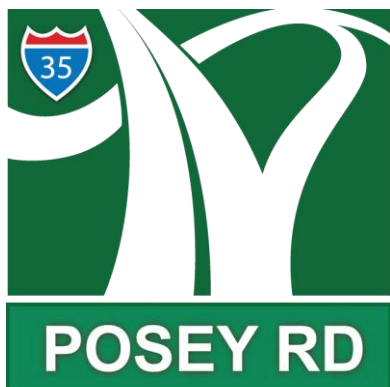


I-35 AND POSEY ROAD INTERSECTION

JANUARY 2015 PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Hays County, Texas

CSJ: 0016-03-103



INTRODUCTION

This is a summary and analysis of the public open house meeting that was conducted for the I-35 and Posey Road Intersection on January 13, 2015. Hays County and The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are considering modifications to the I-35 and Posey Road Intersection.

Changes may include:

- I-35 and Posey Road Intersection – Removing the existing Posey Road Bridge and reconstructing I-35 over Posey Road.
- Six ramp reversals – Changing entrance ramps to exit ramps and exit ramps to entrance ramps. Locations include Centerpoint Road, Posey Road, and FM 1102 (York Creek Road).
- Modifications to the elevation of one ramp at Posey Road.
- Conversion of two-way frontage roads – At the start of construction, frontage roads would become one-way south of Posey Road for approximately two miles to York Creek Road (roads north of Posey Road are currently one-way).
- Addition of turn lanes on Posey Road.
- U-turn lanes on the frontage roads of I-35.
- A median-divided I-35.

PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The purpose of this proposed project is to enhance safety and mobility. Current high volumes of truck traffic are mixed in with passenger vehicles into a single narrow lane in each direction without shoulders and substandard bridge railings. The current 2-lane bridge design is not adequate for existing traffic counts or future forecasted population growth. The proposed intersection improvements will also provide a safer and more mobile connection between communities on the east and west sides of I-35. This is the last major intersection improvement needed on I-35 in Hays County.

PUBLIC MEETING DETAILS

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Location: First Baptist Church
325 W. McCarty Lane
San Marcos, Texas 78666

The public meeting was conducted in an open house format and no formal presentation was given. Attendees were able to come and go at their convenience to view exhibits and speak with project team members. A court reporter was in attendance to record any verbal comments attendees wished to make.



*I-35 and Posey Road Intersection Public Meeting –
January 13, 2015*

PUBLIC NOTICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS

Published Notifications:

Meeting notices were placed in the following papers:

- *San Marcos Daily Record* on December 17, 2014, & January 4, 2015
- *El Mundo Newspaper* (Spanish) on December 18, 2014, & January 8, 2015

Mailings: Meeting notices were mailed to 44 property owners.

Emails: Meeting notices were emailed on December 17, 2014, to 114 people; January 6, 2015, to 126 people; and January 12, 2015, to 128 people.

The meeting notice was also included in the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce Monday Morning memo for four consecutive weeks from December 22, 2014 to January 12, 2015.

Phone Outreach: Project team members placed 12 outreach calls to inform groups and stakeholders of the meeting as well as ask them to share meeting notices.

Signage: The project team placed 15 signs in various locations along and near the project limits from January 6, 2015, to January 13, 2015, with meeting details.

Online: The meeting notice was published on the Hays County webpage on December 17, 2014.



I-35 and Posey Road Intersection

**Commissioner Ingalsbe, Precinct 1 and Commissioner Conley, Precinct 3
Invite You to Attend an Open House**

Project Details
Hays County and the Texas Department of Transportation in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration are considering modifications to the I-35 and Posey Road intersection. Changes may include removing the existing Posey Road Bridge and reconstructing I-35 over Posey Road along with six ramp reversals, and conversion of two-way frontage roads. The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance safety and mobility.

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Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015
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San Marcos, TX 78666

Open House
The purpose of the open house is to share project information with the public and obtain public input to be considered during the development of the project. The meeting will be an open house format and there will be no formal presentation. Attendees will be able to view project maps, environmental constraints maps, visit one-on-one with project team members, ask questions, and share comments on the project.

Submitting Comments
All comments must be received or postmarked by Monday, January 26, 2015 for inclusion in the Open House Record using one of the following methods:

- Complete a written comment card or make a verbal comment to a court reporter at the meeting
- Submit your written comments by January 26, 2015
 - o Mail: P.O. Box 5459, Austin, TX 78763
 - o Fax: 512-533-9101
 - o Email: poseyroad@gmail.com


Special Accommodations
The meeting will be conducted in English and a Spanish translator will be available. Those who have special translation or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Aryn Gray (512-533-9100 ext. 12, poseyroad@gmail.com) by January 9, 2015. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.



For Project Information
Aryn Gray
Public Information Consultant
512-533-9100 Ext. 12
poseyroad@gmail.com
*If you are interested in receiving email updates on the project, please send an email to poseyroad@gmail.com with "Posey Updates" in the subject line.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required to upgrade the road project are being done here, controlled by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by PHVA and TxDOT.

Meeting Notice



MONDAY MORNING MEMO

For the Week of January 5, 2015

IN THIS ISSUE:
January Chamber Luncheon
Posey Road Open House
January Business After Hours
Groundhog Job Shadowing Day
STEM Fair Coming in February
2015 Business After Hours
Sponsorships
Chamber Member News & Information

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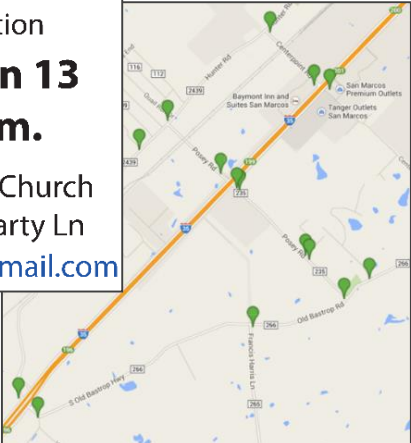
San Marcos Chamber of Commerce Memo – January 5, 2015

Public Open House

Proposed Improvements
to Posey Rd/I-35
Intersection

Tues, Jan 13
6-8 p.m.

First Baptist Church
325 W McCarty Ln
poseyroad@gmail.com



Meeting Notice Signage & Placement

ATTENDANCE

There were 67 people registered via the sign-in sheet, 13 of whom were members of the project team.

MEETING MATERIALS

A registration table was set up at the main entrance and as community members entered, they were asked to sign in and were provided with comment cards and a project fact sheet.

A rollout of the project schematic was displayed on the table. Additionally, a preliminary detour map and typical sections diagrams were set up on easels.

I-35 AND POSEY ROAD INTERSECTION FACT SHEET

PROJECT DETAILS:
The Center for Urban Transportation (CUT) is considering modification to I-35 and Posey Road Intersections. The purpose of this project is to enhance safety and mobility.

CHANGES MAY INCLUDE:

- Full secondary road intersection, increasing the existing heavy-duty steel bridge and reconstructing I-35 over Posey Road.
- No interchange. It is being evaluated to see if it is needed for the system's vision of a more integrated transportation system, including the I-35 and York Creek bridge.
- Additional lanes to the east of the intersection, Posey Road.
- Construction of additional bridge spans. At the east of the intersection, the bridge needs to be widened to accommodate I-35 and Posey Road for a more complete and safe I-35/Posy Road interchange.
- A new bridge over York Creek.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

- All-IC 7 - Project is under way.
- Start of construction in early 2014.
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CONSTRUCTION:

- Construction will be completed in 2014.
- Access to I-35 at Posey Road will be closed for a period of the construction.
- The bridge will be replaced by York Creek Road and a new bridge over York Creek.

FUNDING:

- The project is funded by the State of Texas.
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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

PROJECT EXHIBITS

- NB EXIT RAMP AT POSEY RD
- NB ENTRANCE RAMP AT POSEY RD
- SB ENTRANCE RAMP AT POSEY RD
- SB EXIT RAMP AT POSEY RD
- CENTERPOINT ROAD RAMP REVERSE
- YORK CREEK ROAD RAMP REVERSE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE I-35 AND POSEY ROAD INTERSECTION PROJECT:
Please visit: www.i35posey.com

CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM:
John Doe, 1234 Main Street
Dallas, TX 75201
Phone: (214) 555-1234
Email: info@i35posey.com

SUBMITTING COMMENTS:
Your comments and questions are welcome. Submit them to the project website at www.i35posey.com or by email to comments@i35posey.com.
• Consider a written comment card or make a verbal comment. An email review is also available.
• Submit your comments to the project website at www.i35posey.com.
• Mail: P.O. Box 5555, Austin, TX 78762
• Fax: 512.512.1234
• Email: comments@i35posey.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE MOBILITY335 PROGRAM:
Visit: www.mobility335.org
Beginning in 2011, a public-private partnership (P3) between the State of Texas and the Capital Area Mobility335 Authority (CAMA) is being established to improve mobility on I-35 between the City of Dallas and the City of Fort Worth. The project is a public-private partnership between the State of Texas and the Capital Area Mobility335 Authority (CAMA). The project is a public-private partnership between the State of Texas and the Capital Area Mobility335 Authority (CAMA).
See more information at www.mobility335.org

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

All comments were postmarked or received by January 26, 2015, and are included in this report. Two email reminders of the official comment period were sent to the project distribution list of 163 on January 19, 2015 and to 164 on January 23, 2015.

One verbal comment and 14 written comments were received. Below is a summary of topics addressed in the verbal and written comments. Some comments included more than one topic.

Issue	Number of Comments	Summary of Comments
Purpose and Need	4	Support for overpass; support of Exit 199 southbound; support for improvements; support for one-way frontage roads
Access to Businesses or Homes	3	Location of ramp limits access to future development sites; additional travel distance
Safety	3	Congestion and safety at ramps; general safety
Conversion of Frontage Roads to One-Way	3	Inconvenience of one-way frontage roads; additional travel distance
Traffic Concerns	3	Santa's Ranch
Location of NB Exit at Posey (Exit 200)	2	Move exit further south; current plan will increase congestion near malls
Posey Pavement Conditions	2	Current pavement is rough
Construction Inconvenience	2	Length of construction; congestion during construction; detour location
Signals	2	Need for signals at Posey and I-35; question for improvements
Reverse Ramps	1	Reverse on/off ramps at Posey
Alternate Intersection Design	1	Use of innovative intersection
Extension of Central Texas Drive	1	Extension of road needed for better connection to Posey
Location of NB Exit Ramp at York Creek (Exit 199)	1	Move closer to Posey
York Creek Overpass	1	York Creek overpass needs improvement
Location of SB Exit Ramp at Centerpoint (Exit 199)	1	Too close to existing driveways
Right-of-Way	1	Accelerate purchase of needed right-of-way

RECOMMENDATION

Hays County and the project team recommend moving forward with the I-35 and Posey Road intersection project as detailed in the schematics. This includes:

- I-35 and Posey Road Intersection – Removing the existing Posey Road Bridge and reconstructing I-35 over Posey Road. Adding frontage road turnarounds at the intersection.
- Six ramp reversals – Changing entrance ramps to exit ramps and exit ramps to entrance ramps. Locations include Centerpoint Road, Posey Road, and FM 1102 (York Creek Road).
- Posey Road Improvements - Providing 2 thru lanes and 1 left turn lane for each direction of traffic at the frontage road intersections.
- Conversion of two-way frontage roads – At the start of construction, frontage roads would become one-way south of Posey Road for approximately two miles to York Creek Road (roads north of Posey Road are currently one-way).