



US 281 AT Basse Road and Jones Maltsberger Road Interchanges Open House

Project Location

Bexar County

US 281

February 2019

Project Limits

US 281 Interchange at Basse Road and
US 281 Interchange at Jones Maltsberger

Meeting Location

Alamo Heights United Methodist Church-Christian Life Center
825 E. Basse Road
San Antonio, TX 78209

Meeting Time and Date

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Translation Services

Spanish

Presenters

None

Elected Officials in Attendance

Ben Whitehead, Office of U.S. Congressman Joaquin Castro
Margaret Richardson, Office of Texas State Senator Jose Menendez
Denise Hernandez, Office of San Antonio Dist. 1 Councilman Roberto Trevino

Total Number of Attendees (approx.)

56

Number of Commenters

27

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US 281 at Basse Road and Jones Maltsberger Road Interchanges Open House

A. Comments and Response Matrix

TxDOT 281 Basse and Jones Maltzberger
Open House Comment Matrix 10-18-2018

Committer Number	Committer Name	Date Received	Source	Committer Email Address	Committer Address	Committer City/State/Zip	Representing	TxTrans Code: Check ones that apply	Comment Topic	Response
1	Denise Hernandez	10/18/2018	Comment Card		1310 Vance Jackson	San Antonio, TX 78201	District 1, City Councilman Roberto Treviño	do business with TxDOT	Our constituents will greatly benefit from this project. As downtown continues to expand with residents and working people, this much-needed change will make commutes easier and less dangerous.	Thank you for your support of the project.
2	Robert Sheldon	10/18/2018	Comment Card		52 Longford	San Antonio, TX 78209	Self		I think that both proposed changes would benefit the area. We really like the format at the meeting. Very well done.	Thank you for your support of the project.
3	Jon Hess	10/18/2018	Comment Card		83 Haverhill	San Antonio, TX 78209	Self		Excellent plan	Thank you for your support of the project.
4	Tom Lanford	10/18/2018	Comment Card		3714 N. Pan Am Expressway	San Antonio, TX 78219	Clear Channel Outdoor		2 billboards will be displaced that we own. Please keep me updated.	We have noted the location of these signs in the schematic. Your information has been included in the contacts for the project. Coordination to continue as project progresses into more detailed design.
5	Jessica & Roy Leslie	10/18/2018	Comment Card		110 Canyon Drive	San Antonio, TX 78209	Self		Great Plan! Let's start tomorrow.	Thank you for your support of the project.
6	Christina Palafox	10/18/2018	Comment Card		202 Thorain	San Antonio, TX 78209	Self/Neighborhood Resident		Am truly hoping TxDOT & COSA will prioritize pedestrian walkways from McCullough to the Quarry. Am okay with proposed entry/exit ramps. But we need a safe place to walk to the stores or bike. My neighborhood is one mile from the Quarry and is unsafe to walk. Thanks!	Comment noted and send to City of San Antonio.
7	Nicholas Wingerter	10/18/2018	Comment Card		23 Fonthill Way	San Antonio, TX 78218	Citizen		I will support this project as designed.	Thank you for your support of the project.
8	John Callaghan	10/18/2018	Comment Card		346 Irvington Drive	San Antonio, TX 78209			Railroad? Appears more of an issue than interchange problems. Initially will be confusing but should work well once experience kicks in.	Comment noted.
		10/18/2018	Comment Card						Will need excellent signage for out of towners.	Signing layout to be assessed further during more detailed design.
		10/18/2018	Comment Card						When does it start? I am excited for this to be completed.	Thank you for your support of the project.
9	Kevin Esparza	10/18/2018	Comment Card		114 Sharon Drive	San Antonio, TX 78216	Self		I like both proposed intersections and the ability to flow traffic as efficiently as possible.	Thank you for your support of the project.
		10/18/2018	Comment Card						At the Basse intersection please keep as many trees as possible south west corner of 281 South.	The alignment in this area has been optimized considering various constraints. Existing trees to remain will be assessed further during more detailed design.
10	Larry Finkel	10/18/2018	Comment Card		7058 McCullough	San Antonio, TX 78216	Self		Thank you for taking time to present to public	Comment noted.
11	Sharon Gregory	10/18/2018	Comment Card		235 El Monte	San Antonio, TX 78212			What took you so long?	Comment noted.
12	Lindsey Pearson	10/18/2018	Comment Card		7711 Broadway, 32C	San Antonio, TX 78209	Self		Not a fan of DOD [sic]. Using lots in Round Rock area, seen several crashes since traffic goes against traffic pattern, lots of older people in the area, confusing...	The detailed design for the Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) at Jones Maltzberger will include signage to guide drivers through the interchange. The geometric design has been updated to align traffic through the cross over points with the correct receiving lanes. The expected reduction in crashes is based on a previous study conducted by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that compared the crash history of the interchange for 5 years prior to and 1 year after the construction of a DDI. This case study showed a 46% reduction in crashes due to the decreased number of conflict points in the DDI vs. a standard diamond interchange.
		10/18/2018	Comment Card						Please review a barrier/safety option for 281 S at Sunset. Currently exiting traffic hopes the service road will yield to traffic exiting. Thank you!	Comment noted.
13	Perry Donop, Jr.	10/18/2018	Comment Card		1000 East Basse, Ste. 100	San Antonio, TX 78209	Self		I approve of this plan. My office is on Basse. These improvements have long been needed giving the traffic in the area.	Thank you for your support of the project.
14	Pauleen & Conrad J. Netting	10/18/2018	Comment Card		55 Longford	San Antonio, TX 78209			The plan will do a lot to relieve congestion on Basse between Jones Maltzberger on the north (Trader Joe's) and Jones Maltzberger on the south (at Olmos Park), which needs help!	Thank you for your support of the project.
15	Aidan Monsen	10/18/2018	Comment Card		501 Abiso Ave.	San Antonio, TX 78209	Self		I like the idea of the diamond and how it will affect the bad traffic.	Thank you for your support of the project.
16	Anders Monsen	10/18/2018	Comment Card		501 Abiso Ave.	San Antonio, TX 78209	Self		I think this is a great project with lots of potential issues to help alleviate the flow of traffic northbound to 281.	Thank you for your support of the project.
17	Dr. Ed Benson	10/18/2018	Comment Card		12822 Country Crest	San Antonio, TX 78216	District 9 Neighborhood Alliance		Wonderful	Thank you for your support of the project.
		10/18/2018	Comment Card						20 years late	Comment noted.
18	Julie Norton	10/18/2018	Comment Card		218 Stanford Drive	San Antonio, TX 78212	Voter/residents		Merge taper on southbound to 281 from Basse needs to be lengthened, please.	Merge taper length has been reviewed and extended further south.
19	Richard Gill	10/18/2018	Comment Card		25010 Silvertone	San Antonio, TX 78258	Gill Companies		We also have a condominium at Chateau Dijon and travel Basse and Jones Maltzberger regularly. We fully support the improvements.	Thank you for your support of the project.
20	Dustin Barell	10/18/2018	Comment Card		444 E. Basse	San Antonio, TX 78209	The Quarry Golf Club		Great solution to a major problem for commerce in the area. A great benefit to homeowners and other stakeholders	Thank you for your support of the project.
		10/18/2018	Comment Card						Appreciate the traffic studies and introduction of the diverted [sic] diamond	Comment noted.
21		10/18/2018	Handwritten Comment on Exhibit Layouts						Keep the trees (drawn on roll plat on west side of 281 at Basse turn arounds)	The alignment in this area has been optimized considering various constraints. It will be reviewed based on the existing trees to avoid where possible.
22		10/18/2018	Handwritten Comment on Exhibit Layouts						Driveway noted on Jones Maltzberger last shopping center near tracks; Suggested to extend right turn lane on westside of 281 at Jones Maltzberger	Proposed sidewalk has been adjusted to show existing driveway connection. The length of the turn lane has been optimized to reduce the impacts to the existing drainage channel and existing drainage structure.
23		10/18/2018	Handwritten Comment on Exhibit Layouts						Billboards circled on both sides of 281 at Jones Maltzberger (Clear Channel Billboards)	We have noted the location of these signs in the schematic. Your information has been included in the contacts for the project and we will be reaching out to coordinate the sign relocation when the project receives funding and moves into design.

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24	Burt Ferguson	10/22/2018	Comment Card-Mailed		999 E. Basse	San Antonio, TX 78209			I am concerned that if there are more than 5 or 6 vehicles waiting at the signal northbound Jones Maltsberger, the access to the right turn lane to northbound 281 will be blocked. Right turns are the predominant movement at this location. More should be done to accomodate the right turns.	The length of the proposed right turn lane has been optimized to fit within the existing right-of-way (ROW). The length of the turn lane will be assessed further during more detailed design.
25	Xavier Villalon	10/29/2018	Emailed comment	x@xaviervillalon.com					Great story on the 281 TxDOT, but I do have an issue with TxDOT or the City Management. This past weekend (Sunday), I was traveling back from Blanco Texas and decided to try and take the 281 south bound back to San Antonio. Well obviously I ran into the traffic that was being diverted off 281, but was upsetting was that no PD was directing the traffic. How do you close a major highway and let everyone fend for themselves?? My suggestion, is to run a story the next time a closure occurs and see how the city or TXdot prepares for the people in transit. If you go on a Sunday, you'd probably experience the mess I experienced. Anyway, it really upset me being stuck in that traffic with no one directing other than the traffic lights.	Comment on US281 North construction noted and has been forwarded to District Public Information Office.
26	Randy Rodgens	11/5/2018	Comment Card-Mailed		P.O.Box 34373	San Antonio, TX 78265	Blue Heron Designs, Inc./Homeowners on Olmos Creek near Basse and Jones Maltsberger	I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting	There is a small beautiful section of Olmos Creek near Basse and Jones Maltsberger. Would like to know impact of this future project on drainage and the pristine creek-the last vestige of Olmos Creek!	Impacts to this area will be reviewed as drainage anylisis is finalized.
27	Margaret Richardson	10/18/2018	Comment Card		4522 Fredricksburg Road, A-22	San Antonio, TX 78201	Office of Senator Jose Menendez		Thank you for the information at this open house. After watching the video and seeing the proposed changes I can see how much traffic will improve in this area. But there is a concern about helping to regulate the flow of traffic coming off the eastbound lane (there will probably be a traffic light placed there?) But thank you again for having the forum.	Email request for clarification of comment was sent. See comment 28 below for response.
28	Margaret Richardson	12/11/2018	Emailed comment		4522 Fredricksburg Road, A-22	San Antonio, TX 78201	Office of Senator Jose Menendez		Please disregard my comment as I went back and looked at the video of it and it cleared up what my concern was.	Comment noted.



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B. Public Notices



NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE US 281

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The open house will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the open house who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Laura Vasquez at 210-354-2925 by October 10, 2018. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. For any general project questions, please contact TxDOT Project Manager, Fernando Flores, P.E. at 210-615-5869.

Submitting Comments

- Complete a written comment card
- Mail comments:
Eric Galindo, P.E.
ATG Alliance Transportation Group
11500 Metric Boulevard, Bldg. M-1, Suite 150
Austin, TX 78758
- Email:
US281_Basse_JonesMaltsberger@emailatg.com

All comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, November 2, 2018.

OPEN HOUSE DETAILS

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2018

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Alamo Heights United Methodist Church-Christian Life Center
825 E. Basse Road
San Antonio, Texas 78209



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AVISO DE UNA EXHIBICION ABIERTA AL PUBLICO Los Intercambios de US 281 con las calles Basse Y Jones Maltsberger

El Departamento de Transporte de T exas (TxDOT) les invita a una exhibici n abierta al p blico el 18 de octubre para presentar las mejoras propuestas a los intercambios de US 281 por las calles Basse y Jones Maltsberger en San Antonio, T exas. El proyecto que se propone mejora el acceso a US 281 agregando rampas de salida hacia el sur y de entrada hacia el norte por la calle Basse; actualmente el intercambio solo permite la entrada hacia el sur y la salida hacia el norte a US 281 por la calle Basse. En el intercambio de Jones Maltsberger, TxDOT propone crear un intercambio diamante divergente (DDI por su sigla en ingl s.) Un DDI elimina la necesidad de que los veh culos que voltean a la izquierda crucen las v as de los veh culos que se aproximan al intercambio.

Exhibici n Abierta al P blico

Toda persona interesada en el proyecto propuesto est  invitada a asistir a la exhibici n abierta al p blico. No habr  presentaci n formal, as  que los asistentes puedan llegar y salir cuando les sea conveniente. Asistentes tendr n la oportunidad de ver mapas, una demostraci n por video, exhibiciones, hacer preguntas y proveer comentarios.

La exhibici n abierta al p blico se realizar  en ingl s.

Se recomienda que las personas interesadas en asistir a la exhibici n abierta al p blico quienes tienen necesidades de comunicaci n o acomodaciones especiales se comuniquen con Laura Vasquez al 210-354-2925 antes del 11 de octubre de 2018. Se realizar n todos los esfuerzos razonables para satisfacer estas necesidades. Para cualquier pregunta general del proyecto, favor de comunicarse con el director de proyecto de TxDOT, Fernando Flores, P.E. al 210-615-5869.

Para enviar comentarios

- Llene una tarjeta de comentario por escrito.
- Env e comentarios por correo: Eric Galindo, P.E., ATG Alliance Transportation Group, 11500 Metric Blvd., Bldg. M-1, Suite 150, Austin, TX 78758
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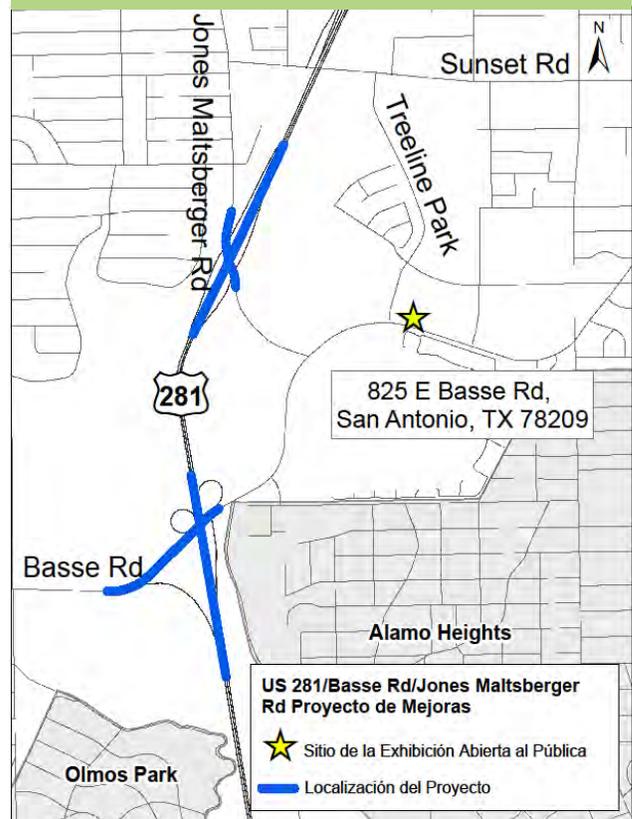
Todos los comentarios deben de recibirse o ser matasellados a m s tardar el viernes, 2 de noviembre de 2018.

DETALLES DE LA EXHIBICION ABIERTA AL PUBLICO

Fecha: Jueves, 18 de octubre de 2018

Hora: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Local: Alamo Heights United Methodist Church- Christian Life Center
825 E. Basse Road



La revisi n del impacto ambiental, las consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes federales ambientales vigentes para este proyecto se est n llevando a cabo o se han llevado a cabo por TxDOT conforme al 23 U.S.C. 327 y un memorando de entendimiento de fecha 16 de diciembre de 2014. Asimismo, estas han sido ejecutadas por la Administraci n de Carreteras Federales y TxDOT.

Trial begins for man in child sex abuse case

Toddler's mother had said the girl was attacked by dogs in South Bexar County

By Elizabeth Zavala
 STAFF WRITER

Bexar County jurors began hearing testimony Monday morning in a horrific child abuse case involving a toddler whose mother originally claimed was attacked by dogs but doctors found had been sexually assaulted.

On trial Monday was Isaac An-

drew Cardenas, 25, who was indicted in March 2017 on two counts of super aggravated sexual assault of a child.

His girlfriend and the child's mother, Crystal Herrera, 24, called 911 on Dec. 31, 2016, to report that her daughter, then 21 months, had been viciously attacked by dogs after she wandered away from the South Bexar County home where they

lived. When sheriff's deputies and EMS techs arrived, they saw that the child had numerous injuries to her genital and anal areas.

The child was taken to University Hospital for treatment. Medical evidence indicated that her injuries were consistent with a brutal sexual assault, the Bexar County district attorney's office stated at the time of the indictment. Doctors and investigators said the child's injuries were "horrific" and "some of the worst they had ever seen."

According to reports, medical personnel examining the child's injuries quickly determined that she had suffered life-threatening stab wounds. Authorities said the wounds on her upper body and private parts were "nonaccidental."

In one of his first news conferences after his election, Sheriff Javier Salazar said the child's injuries were "enough to chill any of us" in law enforcement. Herrera was indicted in March 2017 on one count of injury to a child by omission, which is pun-

ishable by five to 99 years or life in prison and a \$10,000 fine. She is out on bail and is awaiting trial.

Super aggravated sexual assault of a child is a first-degree felony, with an enhanced punishment. If convicted, Cardenas faces 25 years to life in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Cardenas is being tried in Felony Impact Court, presided over by Judge Laura Parker.

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VOLLEYBALL

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sports sitting volleyball program to help veterans and civilians. Ortiz lost her legs in a car accident in 1999.

The team's jerseys represent their lives. The San Antonio cityscape wraps around each top. Patches with a red, white and blue "H" encircled by white stars are stitched on green camouflage-patterned sleeves. Embroidered on each sleeve is the word "Heroes."

Green said the seniors at the center are just like them.

"Some of them can't get on the floor and play like we do, so they adapt and play in a chair," he said. "There's always a way around. We're just letting people. The team members, all military veterans, emphasized how adaptive sports helped them recover from injuries."

His motto is "together by chance, united by choice."

"Whenever someone is down," he said, "you always have your brother or sister to pick you up." Harris, a mother of three children, thought she had stress fractures in her legs from running, but a diagnosis revealed a rare bone cancer.

Repeated surgeries followed. She found inspiration in the Army Warrior Care and Transition, working with people who helped in helping one another, no matter their physical limi-



Robert Green, right, a member of the Alamo City Sitting Volleyball team, hits a return.



Seniors from the Doris Griffin Senior One-Stop Center and members of the Alamo City Sitting Volleyball team play some mixed scrimmages last month at the center.

tations.

In addition to volleyball, she's taken up archery and played on this year's Army team for the Warrior Games in Colorado.

"It's something anybody can do and helps you focus on something other than your problem," Harris, 29, said. "It's nice to find something I can do and put my competitiveness into."

Harris, who plans to become a nurse, is studying at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

The Doris Griffin center, at 6157 NW Loop 410, is one of 10 local senior facilities that provides a range of enrichment services. Close to Ingram Mall, the health and wellness center is a

collaboration between the city of San Antonio and the WellMed Charitable Foundation.

Wanda Webbe has been going to the center for four years, and she calls it a "blessing." She said the staff keeps participants busy every day with programs and interactions with visitors, such as the volleyball team.

"It's an honor for them to think of us," Webbe said. "We

were so glad they came."

Having wounded warriors from different generations side by side touched everyone's heart, said Peaches Hall, who co-manages the center with city employee Victor Ayala.

"Who does that?" she said.

"Who makes time for folks at the senior center and then to play with them? They were so generous, it gives back to us so much."

Ayala said the event drew seniors as spectators and participants.

"It brought an appreciation from members who don't typically play volleyball," he said. "They saw their colleagues were pretty skilled to play against these professional guys and hold their own."

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Christian Life Center
825 E. Basse Road
San Antonio, Texas 78209 (Map)

When: Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018
Open House: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Purpose: The purpose of this open house is to present proposed improvements to the US 281 at Basse Road and Jones Maltsberger Road interchanges in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting will be an open house format so the public may come and go at their convenience, and staff will be available to answer questions. Comments must be received on or before Nov. 2, 2018 to be a part of the official open house record.

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Special Accommodations: TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The open house will be in English. If you have special communication accommodations, need an interpreter, or if you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. Please call 210-354-2925 by Oct. 10, 2018. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Memorandum of Understanding: 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.

Downloads:

- Notice
- Notice (Español)
- Meeting Presentation
- Exhibit Boards
- Conceptual Design
- Visualization Video

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San Antonio, TX
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Text for Changeable Message Signs Placed along 281 Corridor

SCREEN 1

281
BASSE RD
MTG

SCREEN 2

THURS
OCT 18
5 - 7 PM

SCREEN 3

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Interchanges
Open House, October 18, 2018
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C. Sign-in Sheets



SIGN IN SHEET

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ALAMO HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
OCTOBER 18, 2018, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Name	Affiliation	Mailing Address
Denise Hernandez	councilman R. Treviño ^{D1}	[REDACTED]
MARIA NELSON	RS#H	[REDACTED]
KATHLEEN G. KRAEMER	DH	[REDACTED]
Margata Hernandez	COSIA - TCF	[REDACTED]
Ken Erfurth	Citizen	[REDACTED]
Jim Smith	Shearer Hills/Ridgeview	[REDACTED]
Ben Whitehead	Rep. Joaquin Castro	[REDACTED]
Alfonso R	Teterondo	Teterondo
Victoria Martinez	Citizen	[REDACTED]
JULIE NORTON	Citizen/Voter	[REDACTED]



SIGN IN SHEET

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ALAMO HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
OCTOBER 18, 2018, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Name	Affiliation	Mailing Address
ROBERT SHELDON	SELF	[REDACTED]
CONRAD & PAULEEN NETTING	"	[REDACTED]
Tom Hess		[REDACTED]
Brian Purcell		ON file
Miguel BARRERA	CITY OF SAN ANTONIO	[REDACTED]
Rindsey Pearson	Self	[REDACTED]
Jenise Downson		[REDACTED]
Sharon Gregory		[REDACTED]
Avery Wilson	JACOBS	[REDACTED]
Penny Donop	Self	[REDACTED]



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Name	Affiliation	Mailing Address
ANDERS MONSEN	SELF	[REDACTED]
Aidan Monsen	Self	[REDACTED]
ROY & JESSICA LESLIE	"	[REDACTED]
Charles Nourie	SHRNA	[REDACTED]
Rick Stoppelmoor	SELF	[REDACTED]
Tom Lanford <small>tom.lanford</small>	Clear Channel Outdoor	[REDACTED]
CHARLES NOBLE III	NOBLE & ASSOC. INC.	[REDACTED]
Scott Nelson	Self	[REDACTED]
Kevin Esparza	Self	[REDACTED]
June M. Eubank	Self	[REDACTED]



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Name	Affiliation	Mailing Address
BJ MAMUZIC		[REDACTED]
ANDECA ALBERDARE	AT&T	420 HAYS ST SA, TX 78102
GERALD WILSON		[REDACTED]
FORREST ROBERTSON		[REDACTED]
Priscilla J. Gonzaba	Alamo Quarry Mkt	[REDACTED]
Art Veliz	SHANA	[REDACTED]
DUSTIN Burrell	The Quarry GC	[REDACTED]
RENE VALENCIANO	city of OLMO'S PARK	[REDACTED]
Remy + John Brevard	self	[REDACTED]
BRAD PEEL		[REDACTED]



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Name	Affiliation	Mailing Address
Nicholas WINGGERTER	CITIZEN	[REDACTED]
Margaret Richardson	Sen. Menendez's office	[REDACTED]
Richard Jurek	citizen	[REDACTED]
R Gill	citizen	[REDACTED]
Ed Bersas	DIST 9 NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE	[REDACTED]
Chris Hess		[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]



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Name	Affiliation	Mailing Address
CHRISTIDA PALAFOX	CITIZEN	
LARRY FINKEL	"	
JOHN CALLAGHAN	Resident	
Sharon Murray	/	
Jennifer Hess	Resident	



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Name	Affiliation	Mailing Address
Juni Deyellado	KFBT	[REDACTED]
D Selamig	E4D. News	[REDACTED]
Montalvo	WOTR Radio	←
Edmundo Ortiz	Local Community News	[REDACTED]
Alfonso Rios	telemundo	Mendoza



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Name	Affiliation	E-mail
Laura Carlson	Ximenes & Assoc.	
Clara Jura	ATG	
ERIC GALINDO	ATG	
FERNANDO FLORES	TxOOT	
Cullen Harper	TxOOT	
Beau Broussard	KCI	
Baulygnn Wood	Tx DOT	
CODY STONE	ATG	
EDDIE GONZALEZ	Tx DOT	
Kris Long	Tx DOT	



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Name	Affiliation	E-mail
Michelle Martinez	XAF	
Laura Vasquez	XAF	
Sonia Jimenez	XAF	
DANIEL WORDEN	TXDOT	
Eddie Galicia	Alliance	
Ivonne De La Rosa	TXDOT	
Richard Dya Cruz	TXDOT	
Liam Dily	TXDOT	
Clayton Rippo	TXDOT	
ANDREW NIKENDORF	ATG	



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Name	Affiliation	E-mail
Rebecca Fox	TXDOT	[REDACTED]
Hernan Rozemberg	TXDOT	[REDACTED]
Mike Heath	ATG	[REDACTED]



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D. Comments Received

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At the Open House, TxDOT provided a court reporter from Kim Tindall and Associates to record verbal comments from the public. While members of the public provided written comments, no verbal comments were given to the court reporter.



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NAME: Denise Hernández

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: Councilman Roberto Treviño, D1

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COMMENTS: Our constituents will greatly benefit from this project. As downtown continues to expand with residents and working people, this much-needed change will make commutes easier and less dangerous.

Submitting Comments

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Ste. 150
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COMMENT CARD

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: ROBERT SHELDON

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: SELF

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COMMENTS: I think that both proposed
changes would benefit the area. We
really like the format at the meeting.
Very well done,

Submitting Comments

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NAME: Jon Basse

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: Myself

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COMMENTS: Excellent Plan

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NAME: Tom Lanford

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: Clear Channel Outdoor

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COMMENTS: 2 Billboards will be displaced that we own. Please keep me updated.

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NAME: JESSICA & ROY LESLIE 10/17/18

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: SELF

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COMMENTS: GREAT PLAN!
LET'S START TOMORROW
17/18

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NAME: CHRISTINA PALAFOX

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: SELF / NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENT

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COMMENTS: AM TRULY HOPING TXDOT & COSA
WILL PRIORITIZE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS
FROM MCCULLOUGH TO THE QUARRY.
AM OK WITH PROPOSED ENTRY/EXIT RAMPS,
BUT WE NEED A SAFE PLACE TO
WALK TO THE STORES OR BIKE.
MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS 1 MILE FROM
THE QUARRY & IS UNSAFE TO WALK.
THANKS!

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NAME: NICHOLAS WINBERTER

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: CITIZEN

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COMMENTS: I HIGHLY SUPPORT THIS PROJECT AS DESIGNED

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NAME: John Cabelghen

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: _____

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COMMENTS: Rail Road? appears more of
an issue than interchange problems.
Initially will be confusing but should
work well once experience kicks in.
Will need excellent signage for out-of-towners
When does it start; am excited for
this to be completed.

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NAME: Kevin Esparza

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: Self

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COMMENTS: I like both proposed intersections and
the ability to flow traffic as efficiently as possible.
At the Basse intersection please keep as many
trees as possible on the south west corner
of 281 south.

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NAME: LARRY FINKEU

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: SELF

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COMMENTS: THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO

Present To Public

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NAME: Sharon Gregory

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: _____

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COMMENTS: What Took You So Long 😊?

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NAME: Lindsey Pearson

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: Self

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COMMENTS: Not a fan of DOD, using lots in Round Rock area, seen several crashes since traffic goes against traffic pattern, lots of older people in area, confusing...

Please review a barrier/safety option for 281 S. @ Sunset. Currently exiting traffic hopes the ~~drop~~ service road will yield to traffic exiting. Thank you!

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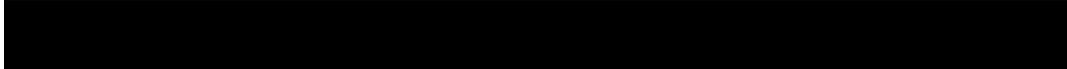
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NAME: _____

Perry Wood Jr

ADDRESS: _____



REPRESENTING: _____

Self

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COMMENTS: _____

I approve of this plan. My office is on Basse. These improvements have long been needed given the traffic in the area.

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NAME: PAULEEN & CONRAD J NETTING IV

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: Self

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COMMENTS: The plan will do a lot to relieve
congestion on Basse between Jones Maltzberger
on the north (at Trader Joe's) and Jones Maltzberger
on the south (at Olmos Park), which needs
help!

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NAME: Aidan Monxen

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: Self

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COMMENTS: I like idea of the diamond and how it will affect the bad traffic

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NAME: ANDERS MONSEN

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: SELF

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COMMENTS: I think this is a great project
with lots of potential issues to help
alleviate the flow of traffic northbound
to 281,

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 OPEN HOUSE
 Alamo Heights United Methodist Church – Christian Life Center
 October 18, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

COMMENT CARD

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: DR ED BENJON

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: DIST 9, NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE

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COMMENTS: Wonderful

20 Years late.

Submitting Comments

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 Ste. 150
 Austin, TX 78758
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NAME: Margaret Richardson

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: Office of Senator Jose Menendez

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COMMENTS: Thank you for the information of this open house. After watching the video and seeing the proposed changes, I can see how much traffic will improve in this area. But there is a concern about helping to regulate the flow of traffic coming off the eastbound lane (there will probably be a traffic light placed there)? But thank you again for having the forum.

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Follow-up: TxDOT US 281-Basse Open House
From: Margaret Richardson <Margaret.Richardson@senate.texas.gov>
Date: Wed, December 12, 2018 4:25 pm
To: "lcalderon@xa-sa.com" <lcalderon@xa-sa.com>

Hello and good afternoon.

Please disregard my comment as I went back and looked at a video of it and it cleared up what my concern was.

Thanks!
Margaret

From: lcalderon@xa-sa.com <lcalderon@xa-sa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 12:54 PM
To: Margaret Richardson <Margaret.Richardson@senate.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow-up: TxDOT US 281-Basse Open House

Hello again. Ms. Richardson! I apologize for not being more specific about clarifying. TxDOT is asking which east bound lane your comment is referring to. Thanks again!

Laura A. Calderon
Ximenes & Associates, Inc
411 Sixth Street
San Antonio, TX 78215
Office: (210) 354-2925
Cell: (210) 601-1354
Fax: (210) 354-2964
Email: lcalderon@xa-sa.com

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Follow-up: TxDOT US 281-Basse Open House
From: <lcalderon@xa-sa.com>
Date: Wed, December 12, 2018 12:34 pm
To: margaret.richardson@senate.texas.gov

Good afternoon. On October 18, you attended TxDOT's US 281-Basse Interchange Open House and provided a written comment about the project. We are assisting TxDOT with their review of the public's comments. TxDOT has asked us to reach out to you to ask for clarification. I've attached your written comment and highlighted where we would like some clarification. Would you please take a look and clarify your comment for us? Please feel free to email me at your earliest convenience. We appreciate your help!

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COMMENT CARD

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NAME: Julie Norton

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: Voter / Residents

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COMMENTS: Merge lanes on Southbound to 281 from Basse needs to be lengthened, please

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

REPRESENTING: _____



RICHARDSON B. GILL



(Texas Transportation Code, §201

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you:

COMMENTS: We also have a condominium
at Chateau Dijon and travel
Basse and Jones-Maltsberger
regularly. We fully support
these improvements.

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COMMENT CARD

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NAME: BURT FERGUSON

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: _____

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COMMENTS: I AM CONCERNED THAT IF THERE ARE MORE THAN
5 OR 6 VEHICLES WAITING AT THE SIGNAL ON NORTHBOUND
JONES-MALTSBERGER, THE ACCESS TO THE ~~RIGHT~~ RIGHT TURN LANE TO
NORTHBOUND 281 WILL BE BLOCKED. RIGHT-TURNS ARE THE PREDOMINANT
MOVEMENT AT THIS LOCATION. MORE SHOULD BE DONE TO ACCOMMODATE
THE RIGHT-TURNS.

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COMMENT CARD

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: DUSTIN BURELL

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: The Quarry Golf Club

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COMMENTS: Great solution to a major problem for commerce in
the area. A great benefit to homeowners and other
stake holders.

Appreciate the traffic studies and introduction of the
diverted diamond.

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COMMENT CARD

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: Randy Rodgers / Blue Heron Design Inc

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: Homeowner on Olmos Creek near Basse and Jones Maltzberger

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COMMENTS: THERE IS A SMALL BEAUTIFUL SECTION OF OLMO'S CREEK NEAR BASSE AND JONES - MALTSBERGER. - WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IMPACT OF THIS FUTURE PROJECT ON DRAINAGE AND THE PRISTINE CREEK - THE LAST VESTIGE OF OLMO'S CREEK!

Randy Rodgers, P.E.
Blue Heron Design Inc.

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From: xavier villalon [REDACTED]
Subject: 281 Improvements
Date: October 29, 2018 at 10:22 PM
To: Lvasquez@xa-sa.com, [REDACTED]



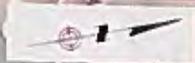
Great story on the 281 TxDot, but I do have an issue with TxDot or the City Management. This past weekend (Sunday), I was traveling back from Blanco Texas and decided to try and take the 281 south bound back to San Antonio. Well obviously I ran into the traffic that was being diverted off 281, but what was upsetting was that no PD was directing the traffic. How do you close a major highway and let everyone fend for themselves??

My suggestion, is to run a story the next time a closure occurs and see how the city or TXdot prepares for the people in transit. If you go on a Sunday, you'd probably experience the mess I experienced.

Anyway, it really upset me being stuck in that traffic with no one directing other than the traffic lights.

--
Xavier Villalon
[REDACTED]

**PRELIMINARY
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



OLMOS BASIN GOLF COURSE

OLMOS BASIN PARK

281

AREA FOR TREES

LEGEND

-  EXISTING ROW
-  PARK BOUNDARY
-  CITY BOUNDARY
-  PROPOSED BARRIO
-  FEMA FLOODPLAIN
-  DRIVE EXISTING
-  PROPOSED PAVEMENT
-  PROPOSED DRIVE
-  PROPOSED SIDEWALK
-  PROPOSED MEDIAN
-  PROPOSED RETAINING WALL
-  PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNAL
-  FLOW ARROW
-  PROPOSED TRAFFIC ARROW
-  EXISTING TRAFFIC ARROW



**PRELIMINARY
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



281

**PRELIMINARY
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



LEGEND

- EXISTING ROAD
- NEW ROADWAY
- DRY ROADWAY
- CONCRETE PAVEMENT
- ASPH/FLYASH
- CONCRETE CURBS
- CONCRETE PAVEMENT
- CONCRETE DRIVE
- CONCRETE SIDEWALK
- CONCRETE DRIVE
- CONCRETE DIVIDING WALL
- CONCRETE TO CURB DRIVE
- FLOW ABOVE
- CONCRETE PAVING ABOVE
- CONCRETE PAVING ABOVE

ATO ALLIANCE

INCH

Texas Department of Transportation

**US 281 AND BASSE ROAD/
JONES MALTSBERGER ROAD
INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT
CONCEPT LAYOUT**



US 281 at Basse Road and Jones Maltsberger Road Interchanges Open House

E. Exhibits, Presentation, Schematics,
and Photos



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WELCOME

US 281 at Basse Road and Jones Maltzberger Road Open House

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Alamo Heights United Methodist Church

Christian Life Center

Open House: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Why am I here?

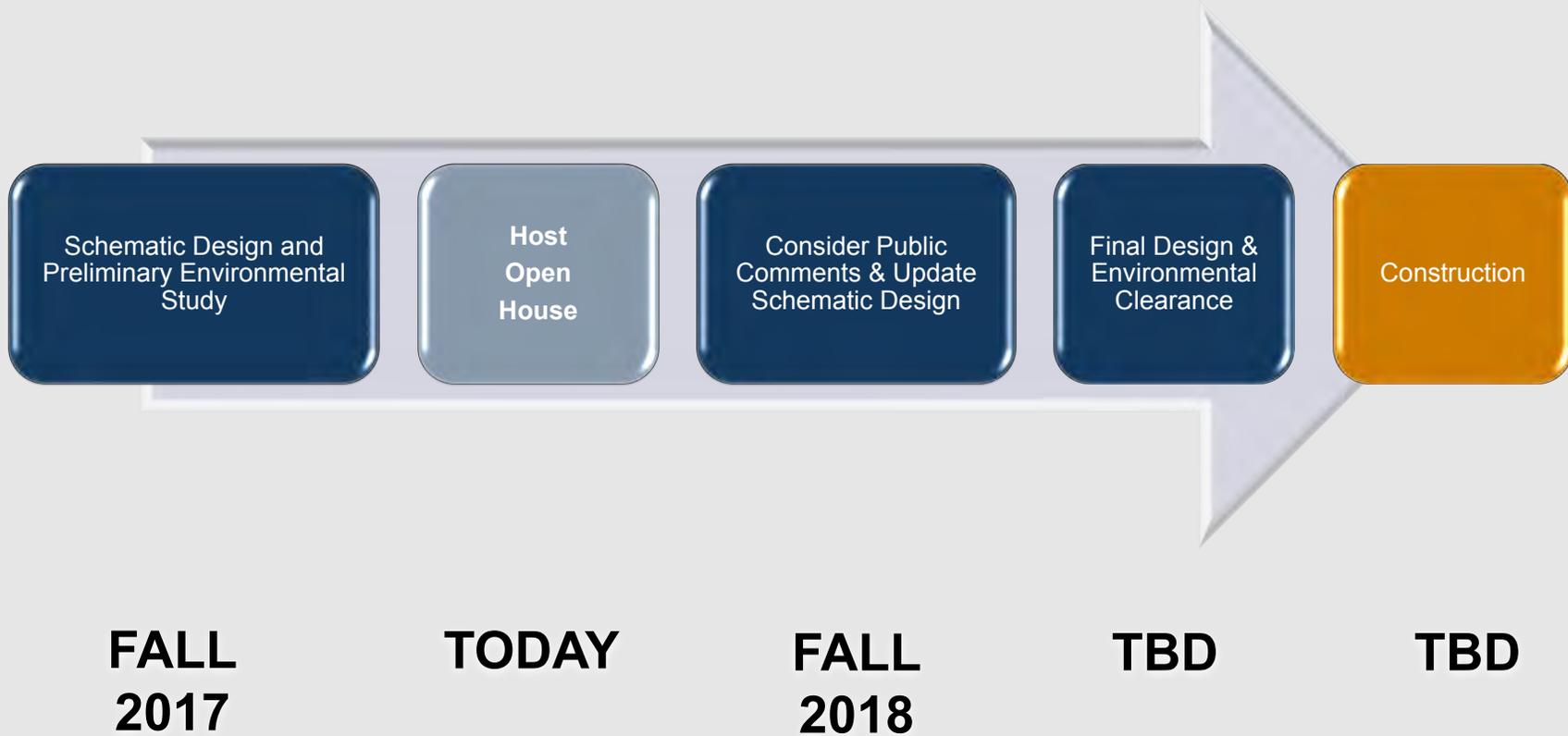
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- Provide comments on the proposed project

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Project Schedule



Project Funding

Funding for Project Construction is not currently identified

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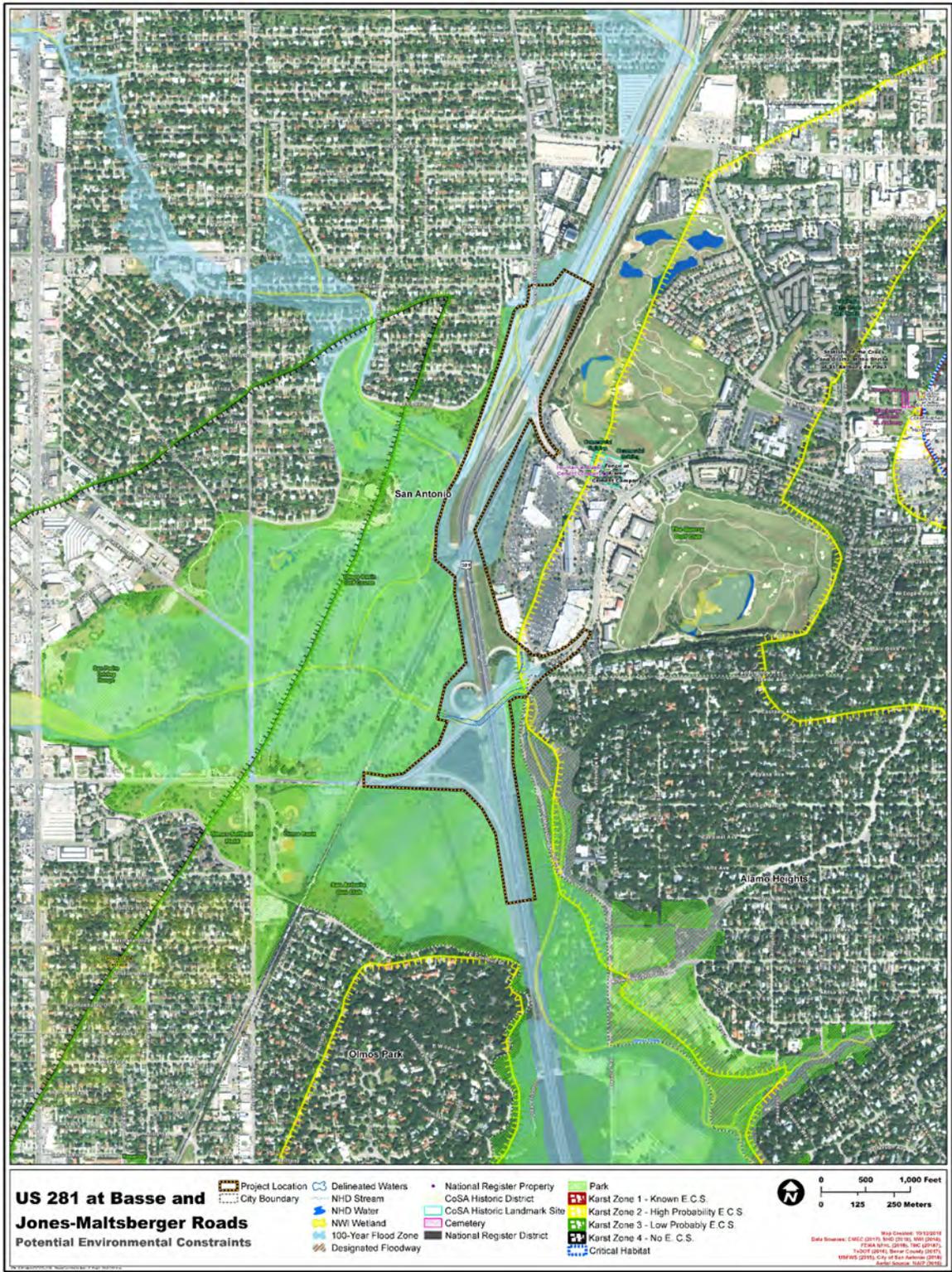
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Environmental Constraints



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US 281 at Basse Road and Jones Maltberger Road

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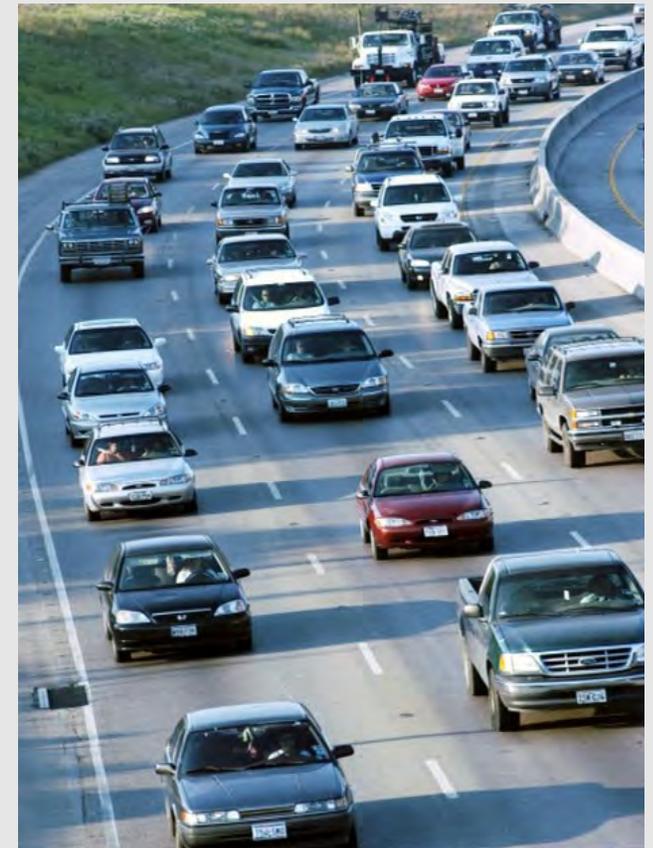
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SAN ANTONIO

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Environmental Studies

- Community Impacts
- Historic Resources
- Archeological Resources
- Air Quality
- Traffic Noise
- Waters of the U.S./Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Hazardous Materials

Project Next Steps

Schematic Design
and Preliminary
Environmental Study

Host
Open
House

Consider Public
Comments and
Update Schematic
Design

Final Design
&
Environmental
Clearance

Construction

**FALL
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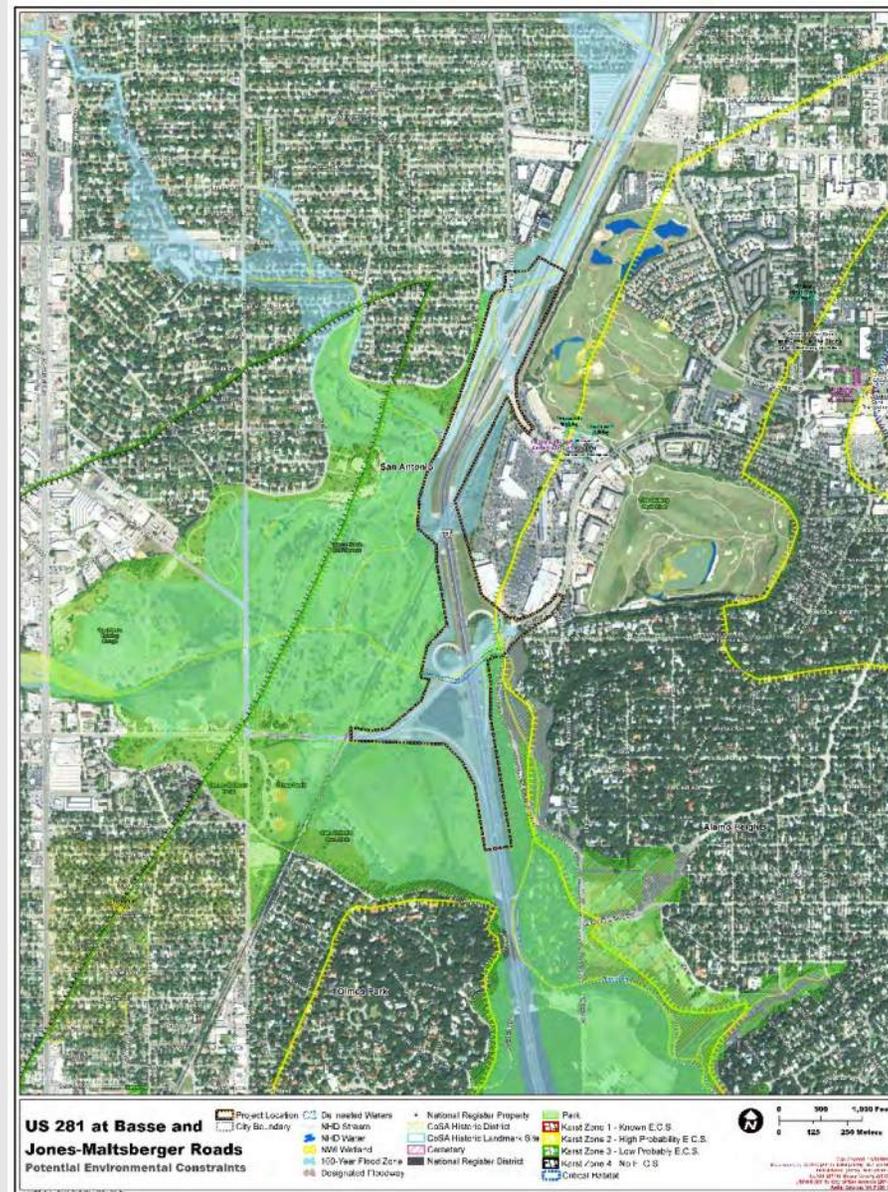
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Screenshot of Project Visualization

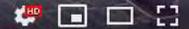
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Proposed improvements to the US 281 at Basse Road and Jones Maltzberger Road interchanges

Unlisted

158 views

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US 281 at Basse Road and Jones Maltsberger Road Interchanges Open House

F. Media Coverage

Open house set on redesign of U.S. 281 sites

By Peggy O'Hare
STAFF WRITER

Two busy interchanges on U.S. 281 could undergo a major redesign to relieve congestion around Alamo Quarry Market and other nearby retail and residential developments.

One proposed change would be the addition of a northbound entrance and a southbound exit on U.S. 281 at Basse Road.

Another would create a "diverging" interchange where U.S. 281 intersects with Jones Maltsberger Road, which would allow vehicles turning left to avoid oncoming traffic.

Texas Department of Transportation officials will host an open house about the plans from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday to hear comments and questions from the public. The meeting will be at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church in the Christian Life Center at 825 E. Basse Road.

No funds have been committed to the estimated \$11.8 million project, and no plans have been finalized. The project is a collaboration between TxDOT and the City of San Antonio.

"This is still very much in the planning stages ... there's no funding available right now," said Hernan Rozemberg, a spokesman for TxDOT's San Antonio district. "We want to make it clear this is not a for-sure thing that's going to happen."

The section of U.S. 281 between Jones Maltsberger and Basse is hampered by a lack of continuous access roads and limited entrance and exit ramps. As it is, U.S. 281 at the Basse interchange has exits only on the north-

bound side and entrances only on the southbound side.

Traffic going to and from the Quarry retail area and surrounding neighborhoods feed the congestion at both interchanges. A set of railroad tracks running parallel to U.S. 281 complicates the traffic patterns.

The freeway's current set-up with its unusual ramp configurations is "pretty confusing for travelers," said Mike Frisbie, the city's transportation and capital improvements director and city engineer.

"It would dramatically improve the efficiency of traffic as folks try to move in and around that area," he said of the proposed changes.

At Jones Maltsberger, a preliminary study showed the diversion interchange would improve wait times there from 38 seconds to 32 seconds, Rozemberg said.

If no changes are made to that intersection, the wait time by the year 2042 is projected to rise to 102 seconds - nearly two minutes, he said.

Discussion of the proposed changes began in the fall of 2017 with a schematic design and a preliminary environmental study. That schematic design could change based on public comments received at Thursday's open house, Rozemberg said.

"Just about all the projects that we do in one way or another address the tremendous growth that we're having here, which obviously has a tremendous impact on our roadways and our traffic," he said.

pohare@express-news.net

Major improvements proposed for U.S. 281 interchanges

Officials hope to redo these interchanges:

- 1 Jones Maltsberger Road:** Create a diverging diamond interchange, which would eliminate the need for left-turning vehicles to turn into the path of oncoming vehicles.
- 2 Basse Road:** Add southbound exit and northbound entrance ramps.



Source: TxDOT

Mike Fisher/Staff artist

Proposed upgrades to U.S. 281 receive positive response

\$11.8 million in traffic flow improvements would ease delays, but timetable uncertain

By Bruce Selcraig
STAFF WRITER

Dustin Burell has been the general manager of the Quarry Golf Club for 15 years, and for the most part loves his job, except for the exasperating traffic delays at two intersections where U.S. 281 crosses Basse and Jones Maltzberger roads.

"In the afternoons, if a train comes by, those can become some of the worst intersections in the city," Burell said at a Thursday night open

house by the Texas Department of Transportation. "The Quarry shops have lost business because of that traffic, and we have too."

But Burell and dozens of other residents, business owners and commuters seemed delighted at TxDOT's tentative plans - as-yet-unfunded - for \$11.8 million in traffic flow improvements that would, among other things, ease north-south access to U.S. 281 and substantially cut red-light wait times on Jones Maltzberger.

"I think this can really work. It

looks great," said real estate agent Jon Hess, as he leaned over TxDOT maps on tables at the Alamo Heights United Methodist Church. "We have needed this."

TxDOT spokesman Herman Rozemberg stressed that the city of San Antonio is working with the state to allocate funding and that no construction timetable has been set, nor has a final environmental study been completed.

Judging by other TxDOT projects of similar size, even without lengthy legal opposition or geological problems, the timetable could easily run three to five years.

TxDOT has prepared a Powerpoint. **U.S. 281 continues on A5**

Major improvements proposed for U.S. 281 interchanges

Officials hope to redo these interchanges:

- 1 Jones Maltzberger Road:** Create a diverging diamond interchange, which would eliminate the need for left-turning vehicles to turn into the path of oncoming vehicles.
- 2 Basse Road:** Add southbound exit and northbound entrance ramps.

Project locations



Source: TxDOT

Mike Fisher/Staff artist

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Traffic flow around the Quarry shopping center could be eased if the Texas Department of Transportation goes ahead with plans to ease north-south access to U.S. 281 to cut red-light wait times on Jones Maltzberger.

William Luther / Staff file photo



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point presentation for the complicated proposals that should be ready to view Friday morning on the agency's website.

These are some of the highlights:

Folks turning right, or west, out of the Quarry shops onto Basse have had no entrance ramp to go north on U.S. 281. The new plans would add one, eliminating much of the backup farther east on Basse that often causes motorists to wait five or six cycles of a stop light to get past the shopping area.

The intersection of U.S. 281 with Jones Maltzberger would be turned into something engineers call a "diverging diamond interchange," or DDI. TxDOT calls it an

innovative approach to cutting accidents and wait times that has had success throughout the country.

"I've seen the DDI thing work in St. Louis," Hess said. "It's a bit sophisticated for San Antonio, but it will absolutely work." TxDOT officials said there was nothing exactly like it in San Antonio, but that there was a DDI intersection in Round Rock at FM 1431 and Interstate 35.

The traffic flow of Jones Maltzberger under the highway would be altered so that vehicles turning left could avoid oncoming traffic by counter-intuitively staying on the left side of the road - "like England" said one attendee - for several hundred yards before returning to a more conventional flow.

The Powerpoint video said the DDI reconfiguration could cut

red-light wait times by as much as 30 seconds on Jones Maltzberger and thus dramatically increase traffic flow.

Art Veliz, an accountant who lives in nearby Shearer Hills, said he lives just one mile from the Quarry, but the trip can often take 12 to 15 minutes when a train comes down the Union Pacific tracks running beside U.S. 281.

Veliz and others wondered aloud why planners are not considering a bridge for the train, eliminating the normal waits at crossings and drivers detouring through the Quarry streets to avoid the boxcars.

"This would all work perfectly with the city's plans for light rail," Veliz said. "I hope the city will think like that."

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statement.

The suit alleged that youths were bounced between homes, had too little contact with overworked caseworkers and were not sufficiently protected from abuse.

In 2015, U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack of Corpus Christi ruled that the state's foster care system was unconstitutional, finding that foster children in Texas "almost uniformly leave state custody more damaged than when they entered." In January, Jack ordered the state to make dozens of sweeping changes. Paxton appealed.

The panel of appellate judges upheld some of Jack's remedies, including reforms to shore up abuse investigations by ensuring timely contact with alleged victims, setting deadlines for closing

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suits likely coming before the Supreme Court.

In the long term, she said, Kavanaugh's addition to the court swings an already conservative bench even further to the right.

She called the current court "probably the most conservative court since the 1930s."

Several hundred people filed into Laurie Auditorium to hear Totenberg, who addressed how

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**US 281 at Basse Road and
Jones Maltzberger Road Interchanges
Open House, October 18, 2018**



TxDOT open house to discuss possible changes for Hwy 281 at Basse, Jones Maltzberger

Open house to take place at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church from 5-7 p.m.

By Ben Spicer - Web Producer

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TXDOT OPEN HOUSE
FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO 281

TODAY
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
825 E. Basse Road
Alamo Heights United Methodist Church - Christian Life Center

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SAN ANTONIO - Texas Department of Transportation officials are hosting an open house on Thursday to discuss possible changes for U.S. Highway 281 at Basse Road near Jones Maltzberger.

The open house will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Alamo Heights United Methodist Church Christian Life Center in the 800 block of East Basse Road.



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Improvements to Highway 281 and are still in the planning phase, and the project has no direct source of funding to start construction, but TxDOT officials say they would like to hear what people want to see to help make traffic better.

Some of the ideas they have right now include adding south and northbound ramps exit ramps from Highway 281 at Basse Road, and creating a diverging diamond interchange at the Jones Maltzberger intersection.

The goal of the project is to help solve congestion found around the Alamo Quarry Market as well as other retail and residential developments nearby.

This is a developing story. Stay with KSAT 12 both online and on-air for more information.

KENS 5 TV, October 18, 2018

Diverging diamond interchange proposed for 281 at Jones-Maltsberger

If you've ever tried to get on or off the highway at 281 near The Quarry and made a wrong turn, you know how tough it can be to get back on track. Well, TxDOT wants to help with that.

On Thursday, the Texas Department of Transportation revealed proposed plans for changes at 281 and Jones-Maltsberger as well as 281 and Basse.

Proposed changes are meant to ease traffic, make commutes faster, and increase safety. Current proposals suggest adding a new southbound entrance and a new northbound exit at Basse. At Jones-Maltsberger, they're discussing developing a "diverging diamond interchange."

"The road actually snakes along, so when you're driving, you go to the opposite side of the road and then you're back," said TxDOT Public Information Officer Hernan Rozemberg. "It sounds weird, but studies show it's actually safer and actually quicker because you know the traditional way, you make a left turn, you get stuck there waiting for the traffic to come, and sometimes you can get stuck for even a few minutes. This saves all that time because you can go right through it."

There's already a proposal for a diverging diamond near 1604 and Blanco. If approved, it will be constructed before the 281 project. The 281 project is still just being conceived; it has not been funded and no timeline has been set. Public input is still being accepted.

WOAI 1200 News Radio, October 19, 2018

TxDOT, City Seek Input on Proposed US 281 Upgrades



State and city traffic engineers are soliciting public input on a series of proposed improvements to U.S. 281 just inside the Loop 410, WOAI News reports. Four ideas are on the table, says TxDOT spokesman Hernan Rozemberg, with the overall focus on relieving congestion on the freeway and easing traffic entering or exiting on Jones Maltsberger or Basse roads. Discussion, Rozemberg says, is in the initial stages.

“No funding available yet, which is huge; next steps, if it could be deemed a priority project in conjunction with the city and the Alamo Area MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization – then maybe we would move forward with other steps,” says Rozemberg.

At Thursday evening’s agency open house at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, citizens watched a video presentation and discussed each proposal with TxDOT representatives at large map tables.

One of the four options generated “buzz” among attendees because of its creativity.

“On Basse, we would have new northbound entrance and southbound exit, and on Jones Maltsberger we have what is called a “diverted diamond interchange, a fancy engineering term,” he says.

A diverted diamond interchange, also known as a “divergent diamond interchange” or “double-crossover interchange,” routes two directions of traffic on a non-freeway road across to the opposite sides of a bridge at the freeway. Engineers say the design keeps traffic flowing smoothly and increases safety.

TxDOT will schedule additional public forums on the idea in the coming weeks, Rozemberg says. While there is no timeline for the proposals, fast-tracking the plan could lead to project completion in four to five years at a cost approaching \$12 million, he adds.

PHOTO: Citizens and a TxDOT planner pore over one of four aerial renderings of proposed improvements to US 281 near Jones Maltsberger and Basse roads at Thursday evening’s freeway improvement open house at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church.

Fox News 29, October 17, 2018

Officials asking for public input on proposed US 281 improvement

by SBG San Antonio | Thursday, October 18th 2018



SAN ANTONIO - Residents are able to give their input on a proposed construction project to US 281 at its Basse and Jones Maltsberger intersections.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the city of San Antonio are hosting an open house Thursday to hear the ideas.

They say the proposed plan is still in the planning process and does not have a funding source yet.

Proposed improvements include better access to 281 as well as a Diverging Diamond Interchange at the Jones Maltsberger location.