

Public Meeting Comment Response Matrix – US 60 Parmer County 0168-02-032

Committer Number	Committer Name	Date Received	Source	Comment Topic	Response
1	Omar Quiroz	11/30/20	Mail	Having a new overpass at Friona would be great to keep the traffic flow better and would also cut down on car accidents/people getting killed out here expecially during the shift change at the Cargill Plant.	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.
2	Jase Irwin	11/30/20	Mail	I would like to express my support for this project. Cargill is the largest employer in Parmer County. More than 2000 people come and go each day via this intersection. In the 18 years I have been employed at Cargill, I have seen some horrific accidents. I have witnessed, multiple times, the devastation a semi-truck going 75 mph can do to a small vehicle when the collide. Lives are changed forever. The memories that remain of those who have lost their lives at that intersection will be in my mind forever. Build the Bridge to a Safer Future. Thank you for your consideration.	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.
3	Dino Munoz	11/30/20	Mail	I'm a supervisor at Cargill I feel it would be a safer way to cross the Highway do to High traffic in that Area	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.
4	Curby Brantley	11/30/20	Mail	I am a warehouse manager for Cargill Friona. Every week I have all my employees and many loads of supplies that deliver and work in our warehouse. the safety of those mentioned and all other Employees is at Risk without the acceptance of this project. I believe the benefits and lives saved will Be our greatest accomplishment for having an overpass. People are our greatest asset at Cargill by Far.	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.
5	Danny Duran	11/30/20	Mail	YES, I AM IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE HIGHWAY AND SPECIFICALLY THE ENTRANCE AT CARGILL MEAT SOLUTIONS. HAVING WORKED AT THE PLANT FOR 25 YEARS, UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE WITNESSED MANY OF THE VEHICLE ACCIDENTS AT THIS INTERSECTION. I HAVE ALWAYS CARED FOR ALL THE EMPLOYEES	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.

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6	Scott Pohlman	11/30/20	Mail	As a Cargill employee, who worked @ the Friona plant for 17 years I have witnessed the danger of the existing plant intersection @ Hwy 60 first hand including numerous significant accidents and several deaths. While no longer working at that location, but as a TX planhandle residents I continue to travel Hwy 60. I strongly support the proposed project on Hwy 60 to improve the safety of all who travel through that area.	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.
7	Jesus Guevara	11/30/20	Mail	Over the years there has been some very tragic accidents at the plant entrance that have set in fear on myself and many Cargill employees. The changes that are being proposed would make coming to and leaving work much safer.	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.
8	Michael Hewitt	11/30/20	Mail	I would highly recommend and support the proposed project. The project would improve and ensure safe entry into the facility for our employees and general public by means of through traffic. The project miminates the intersection & possible train to traffic interactions. The safety gains alone are worth the investment. I have been @ this location for 7 years and have unfortunately dealt w/ several traffic accidents.	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.
9	David E Wathen	11/30/20	Mail	Knowing THAT EVERYDAY THAT NOT Only myself AND fellow employees at Cargill will be SAFE coming TO WORK AND going HOME ON S Daily BASIS will LET US sleep AT Night Knowing THAT AS A COMMUNITY AND (illegible) A SAFE SoluTION will BE TAKen AND ENSURE MANY families of NOT ONLY Employees AND TRAVELERS will Return TO Their Loved ONES SAFE.	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.
10	Lindsey Vallejos	11/30/20	Mail	I've worked at the Cargill Friona facility for a total of 8 years; in that time we've had too many close	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.

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11	Kelly Patrick	11/30/20	Mail	I have worked at Cargill in Friona for 15 years. I believe we must do more to protect everyone going down this part of the highway. I believe Cargill takes great pride in our area and we need to move forward on the project to make it a more safe intersection.	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.
12	Mark A. Neill	11/30/20	Mail	I appreciate the members listening to the communities concerns with the Highway 60 and Cargill entrance safety and fully support the proposed project. I encourage the parties to move forward with the addition of access roads and overpass. It has to be encouraging for you also with the monetary contributions by Cargill. This is something I felt for the past 38 yrs of entering and exiting this facility was needed. Not only the impact to create a safe passage for all Highway 60 travelers but the reduction in huge environmental impacts also.	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.
13	Jeremy Ortiz	11/30/20	mail	I Believe this project is a Great Milestone for All. Whether you are an employee of Cargill or A motorist traveling Hwy 60. This project gives A sense of Relief coming to our area & once complete will give pease of mind to everyone. I have been at Cargill almost 30 years & my Father worked at Cargill for 40 years. There has been many unfortunate Accidents/Fatalities at this area throughout the years. Knowing that this project is moving forward is Exciting for our small Communities who have Family that go through this area daily. LooKing Forward to Promoting Safety on our Roads.	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.

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14	Sam Garza jr.	11/30/20	Mail	I think the proposed project will benefit not only the employees that work at Cargill but will also benefit anyone that travels on highway 60. The reason I say this is because over the past 7 yrs. That I have worked at Cargill I have seen several incidents and accidents that have resulted in fatalities. Traffic gets overwhelmed between mid-shift or when traffic is at a stand still when the train is passing. Once traffic starts to move everyone tries to rush to get in or out through the same entrance. That includes truck drivers and employees. Visibility is hard to see incoming or passing vehicles that are going 75 mph on highway 60.	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.
15	Tyson Trinh	11/30/20	Mail	I am hopeful that an overpass entrance to the Friona Cargill plant can be installed soon. In the short time that I have worked at Cargill I have unfortunately already witnessed a tragic accident. I know that it is only one of many that have taken place, but hopeful that is could be the last with a safer entrance.	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.
16	Casey Conrad Cargill Plant Manager	12/3/20	Mail	Director Francis: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed improvements to US Highway 60 from County Road 13 to County Road 17 in Parmer County, Texas. These improvements will greatly enhance safety for Texas motorist traveling on US Highway 60. Cargill strongly supports the proposed improvements and is proud to have contributed \$10.5 million to the project, which is an estimated 50% of the overall cost. Cargill's purpose is to nourish the world in a safe, responsible and sustainable way. This project aligns with the first pillar in that statement: safety. The Cargill beef processing plant near Friona, Texas, began operations more than 50 years ago with just 200 employees. Today, more than 2,200 employees, 300 trucks and seven buses enter and exit the plant daily. An improved entrance will benefit both Cargill and the region by reducing the current conflict points for all drivers on US Highway 60.	Thank you for your comment. TxDOT strives to provide safer roads for the traveling public.

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				<p>Additionally, the new bridge will be constructed over the highway and the railroad tracks that run parallel to US Highway 60. These infrastructure upgrades are necessary to promote a safe environment for motorists on Highway 60 and for Cargill employees, contractors and suppliers. Agriculture is a driving force in the West Texas economy. The Cargill plant procures local cattle providing an important market for Texas ranchers and cattle feeders throughout the state. These proposed improvements to US Highway 60 at the entrance to the Cargill plant are an investment in the long-term viability of the beef industry in the region. The proposed bridge will stimulate continued economic growth in the rural, agriculture economy. Cargill is honored to be part of this historic public-private partnership to enhance transportation safety and to stimulate long-term economic growth in the rural agriculture economy. Cargill strongly supports an overpass off the highway into the plant, and we look forward to working with the Department of Transportation to see the project through completion.</p>	
17	Ray & Jane Duke	12/4/20	email	<p>As landowners of the parcel of land located North of Highway 60 that is required for the US 60 Bridge Project, our concern is the division of our property to the East and West of the "button-hole" and the additional traffic on CRQ1 due to the "tie-in" with the US 60 Bridge. We propose that the "tie-in" be removed and the entire portion of CRQ1 be closed from CR14 to US 60. We are the owners of land to the north and south of this portion of CRQ1, and east and west of the "button-hole". In addition to reducing TXDOT costs for land acquisition, road construction, and road maintenance, it would benefit farmers in the area like ourselves by reducing traffic on CRQ1 due to the overpass. The nearest residence is 3 miles away with access to US 60 using CR 12 or CR 14. If the "tie-in" is not removed, the proposed project</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. The Parmer County judge and county commissioners met and discussed the closure of CR Q1 between CR 14 and US 60. CR Q1 is used by locals and is a well-maintained county road so they did not want to pursue the closure of CR Q1. Therefore, the CR Q1 'tie-in' will remain part of the proposed plans which will allow access to the bridge from the west side of US 60. Project cost should not be a factor in providing safer roads for the traveling public.</p>

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