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Liberty County Mobility Study

Steering Committee Meeting #1

December 2, 2020

11:00 AM

Microsoft Teams

Thomas Gray gave an introduction to the meeting and the overall project and started the introductions.

1. Introductions

Organization	Attendee
Liberty County	David Douglas
City of Dayton	Theo Melancon
	Kimberly Judge
City of Cleveland	Bobby Pennington
City of Liberty	Chris Jarmon
H-GAC	Thomas Gray
	Allie Isbell
	Carlene Mullins
	Justin Kuzila
	Patrick Mandapaka
	Chris Van Slyke
	Jamilia Owens
	Michelle Canton
	Rosy Chawla
	Frank Pagliei
TxDOT	Noel Salac
	Jeffrey English
	Ronald Lozano
Knudson	Patti Joiner
	Walter Morris
Kimley-Horn	Michael Feeney
	Josie Ortiz
	Monica Powell
	Payton Arens

2. Project Overview

Michael Feeney presented the project overview. Study purpose is to conduct a study and develop a comprehensive Mobility Study for Liberty County, the final report will include a section for each of the three participating cities. The overall schedule was also reviewed.

3. Vision and Goals – DRAFT

Michael Feeney presented the draft vision and goals for the Mobility Study. Thomas Gray clarified that the study will not just be for vehicles, but also for bicycles/pedestrians/transit.

David Douglas expressed his approval of the vision; no other comments regarding vision or goals were received during the meeting.

David Douglas: Ann Miller (Dayton Economic Development) should be added to Steering Committee for Dayton. Can Google her contact information. Kimberly Judge sent contact information in the Teams chat: Ann Miller, Executive Director, 936-257-0055.

Patti Joiner: Steering Committee should think of policy changes that need to be made to accommodate future changes, as well as engineering issues.

4. Public Involvement Plan

Michael Feeney presented a general overview of the Public Involvement Plan and examples of online involvement tools that KH has used previously.

Michael and Thomas suggested that perhaps UPRR and the Brazos Transit District should be included on the Stakeholder group rather than the Steering Committee.

David Douglas: Addition of Ann Miller is sufficient. We don't want the Study to be skewed to certain routes based on special interest groups. David will call Thomas later. David would like to look into a bypass for the City of Dayton; there are strong freight issues that if were addressed would help a lot.

Kimberly Judge: City of Dayton is very interested in a bypass.

David Douglas: They have been interested for 25 years but haven't been able to figure out how to get it done. Need to move heavy freight trucks off US 90 through Dayton.

Thomas Gray: Will touch on routes in next section. Have determined that UPRR and Brazos Transit should be included in Stakeholder group rather than Steering Committee.

Bobby Pennington: Interested in a bypass; Mobility Study will help to show the need for one; it's what the community needs.

Michael asked for everyone to identify an alternate representative for the Steering Committee.

Thomas to send a PDF copy of the presentation to the group after the meeting.

Michael asked for everyone to send recommendations of others that should be included on the Stakeholder group.

Kimberly Judge: Adding school districts (Jessica Johnson as a contact for Dayton ISD) is very important.



Thomas: Cleveland School District is one of the fastest growing School Districts in the area; definitely important to bring them in. Please pass along contact information for other ISDs if you have them.

Michael presented on public meeting overview; added that we would like to get a list of community events that we may be able to attend to gather information.

David Douglas: Recommends contacting each of the City Managers to get a list of events; e.g. gun show, Liberty Jubilee.

Bobby: Can send available dates for Civic Center.

Michael reiterated – we want to hear as much feedback from everybody that we can.

5. Identified Issues and Needs

Michael Feeney presented the study corridors and intersections for each of the cities to receive comments on.

Cleveland

Bobby: Cleveland corridors look correct; Intersection #1 (FM 2025 at US 59) – there's a lot going on there and should be seen as a priority but will be a challenging one to address; should be coordinated with TxDOT. Issues include schools, Love's truck stop, Quik Trip and another pending development.

Michael will drive out there and take a site visit.

Bobby: School to go just north of that intersection. There's a Love's truck stop there that is renovating; another gas station on the other corner. Reiterated that intersection is going to require "a lot of thought."

David Douglas: Is Noel looking at area near Plum Grove?

Noel Salac: FM 1010 at FM 2090 should be looked at. Currently looking at things, but should be studied. Lots of traffic coming from growth in Plum Grove area.

Bobby: Had something on the plan to parallel 1010 through Plum Grove to provide an alternative. FM 1010 will be burdened with traffic as area grows.

Patti: We would like to work with City and County to look at current and future platting activity.

Bobby: Near Intersection #3, there are several plats for a neighborhood of close to 1,000 homes. On the other side of 105, in Montgomery County along Morgan Cemetery Road?

Kimberly Judge: Will send plats from Dayton.

City of Dayton



Theo/Kimberly: Look at Lovers Lane/Brown Road corridors from SH 146 to FM 1409; County has 30' easement. Kimberly to send this information. A US 90 grade separation over the rail would be nice and is already included in current TIP.

City of Liberty

Chris Jarmon: Section S – have had fatalities on 146; increased truck traffic makes Section S a big safety concern.

6. Existing Conditions

Josie Ortiz presented existing conditions and data collection and requested entities to provide all available data: ArcGIS shapefiles, CIP information, existing plans, etc.

David Douglas: will send available Liberty County GIS data; David to reach out to LJA (their contracted Consultant) to provide their data on platting, etc.

7. Steering Committee Comments

Taken throughout presentation, rather than as a separate item.

Bobby Pennington: can Cleveland apply for FTA 5310 Call for Projects administered by METRO. Thomas suggested that Bobby contact Albert Lyne at METRO, but that Cleveland probably wouldn't qualify as they were outside of Houston UZA.

Jeff English: Austin is currently holding TIP for fiscal constraint.

8. Next Steps

Michael presented next steps and clarified that we do have budget for additional data collection if need be.

Everything should go through Thomas to have a single point of contact on the project. Send all data and information to Thomas and he will disperse as necessary.

Thomas Gray showed the project website and the data dashboard (currently under development) to the Steering Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

H-GAC

- Add Ann Miller to Steering Committee, Dayton Community Development Corporation, Executive Director, 936-257-0055
- Include UPRR and Brazos Transit District on Stakeholder group
- Send PDF of presentation to group
- Add gun show and Liberty Jubilee to running list of potential community events



- Events happening at the Civic Centers in Liberty, Dayton, and Cleveland will be good opportunities to gather public feedback

Steering Committee

- List of policies that should be revisited to allow future changes
- Identify alternate members for Steering Committee participation
- List of recommendations, and contact information if possible, for future members of Stakeholder group
- List of community events where we could conduct outreach during the Study
- Send available data:
 - Plats (AutoCAD, ArcGIS, PDF, etc)
 - ArcGIS shapefiles
 - CIP info/data
 - Existing plans

Consulting Team

- Consider/analyze bypass for City of Dayton in Study
- Look at Intersection #1 closely – priority and will be difficult; coordination with TxDOT needed (site visit)
- 1010 and 2090 should be looked at. Lots of traffic coming from growth in Plum Grove area.
- Add Brown Road as E-W corridor in Dayton
- Focus on Section S as safety concern



Liberty County Mobility Study

Steering Committee Meeting #2

March 10, 2021

10:30 AM

Microsoft Teams

Attendees (21)

Organization	Attendee
City of Dayton	Theo Melancon
	Kimberly Judge
Dayton CDC	Ann Miller
City of Cleveland	Savannah Cunningham for
	Bobby Pennington
City of Liberty	Tom Warner
	Thomas Gray
H-GAC	Allie Isbell
	Mike Burns
	Carlene Mullins
	Justin Kuzila
	Patrick Mandapaka
	Chris Van Slyke
TxDOT	Noel Salac
	Jeffrey English
	Lisa Collins
	Ronald Lozano
Knudson	Patti Joiner
	Walter Morris
Kimley-Horn	Michael Feeney
	Josie Ortiz
	Monica Powell

Thomas Gray gave an introduction to the meeting.

Michael Feeney introduced the consultant team and led the open discussion.

1. Big Picture Open Discussion

Theo Melancon – City Manager, City of Dayton

Success

- Actionable plans to deal with vehicular traffic from one end of town to the other as well as the expansion of transit, biking and walking



- Consider overpass/bypass
- Safety both for vehicular traffic and alternative transportation

Priorities

- How to coordinate transportation with railroad; Dayton has mainline and a spur at-grade that cut off major thoroughfares and also flood; disruption of traffic during rush hour; consider grade-separated crossings
- Tie state highways into Grand Parkway; how to address future loop around Dayton

Challenges/Opportunities

- How to use Grand Parkway (SH 99) as defacto loop; SH 99 will spur development
- Coordinate with UP and TxDOT to get overpass
- Inner loop opportunities to move traffic within AND around city
- River bottom is biggest hurdle; need second entry point from east but environmental issues will be a challenge
- Dayton has E-W and N-S travel issues
 - Possible signalization or expansion of intersections to improve LOS
 - Possible future bypasses, overpasses, or loops around Dayton
- Population growth will be explosive; population centers may pop up that are currently unforeseen
- Need help with ordinances (i.e. access control onto highways) to get ahead of development issues

Kimberly Judge – City of Dayton

- Agree with Theo
- Emphasis on cohesive traffic plan to relieve traffic throughout the County

Ann Miller – Dayton Community Development Corporation

Challenges/Opportunities

- Industry coming to Dayton that will use freight routes and rail; need to plan for this
- Walkability, bike facilities, and transit will need to be a focus as this will be a demand in the future

Tom Warner – City of Liberty

Success

- Reduce congestion on Loop 227 – currently there is a 3-lane section that experiences traffic backup at the signal
- SH 146 at the bypass

Priorities

- Same as above

- Undersized turning radii locally

Challenges/Opportunities

- Highway 90 as biggest issue for County; will need to take care not to impact local businesses

Noel Salac / Lisa Collins – TxDOT Planning Engineer, Beaumont District

Priorities

- SH 146, SH 321, US 90 as large spines for connectivity, mobility and safety (hurricane evacuations)

Challenges/Opportunities

- US 90 between Liberty and Devers – project coming up; will be opportunity to address pedestrian access and cycling; would be the time to address these issues
 - Will be finished in 2024
- FM 1413 grade separation project is letting this fall (2021)
- Overlay projects on US 90 west of Dayton to County Line
- FM 1413 is a safety issue
- Developers coming in west of Dayton looking for access of US 90
- FM 2025 – trying to get connections into IH-69/US 59
- US-59/IH-69
 - South of Cleveland is currently being constructed as 6-lane interstate section
 - North of Cleveland from SL 573 north is designed as a 4-lane facility from Cleveland into San Jacinto Co line, into Shepard, TX. Beyond that will be under the Lufkin District.
- Lesson learned from Chambers County mobility issues – need strong access management
- Open land along SH 105 bypass and south of US-90 generating interest from developers

Other Comments

- TxDOT would like to assist local municipalities in realizing their long-term visions
- BNSF planning a facility west of Cleveland (Thomas Gray)

2. Vision, Goals & Metrics

Michael Feeny presented vision, goals, and metrics and requested that the group give comments or send Thomas a note after the meeting

No comments received during meeting.

3. Study Corridors & Intersections

Josie Ortiz presented the study corridors and intersections, highlighting the ones that had been added per the comments from the previous meeting.

Noel Salac – glad to see FM 1010 @ FM 2090 (Intersection 22) added to this list.

4. Public Outreach Tools

Josie Ortiz presented H-GAC's Data Dashboard that is available on H-GAC's project website.

Thomas Gray presented the community outreach tool, Bang the Table (BTT), that will be used for public input during the project. The site is not live yet, but it will be open for several weeks once active.

Lisa Collins – Does BTT automatically collect responses and provide statistics or does it need to be scrubbed by Kimley-Horn after?

Thomas Gray – Data goes to H-GAC, as they have signed on directly with BTT; there is a statistics page with summaries

Michael Feeney – Site produces graphs and tables; easy to use

Allie Isbell – BTT also works from a cell phone and is handy to provide input while in the field using the app. H-GAC will also provide a short video instructing how to leave a comment using the map. The survey will be open a few weeks before and after the public meeting (generally between April 15 - May 13).

Tom Warner – I haven't seen anything in the presentation regarding schools; there are schools where traffic is causing backups onto State Highways; school bus traffic on State Highways that are stopping traffic; safety issues with kids getting on/off bus

Thomas Gray – The study will address school traffic and will consider these comments.

5. Next Steps

Michael Feeney went over the agenda for the public meeting.

Allie Isbell – We are still figuring out how to broadcast the video about the public comment demonstration; will be a pre-recorded presentation with audio; study team will be there live to answer questions

Michael Feeney – Thomas Gray will send out links and information to Steering Committee members so the entities can advertise through their channels/websites.

Michael Feeney went through next steps and extended the data submission deadline to March 12.

Patti Joiner requested data from Steering Committee regarding schools (traffic issues, proposed schools), platting/development, etc.



Thomas Gray – Schools will also be represented on Stakeholder Committee invitations; will send information to Steering Committee about Stakeholder Committee representation and proposed meetings.

6. Thank You! Further Discussion

Michael Feeney presented the project website address and contact information for Thomas and Allie of H-GAC.

Savannah Cunningham introduced herself as representing Bobby Pennington of City of Cleveland to take notes and relay information.

Theo Melancon – Thank you and looking forward to final product

Thomas Gray – Will send presentation and meeting notes to all, as well as proposed Stakeholder Committee lists; feel free to send email with any questions and/or comments.

Michael Feeney asked for final comments, thanked participants, and closed the meeting.



Liberty County Mobility Study

Steering Committee Meeting #3

September 7, 2021

2:30 PM

Microsoft Teams

Attendees (19)

Organization	Attendee
Liberty County	David Douglas
City of Dayton	Kimberly Judge
City of Liberty	Tom Warner
H-GAC	Thomas Gray
	Allie Isbell
	Carlene Mullins
	Justin Kuzila
	Jamila Owens
	Eric Boulet
	Chris Van Slyke
	Megan Kennison
TxDOT	Noel Salac
	Jeffrey English
	Lisa Collins
Knudson	Patti Joiner
	Walter Morris
Kimley-Horn	Michael Feeney
	Josie Ortiz
	Andi Vickers

Thomas Gray gave an introduction to the meeting and gave an update on what we have been doing since the last Steering Committee meeting on March 10, 2021.

1. Progress Report

Michael Feeney presented the schedule that we have achieved to date as well as the public input that has been received so far.

2. Congestion Summary

Michael Feeney presented existing levels of service, preliminary recommendations, and projected future levels of service if recommendations are implemented. He also presented small area “site visits” for future discussion and the Liberty ISD school congestion issues.

Comments:**Kimberly Judge**

Flyover at Waco and US 90 – currently discussing the option of an elevated T or a fly-over over the railroad tracks – is talking to Noel Salac and Chad Bohne; previously discussed an option to get rid of Waco, but if SH 321 underpass floods, it would be difficult for people to cross the City; looking forward to more information about this intersection

Lisa Collins – TX Beaumont District

Looking to determine best path forward for that intersection; in the process of hiring a consultant to determine best option

Noel Salac

Agree with Lisa; there is a lot of discussion about grade separation at US 90, but need to look at all solutions. Have been working with Chad Bohne and TPD Director Adam Jack at the most recent meeting. Constrained by SH 146, many ROW impacts, but are looking at all options.

FM 2025 in Cleveland – looking to develop a 4-lane boulevard section between 2025 and near where 573 and IH 69 meet; Cleveland ISD is building out this area; TxDOT is looking to make changes to geometries of frontage road as well as signals in the area to accommodate the changes. School is looking to open in fall of next year. Talk with Cleveland ISD Superintendent, Chris Trotter, for more information; he is also talking with City of Cleveland.

Improvement to the FM 2025 bridge is high priority for the City; TxDOT is working with the ISD to better configure the signals in the area.

Kimberly Judge

Trying to connect Waco north of US 90 and realign it. Kimberly mentioned they have some draft sketches of this area and she will send them to Thomas.

Tom Warner

Main is a TxDOT roadway from about MLK to Grand Street; TxDOT ROW is up to the curb on the west side, up to the buildings on the east side; want to keep that small-town feel. The streets around the courthouse have been like that for at least 40 years. City's ROW line is to the building faces on the east side and generally to the curb line on the west side.

Michael Feeney asked about potentially removing the parking on-street and how that might be received.

Tom indicated it may be received well. Everyone other than employees have to enter on west side of building. There is some parking close to City Hall. Politicians are the ones who are likely to park closer to the building. East of Main Street there is a green open space – could potentially be used for parking; not currently owned by City.

Around Grand Street to the north, there's a possibility of doing some limited takings to do geometric changes to the intersections to improve levels of service.

One of the problems is that for years people have been allowed to back out onto Main Street, but they have no other place to park. Further north around Jefferson / Loop 227, there may be more ability to do some geometric changes.

Have filed a grant with TxDOT to do sidewalks for 16 blocks in the downtown area; should hear back from TxDOT in October on a funding decision.

3. Connectivity Analyses

Josie Ortiz presented the connectivity analyses to date, including the Geographic Information System analyses, the future corridor barriers and limitations, and ultimate DRAFT thoroughfare recommendations. Michael Feeney mentioned one ultimate recommendation will be to do a formal Thoroughfare Plan that will require a more extensive public outreach process as well as approval from the County Commissioners.

Michael Feeney presented potential alternatives for a Dayton bypass and the existing railroad crossings.

Comments:

David Douglas

Received another plat from Trey Harris (Colony Ridge developer) for Santa Fe Section 12 that has 2,000 lots in it. Over on FM 1008, there are 4 nice subdivisions going in that are beginning to strangle 1008 north and south. Tarkington Prairie development on SH 321 just purchased 900 acres; need to choose what direction we want to go for improvements.

Patti Joiner asked if developers have taken advice about putting in Major Thoroughfares or are they stiff-arming the City?

There is a good working relationship with Colony Ridge and they are receptive to making changes. Overall, their new products are much better than what was offered 10 years ago.

Starter homes in Liberty County are running around \$220K-\$250K. 2-5 acre lots with \$400K house on it.

Kimberly Judge

Over here (Dayton area), new homes are probably around \$220K.

Patti Joiner

It would be good to talk about support for common regulations and design standards to move forward. If the County / cities need help having this conversation in the future, we would be happy to help.

Noel Salac

David mentioned Trey Harris and his developments. Thinking of the area south of Cleveland, Liberty County passed a resolution as a statement of support for the continuation of FM 1010. TxDOT would need to work with Liberty County to identify issues (a large ROW section would need to be acquired for this to happen).

David Douglas

The situation up there is very different. There was some conversation about improvement around 1010

and letting it pick up Plum Grove Road to solve that problem, but there are a lot of politics that need to be worked through before a decision can be made.

Design standards are getting better for that area and negotiations are involved in that, as well. At some point, it will all need to get worked out, but likely in the long term.

Tom Warner

Since we last talked, at FM 1011 and SH 146, there is the potential for a hospital. Further north at McGuire Road, there is potential for a 400-acre development that would “T” into 146. Further north, a nursing home (on hold for funding). Further north, new sheriff’s office annex and jail (under construction). Just north of that, another 220-home development that is in discussions with the County now. Northern portion of 146 may have more traffic than what you planned for in this analysis. Can provide numbers on the hospital, but the others are in early stages and won’t have numbers for that now.

4. Transit Summary

Josie Ortiz presented existing transit operations and ridership data for transit, with data from the Brazos Transit District.

5. Bicycle / Ped Summary

Josie Ortiz presented existing infrastructure and ridership data for bicycle and pedestrians, with information received from bicycle advocate groups in the County.

6. Policy / Practice Recommendations

Patti Joiner presented the overall regulation and state / local ordinance processes. Patti explained the detail for the draft policy and practice recommendations and how they relate to roadway planning and the ultimate roadway construction. There was an emphasis on having common standards across the County. Patti discussed interlocal agreements in Chapter 242 of the Texas Local Government Code that would allow policymakers to make changes.

7. Next Steps

Michael Feeney presented the next steps and mentioned that we are still on track to provide the final document within the original general timeframe.

If anyone has additional information, please pass it on to Thomas and he will forward it.

8. Thank You! Further Discussion



Thomas Gray

We know we are working on a plan in the middle of substantial development occurring, so we understand it is difficult to incorporate it all together.

Michael Feeney

The policy and practice recommendations should help future planning. A recommendation will also be to perform a formal Thoroughfare Plan for the County.

Thomas Gray

H-GAC has done multiple Thoroughfare Plans in other counties.

Patti Joiner

Life safety issues should be taken into account when planning for future development and roadways, as well. Standards should be coordinated regionally rather than locally.

Thomas Gray

We got great feedback today. We will start looking at more concrete recommendations. Expect to be hearing from us more frequently now that we've finished gathering information; we will be looking for more guidance from the Steering Committee.



Liberty County Mobility Study

Steering Committee Meeting #4

March 10, 2022

1:00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Attendees (19)

Organization	Attendee
Liberty County	David Douglas
City of Dayton	Kimberly Judge
City of Liberty	Tom Warner
	Thomas Gray
	Allie Isbell
	Carlene Mullins
H-GAC	Justin Kuzila
	Jamila Owens
	Eric Boulet
	Chris Van Slyke
	Megan Kennison
	Noel Salac
TxDOT	Jeffrey English
	Lisa Collins
Knudson	Patti Joiner
	Walter Morris
	Michael Feeney
Kimley-Horn	Josie Ortiz
	Andi Vickers

Thomas Gray gave an introduction to the meeting and gave an update on what we have been doing since the last Steering Committee meeting on September 7, 2021.



Liberty County Mobility Study

Steering Committee Meeting #5

July 21, 2022

1:00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Attendees (11)

Organization	Attendee
Liberty County	Honorable Jay Knight
	David Douglas
City of Dayton	Kimberly Judge
	Thomas Gray
H-GAC	Allie Isbell
	Carlene Mullins
	Jeffrey English
TxDOT	Lisa Collins
	Michael Feeney
Kimley-Horn	Josie Ortiz
	Andi Vickers

Thomas Gray gave an introduction to the meeting and talked about the agenda for the meeting. He asked for comments back on the draft report by July 29, 2022.

Michael Feeney went over the vision, goals, and performance metrics. He talked about the outreach that has occurred throughout the duration of the project.

Michael Feeney flipped through the report to present some highlights and went over the recommendations at the end of the report.

David Douglas asked for special graphics showing the areas of Plum Grove connected to the Grand Parkway and connections to River Ranch.

Stakeholder Meeting Notes

Liberty County Mobility Study

Stakeholder Meeting #1
 Cleveland Area
 May 25, 2021
 10:00 AM
 Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Organization	Attendee
BNSF	Gary Laffoon
Cleveland Police Department	Chief Darrel Broussard
Cornerstone Church & Chair of Transportation Committee for Greater Cleveland Chamber of Commerce	Timothy Magee
Cleveland Emergency Hospitals	Raylene Atkinson
	Jeremy Allen
	Neeru Khanuja
H-GAC	Thomas Gray
	Carlene Mullins
	Chris Van Slyke
Kimley-Horn	Michael Feeney
	Josie Ortiz
	Monica Powell
Knudson	Patti Joiner
	Walter Morris
	Keven Sandoval

*All live chat was paraphrased below

Thomas Gray welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the team.

Michael Feeney asked the Stakeholders: What does success look like to you, what are your priorities, what are the biggest challenges and opportunities for transportation in the County?

Jeremy Allen – Cleveland Emergency Hospitals

Success – a cut-through across the railroad tracks on Travis in front of their hospital; very dangerous for EMS; have community support for this; would require a cut-through for the railroad.

Neeru Khanuja – Cleveland Emergency Hospitals

Chief Operating Officer at Hospital, located at 1017 S Travis; have been open since fall of 2015; increased number of patients; increased traffic;; concerned about safety of community as emergency vehicles go through; lots of flooding on that road. There are no sidewalks on this road either, forcing pedestrians and vehicles to share the same pavement.

Chief Broussard – Cleveland Chief of Police

Agree with those comments.



Timothy Magee – Cornerstone Church and Chair of Chamber’s Transportation Committee

Agreed with the above. Concern that if they add a train crossing here, they will lose another one somewhere else, and do not want that.

Chief Broussard – Cleveland Chief of Police

Would be happy to send drone footage.

Mike Feeney

We’ll take you up on the drone footage.

Timothy Magee – Cornerstone Church

Do we need to go over the City’s top 10 requests?

Thomas Gray

We have those later in these slides and will go over them.

Timothy Magee – Cornerstone Church

Cleveland ISD has purchased 80 acres and are looking to build a new road from FM 2025 to Loop 573; already an underpass and overpass, but 573 dead-ends right there; working with TxDOT to give a back door to the school and an additional access to 2025. Will send Thomas a slide he has put together and minutes from the Transportation Committee’s meeting.

Gary Laffoon – BNSF

Rail safety is our number 1 concern. New logistics center off Fostoria Road to break ground in the fall; will create increased truck traffic (most likely looping over to 59/69 to head back to Houston) and commuter traffic from employees in the near future. Working with Robert Reynolds, Mayor of Cleveland, for the 1200-acre park. Dayton yard is also getting congested. Would be happy to answer any questions regarding BNSF.

The 1,200 acres will be a Logistics Center for BNSF and receive containers and raw materials (i.e. aggregate) that will then be shifted to trucks.

Michael Feeney

We know Union Pacific is open to conversation as well. Can you define logistics center?

Gary Laffoon – BNSF

It is a rail-served industrial park to serve all commodities and house others who wish to work out of the area.

Patti Joiner

Do you have an idea of your net-buildable area so we can back in and estimate traffic to / from this facility?

Gary Laffoon – BNSF

Hard to tell right now. I can try to come up with a ballpark, but it depends on what types of companies decide to locate there.

Michael Feeney

Something like an Amazon facility?

Gary Laffoon – BNSF

This facility will be more industrial, merely manifest and potentially unit trains.

Patti Joiner

Could you give a range of square footage? Trying to plan for CIP.

Gary Laffoon – BNSF

Will get you a general estimate.

Jeremy Allen – Cleveland Emergency Hospitals

Would like to invite you out to the hospital to look at the cut-over to get your opinions.

Thomas Gray

Would need to talk to UP because that is their facility.

Timothy Magee – Cornerstone Church

Just emailed Thomas the drone footage and jpeg of new facility. (Thomas confirmed receipt.)

Michael Feeney presented vision and goals, as well as study corridors and intersections. He introduced the project website and how to leave feedback.

Josie Ortiz presented existing conditions maps and pointed to questions for each.

Thomas Gray introduced the public involvement map and gave his contact information. Thomas added pins for the hospital and the rail-served industrial park as previously discussed in the meeting.

Timothy Magee

Church backs up to new industrial park – will there be access only to Fostoria?

Gary Laffoon – BNSF

I believe only to Fostoria, yes.

Patti Joiner

In addition to square footage estimate, could you provide land plan for the site? Single point of access could be problematic.

Michael Feeney presented the web address and Thomas / Allie's contact information again. Michael thanked the participants for comments.

Thomas Gray thanked everyone as well. Described next steps after study to be planning for future growth; explained that there will be different levels of implementation – short and long-range.

Timothy Magee – Cornerstone Church

Will send Thomas a Zoom link to the Transportation Committee meeting

Michael Feeney

If you need Monica or Josie to attend, they can do that if needed.

Thomas Gray reiterated that the team will come back to this group in the fall and thanked the group again, requesting comments both on the map and through his contact information. Thomas closed the meeting at 10:55.



Liberty County Mobility Study

Stakeholder Meeting #1
 Dayton-Liberty Area
 May 25, 2021
 1:00 PM
 Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Organization	Attendee
Dayton ISD	Superintendent Jessica Johnson
Liberty ISD	Director of Maintenance and Operations Robert Ward
Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center	Rhonda Campbell
Port of Houston	Bruce Mann
Liberty Police Department	Chief Gary Martin
Dayton Police Department	Chief Rob Vine
H-GAC	Thomas Gray
	Carlene Mullins
	Chris Van Slyke
Kimley-Horn	Michael Feeney
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Robert Ward – Liberty ISD

SH 146 bypass; traffic growing more and is a safety issue; only a 2-lane road; a turning lane at the Lee College entrance would be helpful.

Jessica Johnson – Dayton ISD

Reiterate what Mr. Ward said. 146 bypass has been a concern; Superintendents have met with TxDOT to ask for something to be done; biggest concern in Dayton is that all roads converge in Dayton. SH 321 underpass under railroad usually shut down with heavy rain and becomes gridlocked; emergency vehicles can't get through. The other day, flooding occurred and kids couldn't get home until 7:15. Many people at the schools don't live in the city limits. Underpass under 321, US 90 outside of Dayton; if a train comes, we can't get across town.

Bruce Mann – Port of Houston

With segments H&I for Grand Parkway being built, more industry will be built; need to keep an eye on where freight will be moving and take that into account.

Michael Feeney

We spoke with Union Pacific and chatted about their concerns as well.

Bruce Mann – Port of Houston

You probably also spoke with BNSF about their industrial park coming.

Thomas Gray

Yes, we did.

Rob Vine – Dayton Police Department

26,000 cars travel US 90 every day; most of them will be commuters. Once Hwy 321 underpass is flooded (happens often) and when trains come through, our access across town is shut down. Some type of loop would be difficult through river bottoms but would provide some relief and would improve safety.

Thomas Gray

This is good feedback and provides us another data point that tells us these are important issues.

Jessica Johnson – Dayton ISD

We have a lot of rooftop developments, specifically out 146 and another one in Phase 2 off FM 1008 and there is only one way in and one way out (1008); more development coming out 321 and I understand acreage has been sold; more development coming out Hwy 90. More cars and buses and emergency vehicles on the road with that development.

Gary Martin – Liberty Police Department

When does TxDOT anticipate finishing Hwy 90?

Josie Ortiz (answered per chat)

The notes from the public meeting show TxDOT initial discussions to begin around 2024 from Liberty to Ames. They are looking at an overlay and access control issues for Dayton in general (to begin around mid-2022).

Bruce Mann – Port of Houston (comment in chat)

Maybe look at the TxDOT truck parking study and see if there is anything to consider in relation to that.

Michael Feeney presented vision and goals, as well as study corridors and intersections. He introduced the project website and how to leave feedback.

Josie Ortiz presented existing conditions maps and pointed questions for each.

Thomas Gray introduced the public involvement map and gave his contact information. Thomas added a pin and comment for the underpass on SH 321/Cleveland St, as discussed previously in the meeting. Thomas asked if there were other pins he should add at this time. No comments were received so Thomas reiterated that the map would be open for a few more days if others wanted to add pins.



Michael Feeney

Can you add a pin to the college entrance?

Thomas Gray added a pin near Lee College on the 146 bypass.

Michael Feeney presented the web address and Thomas / Allie's contact information again. Michael thanked the participants for comments.

Thomas Gray thanked everyone as well and asked for final thoughts.

Rob Vine – Dayton Police Department

I will add some more pins after I've had time to think about it. I appreciate your time.

Thomas Gray will send the presentation to everyone and reiterated that the team will be holding another round of meetings in the fall to share recommendations (which will be short and long-term). The larger-scale recommendations will take longer to implement, but we will work to submit the recommendations for the TIP to begin to get funding.

Michael reiterated that there will be actionable items recommended for the near term.

Thomas closed the meeting at 1:46.



Liberty County Mobility Study

Stakeholder Meeting #2

Cleveland Area

April 19, 2022

10:30 AM

Microsoft Teams

Attendees (12):

Organization	Attendee
Cleveland Police Department	Chief Darrel Broussard
Cleveland Fire Department	Chief Sean Anderson
Cornerstone Church & Chair of Transportation Committee for Greater Cleveland Chamber of Commerce	Timothy Magee
Brazos Transit District	Taslina Khandaker
Union Pacific Railroad	Tyson Moeller
Colony Ridge	Damaris Watson
	Other?
H-GAC	Thomas Gray
	Allie Isbell
	Michael Feeney
Kimley-Horn	Josie Ortiz
	Andi Vickers

*All live chat was paraphrased below

Thomas Gray welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced the team, and provided an overview of who was invited to the Stakeholder meeting.

Michael Feeney then presented the analysis of existing intersection performance, recommendations, and improvements based on the recommendations.

Michael Feeney also introduced the online commenting map and gave a description of how to view all data and comment using the tool.

Tyson Moeller

US 90 is like our I-10, bringing trains through the area quite a bit. Make sure you bring in Megan Shay so she can comment on the Cleveland area.

Thomas Gray

We have talked with them quite a bit, especially about the new rail yard going in on the west side of Cleveland.

Chief Sean Anderson

Two lanes at 2025 and 59 doesn't work right now. It has been an issue for quite a while. Knowing that you all are pushing out the recommended improvements so far is concerning. There is a lot of school traffic that will be coming in within the next two years.

Michael Feeney

Make that comment; we will address it. Short term typically just means that it is cheaper or more easily implemented.

Thomas Gray

We know this is a top priority for Cleveland. It will require a lot more study and design, which is why it fell in the long-term category.

Michael Feeney stated that if there are any questions, to please contact Thomas and provided contact information for Thomas and Allie Isbell. Michael asked for final comments on the map or in general.

Chief Sean Anderson

Could you please send out the PDF of the presentation, as well, so that we can update the new City Manager and Council?

Michael Feeney will send Thomas a copy of the presentation as PDF. Michael presented the locations for potential transit use in the future.

Josie Ortiz

These areas were identified as areas that currently experience higher walking / bicycling activity per TxDOT's Strava data as well as areas with apartments / shopping centers.

Taslina Khandaker

Did you propose any fixed-routes or stops in the area as part of the study?

Josie Ortiz

We did not. We provided information on the areas where transit may be more heavily used based on current walking and biking patterns as well as land use types that are more amenable to transit use.

Taslina Khandaker

We would be interested to know if anyone has recommendations on fixed stops, as we are thinking about going to fixed routes / stops in the future.

Thomas Gray

We will send you the draft from the sub-consultant so you can see that. We will coordinate with you about the follow-up transit study that we are looking to start?

Thomas Gray solicited any final comments and thanked all participants for attending. Hearing none, Thomas closed the meeting at 11:10.



Liberty County Mobility Study

Stakeholder Meeting #2

Dayton-Liberty Area

April 21, 2022

1:00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Attendees (7):

Organization	Attendee
Union Pacific Railroad	Tyson Moeller
Brazos Transit District	Taslina Khandaker
Port of Houston	Bruce Mann
Liberty Fire Department	Assistant Chief Brian Hurst
H-GAC	Thomas Gray
Kimley-Horn	Michael Feeney
	Josie Ortiz
	Andi Vickers

*Comments provided in chat were copied and pasted verbatim; all live chat was paraphrased below

Thomas Gray welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced the team, and provided an overview of who was invited to the Stakeholder meeting.

Michael Feeney reminded the group what the vision and goals were, as well as a summary of what comments were received from the first phase of public outreach.

Andi Vickers then presented the analysis of existing intersection performance, recommendations, and improvements based on the recommendations.

Michael Feeney introduced the online commenting map and gave a description of how to view all data and comment using the tool.

Tyson Moeller (chat)

I will only be on for about 20 minutes...

Thomas Gray

Does the Fire Department have any issues with the study intersections?

Brian Hurst

We don't have issues with any intersections in particular, but we do have issues when we have an emergency and the train comes through. Highway 90 and Bowie – a new Fire Station coming in.

Michael Feeney

Tyson, do you have any comments on the bypass proposed?

Tyson Moeller

We will work with the different stakeholders on it to coordinate what happens with our ROW areas, but we are generally familiar with how to work with grade-separated roadways. It is farther north than the

proposed industrial sites that are just south of the proposed alignment. We are double tracking, through this area, but have the capability for triple tracking. This corridor is like our I-10; we want to preserve some area for additional lines if we need it in the future.

Michael Feeney

We are having another meeting with the developers in Plum Grove to better communicate potential transportation implications / improvements.

Tyson Moeller (chat)

Keep me in the loop if you need anything more from UP. We appreciate all of the planning...

Michael Feeney gave an overview of the remaining schedule.

Thomas gave an update about the upcoming public meeting and mentioned that he will be sending the materials to the group, including those who couldn't attend the meeting.

Bruce Mann

With the Grand Parkway coming in, we will be needing some additional connectivity to keep people moving around the area.

Michael Feeney

Feel free to leave comments on our map and send to your colleagues. We have recommended a future thoroughfare plan to address new connectivity.

Thomas Gray solicited any final comments and thanked all participants for attending. Hearing none, Thomas closed the meeting at 1:42.