

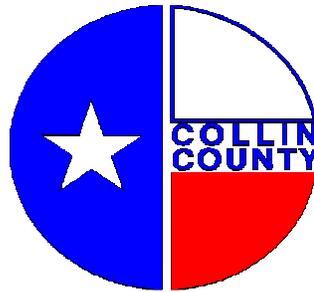
PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

for the

Collin County Outer Loop Route Study
(from the Dallas North Tollway to US 75)

Public Meetings
September 4th, 9th, and 16th, 2004

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Collin County conducted a series of three public meetings/open houses to discuss the progress of the on-going Collin County Outer Loop Alignment Study. The purpose of the meetings were to inform the public of the study's continuing progress in determining the preferred alignment for the east-west transportation corridor connecting the future Dallas North Tollway (DNT) extension to US 75.

The first public meeting was held at the First Baptist Church of Prosper, 601 S. Church Street, Prosper, Texas 75078, on Thursday, September 2, 2004, beginning at 6:30 pm. The second public meeting was held at the city of Weston City Hall, 301 Main Street, Texas, on Thursday, September 9, 2004 at 6:30 pm. The third public meeting was held at Anna High School, 1201 N. Powell Parkway, Anna, Texas, on Thursday, September 16, 2004 at 6:30 pm. Identical presentations were made at each meeting.

Legal notices for the public meetings were published in the Celina Record of Celina, Texas; and the McKinney Messenger on July 29, 2004, and August 26, 2004. Legal notices were also published in the Collin County Edition Dallas Morning News on August 2nd, 2004, and August 26, 2004. Legal notices were also published in the McKinney Courier-Gazette on August 2nd, 2004, and August 26, 2004. Announcements were mailed to property owners identified along the project area and to local and state governmental officials of Collin County.

At all three public meetings, registration was set up near the entrance of the auditorium/gymnasium of the facility with sign-in sheets for citizens, elected officials, and interested parties. Other handouts made available to the public were a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and a blank comment form.

Two sets of maps illustrating the identified constraints for the study area, the overall outer loop regional study area, and the proposed west-east alignment evaluation for the study area, were displayed for public view and comments.

Viewing of all project exhibits and informal discussion sessions was held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to give all attendees the opportunity to view all the various exhibits and documents on display at the meeting and to discuss and ask questions concerning the proposed project with project team members. The meeting presentation began at 7:00 p.m.

The Presiding Official for the meetings was Ruben Delgado, P.E. of Collin County who convened the meeting presentations and made introductions. Mr. Delgado began by informing the audience of the purpose for the meetings and Collin County's role in the on-going study for a west-east alignment. He stated that Collin County has decided to take a proactive stance for the preservation of right of way of the alignment due to rapid acceleration of residential/commercial development and employment growth in the Collin County area. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of the study's continuing progress as well as gather public input, comments, and/or suggestions regarding the study process and, in particularly, their preference (or non-preference) for the proposed alignments presented. He encouraged the audience to continue informing the Collin County team of any issues (such as constraints not

identified on the maps – cemeteries, new developments, etc.) they may or may not be aware of, as it is imperative in the decision-making process of the alignments.

Ms. Debbie Neubert of Carter & Burgess continued the presentation with a project review to include a brief overview of the corridor evaluation selection, describing the identification process for the three proposed west-east corridors, giving the audience a definition of a corridor. She continued the discussion giving a brief overview of the previous data collection as well as the initial findings of the study, the identified issues, constraints, opportunities, and criteria considerations. She then discussed the continuous public and agency involvement activities during this phase of the project to include the on-going coordination with local government (Collin County, and the Cities of Anna, Celina, Melissa, Weston).

Ms. Neubert then discussed alignment alternatives, giving a definition of an alignment, an overview of the development of the alignment alternatives, and a brief discussion of the alignment alternatives matrix. A total of eight variations (1, 1A, 1B, 2, 2A, 3, 3A, and 3B) of the alignment alternatives were presented to the audience. Ms. Neubert reiterated to the audience that their input was imperative towards the decision-making process of a preferred alignment for right of way preservation. She concluded her presentation by informing the audience the final step would include seeking commitments (property donations) for right of way preservation for the proposed alignment.

The presentation was immediately followed with a question and answer/comment session, allowing all attendees to further discuss and ask specific questions regarding the proposed project with members of the project team. Public comments were heard and responded to. A brief summary of those comments is included in this report.

During the September 2, 2004 meeting held in Prosper, Texas, twenty-nine residents/interested parties, and two elected officials signed in. Two elected officials and one hundred twenty-three residents/interested parties signed in for the in Weston, Texas on September 9, 2004. On September 16, 2004, two public officials and eighty-one residents/interested persons signed in for the meeting in Anna, Texas. Four representatives from Carter & Burgess also attended each public meeting.

All public meetings were adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Attachments:
PowerPoint Presentation
Meeting Report
Meeting Announcement
Public Handouts
Photographs/Exhibits