



MoPAC SOUTH

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

Progress Report



CENTRAL TEXAS
Regional Mobility Authority

Process and Major Activities to Date



- **Launched Environmental Study in April 2013**
 - Collected travel time, crash and safety, population and employment growth and environmental constraints data
 - Developed Purpose and Need
 - Launched project website www.MoPacSouth.com
 - Began stakeholder outreach
- **Held First Open House/Scoping Meeting in November 2013**
 - Refined Purpose and Need based on public input
 - Developed and refined concepts that may meet Purpose and Need using data collected and community feedback
- **Held Second Open House in April 2014**
 - Refined evaluation criteria and measurements based on Purpose and Need and community feedback
 - Evaluated concepts
- **Held Third Open House in February 2015**
 - Presented preliminary results and requested feedback on evaluation criteria and measurements
 - Presented recommended reasonable alternative – Express Lanes
 - Launched our Context Sensitive Solutions process



- **Activities since February Open House:**
 - Developed Additional Concepts with Public Input
 - Evaluation of Environmental Considerations (noise, visual, park impacts, historic)
 - Determination of lane requirements based on Travel Demand Models
 - Determination of ROW requirements
 - Operational Analysis
 - Preparing for November Open House

Additional Concepts Developed With Public Input



- **Presented at February Open House:** Two Express Lanes in each direction with a direct connection to and from Cesar Chavez
- **Additional Concepts Being Developed:**
 - One Express Lane in each direction with direct connections to and from Cesar Chavez
 - One Express Lane in each direction without a direct connection to and from Cesar Chavez
 - Two Express Lanes in each direction without a direct connection to and from Cesar Chavez
 - Two Express Lanes in each direction without a direct connection to or from Cesar Chavez but with ramps near Barton Skyway
 - The City of Austin unconstrained configuration

Public Input Incorporated to Date



- **Addition of direct connector ramps at US 290 – *City of Austin***
- **Addition of new collector distributor at 360 – *City of Austin***
- **Direct connector touchdown shifted farther east on Cesar Chavez – *Austin ISD***
- **Texas Turnarounds at Barton Skyway – *City of Rollingwood***
- **Reconfiguration of 2244 SB exit ramp – *City of Rollingwood and Stakeholder Comment***
- **Ramp improvements at William Cannon – *Stakeholder Comment***
- **Additional southbound general purpose lane south of William Cannon – *Stakeholder Comment***
- **Improvements at Lake Austin Blvd and 5th Street – *Travis County***
- **Additional Bike/Pedestrian facilities north of 2244 – *City of Rollingwood***



- **Next Open House November 10, 2015 at Palmer Events Center (*Virtual Open House launches on October 21*)**
- **What we'll show:**
 - Background Information
 - What's Changed Since February
 - CTR Study Findings
 - Operational Configurations
 - Update on Environmental Studies
 - Context Sensitive Solutions
 - Next Steps

Schedule



- *The Project schedule has been extended by 5 months to complete evaluations of the additional operational concepts*
 - **September:** Complete refinements to operational configurations and finalize CTR analysis of Downtown connection
 - **October:** Begin stakeholder meetings and continued analysis
 - **November:** Open House and Virtual Open House for public comment
 - **Early 2016:** Additional analyses and development of EA, stakeholder outreach and possible Open House
 - **Spring 2016:** Public Hearing
 - **Summer 2016:** Record of Decision



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