

Hays County Transportation Plan



**Technical Advisory Group
Citizens Advisory Group
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Agenda



- ❑ Progress since last meeting
- ❑ Discussion of goals and objectives
- ❑ Discussion of evaluation matrix
- ❑ Question and comments
- ❑ Next meeting

Progress Since Last Meeting



- ❑ Revised white paper on goals and objectives
- ❑ Completed first cut of evaluation matrix
- ❑ Started funding memorandum

Purpose of the HCTP: Overall



The purpose of the Hays County Transportation Plan (HCTP) is to guide the future development of the County transportation system.

Purpose of the HCTP: Elements



- ❑ Set an overall direction for transportation future of the County;
- ❑ Accommodate future growth while maintaining and improving access to destinations for the traveling public (e.g., work, school, shopping, residential);
- ❑ Address current transportation needs by identifying specific projects; and,
- ❑ Address future need by providing the information and tools needed to preserve right-of-way for future projects.

Goals and Objectives



A goal is a statement that defines what you hope to accomplish

- Can be specific or general
- Can be down to earth or lofty
- Best combined with objectives

Goals and Objectives



An objective is a statement of specific outcome

- ▣ Support goals
- ▣ Help to define specific strategies, programs and policies

Goals and Objectives Goal #1



- ❑ Provide for the most efficient movement of people and goods possible
 - ❑ Improve transportation systems performance
 - ❑ Improve the accessibility of places
 - ❑ Promote and facilitate the mobility of people

Goals and Objectives Goal #2



- ❑ Improve the quality of life for County residents, businesses and visitors
 - ❑ Develop and maintain the transportation system to protect public health, safety and welfare
 - ❑ Develop and maintain the transportation system to protect the natural environment.
 - ❑ Develop and maintain the transportation system to be context sensitive
 - ❑ Develop and maintain the transportation system to support existing communities
 - ❑ Provide diversity and choice in the transportation system

Goals and Objectives Goal #3



- ❑ Support Economic Growth and Activity
 - ❑ Ensure a predictable and adequate transportation investment program to guide and leverage public and private investment decision
 - ❑ Invest in the transportation system to promote the attractiveness of the County

Goals and Objectives



□ Additional Goals?

Identifying Projects



The value we add is:

- ❑ Defining improvement and additions
 - ❑ Shape and form
 - ❑ Number of lanes and other features
 - ❑ Defining the right-of-way needed
- ❑ Defining transit improvement needs
- ❑ Defining bicycle and pedestrian improvement needs

Identifying Projects



We have lots of flexibility

- ❑ Needs based on expected growth
- ❑ Not fiscally constrained

Roadway Evaluation Matrix



Two purposes

1. Defines a tradition thoroughfare plan
 - ▣ Future right-of-way needs
 - ▣ Future (proposed) cross-sections
 - ▣ Needed to negotiate with development
2. Defines relative priority
 - ▣ Helps with state and federal funding
 - ▣ Helps guide county investments

Roadway Evaluation Matrix



- ❑ Currently considers:
 - ❑ Projected 2035 Level of Service
 - ❑ Recent roadway crash locations
 - ❑ Public comments
- ❑ Do we need a relative priority?
 - ❑ Additional factors?
 - ❑ De we weight them?

Roadway Evaluation Matrix



Quantitative Measures

- ❑ Volume
- ❑ Increase in volume
 - ❑ Measures importance but not congestion

Roadway Evaluation Matrix



Qualitative Measures

- ❑ Roadway Continuity
 - ❑ Does the project enhances system connectivity
 - ❑ Does it connect existing roadways or creates a more direct route
- ❑ Economic Development
 - ❑ Does the project provide access to areas desirable for future commercial development

Roadway Evaluation Matrix



Additional measures?

Questions?



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Next meeting



End of May
(Date TBD)



- ❑ The completed evaluation matrix
 - ❑ Thoroughfare
 - ❑ Priority
- ❑ June meeting
- ❑ June Public Workshop