



TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE #2

Frequently Asked Questions Thoroughfare Plan and Multimodal Plan

“Will this be the final proposed alignment for this roadway?”

Any alignments shown on the Thoroughfare Plan and Multimodal Plan have been proposed based on preliminary reviews of topography and available data. The proposed roadways shown on the maps help guide future roadways but do not finalize route alignments. A feasibility study with an alternatives analysis and environmental impact statement would be required to begin the planning process for any proposed roadways.

“Why are there roadways proposed outside the ETJ?”

The proposed alignments in the Thoroughfare Plan and Multimodal Plan aim to provide long-term connectivity and continuity between existing roadways, leading to portions of the proposed alignments extending outside of the Dripping Springs ETJ. Any proposed roadways outside of the ETJ will ultimately be the decision and responsibility of Hays County.

“Why are you not proposing intersection improvements?”

The Thoroughfare Plan and Multimodal Plan aim to set the framework for long-term improvements to the roadway network, including the general alignment and size of roadways. Intersection-level transportation improvements can make a significant impact on immediate traffic conditions. These short-term improvements will be identified under separate transportation and traffic studies.

“What is the need for this roadway?”

The development of the Thoroughfare Plan and Multimodal Plan involved a systematic process that included the review of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (CAMPO) traffic volume projections and the future traffic demand of proposed developments within the Dripping Springs area. A travel demand model was used to evaluate roadway operations and recommend roadway alignments and sizes that accommodate the projected traffic volumes on the roadway network.

“Wouldn’t this roadway cause further development and an increase in traffic?”

Hays County has experienced significant growth in the past decade, resulting in increased traffic volumes and congestion. The Thoroughfare Plan and Multimodal Plan identify transportation improvements to accommodate the continued, anticipated growth. These long-term planning documents establish a transportation framework that the City will follow as development occurs. Without a Transportation Plan, the City is limited in their ability to provide the needed infrastructure to manage traffic growth.

“This roadway isn’t safe now. Why would you add traffic?”

When a roadway enhancement project is progressed to the preliminary engineering and design phase, an evaluation of existing conditions and issues will be completed. Substandard pavement conditions, sight distance issues, excessive roadway grades and curvature, and other design conditions will be addressed with the proposed roadway improvements.