



# Open House Summary and Analysis

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Hays County Feasibility Study  
SH 45SE to Posey Road

Austin District, Hays County

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# OPEN HOUSE OVERVIEW

## Proposed Improvements

A range of concepts for I-35 in Hays County have been developed and analyzed that take into account the needs of drivers, transit riders, bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as surrounding businesses, neighborhoods, and the environment. This study identifies concepts including one additional through-lane in each direction; intersection improvements; modified ramps and auxiliary lanes; and bicyclist and pedestrian facility improvements.

## Purpose and Need

The purpose of the feasibility study is to identify concepts for improving mobility, as well as transit reliability, emergency response times and safety along the I-35 corridor between SH 45SE and Posey Road. Even though TxDOT, Hays County and local cities have made significant investments in I-35, the area's population continues to grow rapidly, straining the existing I-35 corridor and causing safety and mobility concerns.

## Notices and Articles

Display advertisements were published in four local newspapers.

### In English:

Hays Free Press – Feb. 25, 2015

News Dispatch – Feb. 26, 2015

San Marcos Daily Record – March 1, 2015

### In Spanish:

El Mundo – Feb. 26, 2015

## Date and Place

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Hays High School

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at San Marcos Activity Center

## Attendance

A total of 16 people signed the registration sheets for the Tuesday, March 3, 2015 open house at Hays High School and 14 people signed the registration sheets for the Wednesday, March 4, 2015 open house at the San Marcos Activity Center.

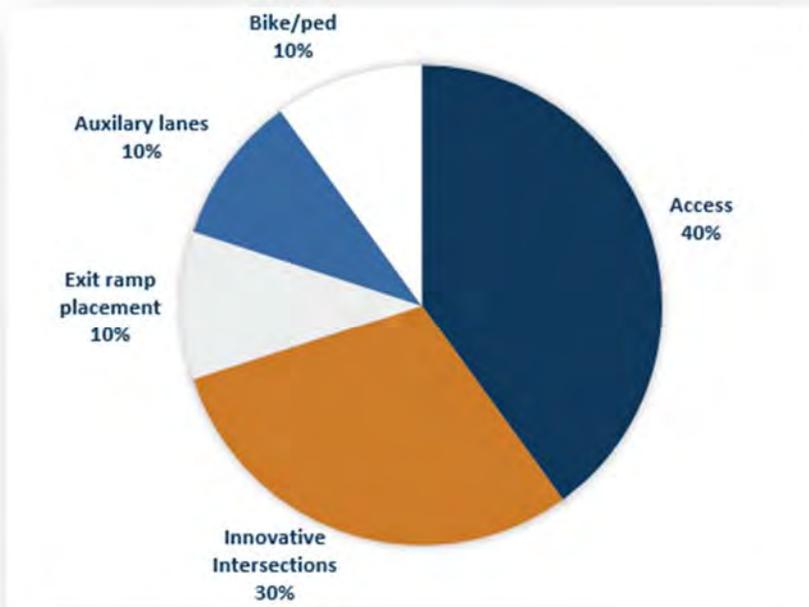
## Exhibits and Project Information

A view of the different improvement concepts were displayed on informational boards. Handouts offered to attendees included a project fact sheet containing a project description and location map. Comment forms were also distributed.

## Written Comments

Between the two open houses, five written comment forms were submitted on site. One additional comment form was received through the virtual open house, providing a total of six comment forms received through the public comment period which ended on March 18, 2015. A comment form may have included more than one comment. They are identified in the Open House Comment and Response Report and are also reflected in the following pie chart and table.

## Breakdown of Comments Received\*



\*A total of 6 comments were received with 10 issues

## Analysis and Recommendations

All comments focused on issues related to the seven Mobility35 goals for the Hays County Feasibility Study. The comments were forwarded to the engineering team conducting the study and will be considered as corridor planning continues. Therefore, it is recommended improvements to I-35 in Hays County proceed for further study.

## Summary of Comments

| Issue                             | Number of Comments | Summary of Comments   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Access                            | 4                  | Need better access at FM 150 and I-35; additional southbound exit ramp in Kyle; property access information |
| Innovative Intersections          | 3                  | Innovative intersection designs are confusing   |
| Exit ramp placement               | 1                  | Need exit ramp closer to FM 1626 intersection   |
| Auxiliary lanes                   | 1                  | Likes additional auxiliary lane   |
| Bicyclist/pedestrian improvements | 1                  | Wants south Austin to San Marcos bicycle route  |