4
- Draft Kendall Gateway Study Feasibility Report

1st Quarter 2018

- Final Kendall Gateway Study Feasibility Report

*Dates subject to change

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