

HAYS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE HAYS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN?

The purpose of the Hays County Transportation Plan (HCTP) is to identify current and future transportation needs in the County and identify how best to address them. Through an open and transparent process that provides various ways for the public to stay involved and provide input, the County is seeking to develop a long-range plan that:

- Provides overall project and policy direction to guide the transportation future of Hays County;
- Maintains and improves the mobility of people and accessibility of places throughout the County;
- Provides the transportation facilities and services needed to accommodate future growth and development; and,
- Adopts a Major Thoroughfare Plan to preserve the right-of-way needed for future transportation facilities.

WHAT IS THE PLANNING PROCESS?

This process began in Summer 2011 and the Plan is scheduled to be presented to the Hays County Commissioners Court for adoption in early 2013. The project team has completed several steps in the process including:

- Assessment of the existing transportation system
- Coordination with other planning efforts and adjacent counties
- Review of future growth predictions
- Analysis of current and future transportation needs
- Incorporation of citizen input

HOW HAVE THE CITIZENS OF HAYS COUNTY BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS?

The citizens in Hays County have been very involved throughout this process. Input received has been considered during the planning effort and will continue to be incorporated until Plan adoption.

- Over 100 citizens attended a public meeting held December 2011
- The team met with both the Citizen and Technical Advisory Committees six times to obtain local knowledge and expertise
- The team has worked closely with local media and community groups to distribute information and collect input from citizens
- Received over 200 responses to a survey that was conducted to gather input on transportation priorities
- Citizens have submitted over 200 written comments through a mapping exercise, survey participation, comment cards, and emails
- The team attended six community meetings throughout the county to visit with citizens and share information
- A project webpage with project information is kept current and provides information on submitting questions and comments



WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS?

- The Draft Plan Map and Projects will be presented to the public at four public meetings from November 8 to 15, 2012
- The Draft Plan will be posted online and comments will be collected from November 8 to December 8, 2012
- After December 8, 2012, comments will be reviewed and the Plan will be updated as necessary
- Plan will be presented to Commissioners Court for adoption in January 2013

WHY DOES THE PUBLIC NEED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE HCTP?

The County is developing the HCTP to service its citizens and it is important that the citizens weigh-in as the Plan is being developed. This is your opportunity to tell the Commissioners Court and County staff what you think about transportation in Hays County and how it should be improved. Whether you are interested in a road that needs to be improved, improving transit services, or what can be done along roadways to make it easier to walk and bicycle, this is your opportunity to be heard.

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PLAN?

You may submit comments or questions in the following ways:

- Attend one of the public meeting events and visit one-on-one with team members
- Participate in the online survey: www.co.hays.tx.us/transportationplan
- Fill out a comment card at one of the public meeting events
- Send your comments, questions, or thoughts to the team at any time via email, phone, or mail



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