

Meeting Minutes

To: IH 35E Stakeholders

From: Matt Craig, P.E., Halff Associates

Subject: IH 35E Stakeholder Meeting No. 2

Meeting Date: November 5, 2008 – 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: Lewisville City Hall

Minutes Date: November 25, 2008

Project: IH 35E Preliminary Engineering & Environ. Assess.
 TxDOT CSJ: 0196-03-137, etc.;
 Halff AVO 26211

1. INTRODUCTION

Bob Brown, P.E., Deputy District Engineer for the Dallas District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) called the meeting to order. Minutes of the October 1, 2008 meeting of the IH 35E Stakeholder Work Group were distributed. One correction was noted. The last sentence of the last answer on page 4 should read “The funds could be used for ROW, but he hopes it is *not all* used for ROW.”

2. SHCEMATIC DESIGN

Chad Gardiner, P.E., Halff Associates Inc., Lead Project Engineer for the IH 35E Corridor stated that copies of the conceptual 30% draft schematic plan were printed for each of the stakeholder agencies. He then explained changes to the schematic plan since the last Stakeholder meeting on October 1. These comments were a result of coordination with the stakeholders during the second series of individual meetings held between

Attendees: 31 (Absentees are shaded)		
Askari	Nasser	Texas Department of Transportation
Bacchus	Steven	City of Lewisville
Baker	Lindsey	City of Denton
Bailey	Gary	Texas Department of Transportation
Barks	Berrien	North Central Texas Council of Govts
Berner	Earl	City of Lake Dallas
Booth	Scott	Innovative Transportation Solutions
Brown	Bob	Texas Department of Transportation
Burgess, Michael C.	(Attn: Janice Zimmerman)	U.S. House of Rep
Cabrales	John	City of Denton
Campbell	George	City of Denton
Cornyn, the Honorable John	(Attn: Diana Palacios)	U. S. Senate
Craig	Matt	Halff Associates, Inc.
Crouser	Del	City of Dallas
Davis	David	City of Farmers Branch
Diviney	Patrick	Denton Co. Transportation Authority
Escalante	Richard	The University of North Texas
Evans	Jim	The University of North Texas
Gardiner	Chad	Halff Associates, Inc.
Gibbs	Fred	City of Corinth
Hall	Robert	Texas Department of Transportation
Hall	Stan	Texas Department of Transportation
Halstead	Jennifer	HNTB
Hammons	Tom	City of Carrollton
Hensley	David	Texas Department of Transportation
Holzwarth	Donald	Dallas County
Horn	The Honorable Mary	Denton County
Howell	Milton "Pat"	The University of North Texas
Hudspeth	John	Texas Department of Transportation
Jennings	Darin	Dannenbaum Engineering Co.
Jorge	Barrero	Wilbur Smith Associates
Kearbey	Raynard	University of North Texas
Kennah	Robert	URS (for DCTA)
King	Claude	City of Lewisville
Kumar	T. S.	City of Lewisville
Leavitt	Michael	City of Highland Village
Locke	Don	City of Corinth
MacAllister	Tim	USACE
MacGregor	Matt	Texas Department of Transportation
Majzoub	Dean	FHWA
Mangum	Roger	Town of Hickory Creek
Martin	Mike	City of Farmers Branch
McKeown	Chad	North Central Texas Council of Govts
Molina	Cesar	City of Carrollton
Murawski	Jerry	City of Farmers Branch
Neal	Jeff	North Central Texas Council of Govts
Neeley	Scott	Denton Co Transportation Authority
Nelson	Mark	City of Denton
Olyai	Koorosh	Dallas Area Rapid Transit
Payne	Frank	City of Denton
Pittman	Maurice	Texas Department of Transportation
Polster	John R.	Innovative Transportation Solutions
Saldana	Cecil	Texas Department of Transportation
Schwartz	Larry	North Texas Rail Group
St. Jacques	Kevin	Wilbur Smith Associates
Steele	Barry	Town of Hickory Creek
Thomas	Rick	Halff Associates, Inc.
Trosper	Elizabeth	City of Lewisville
Ullman	Phil	HDR
Walters	Shane	HDR
Wilson	Anita	FHWA
Nieman	Phillip	URS
Vick	Greg	City of Farmers Branch
Behale	Chris	TxDOT
Leavett	Mike	City of Highland Village

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October 15 and November 3. The following summaries those changes:

City of Carrollton

- 1) Adjustment of Crosby Road intersection by grade separation from the frontage roads with jughandle access to at-grade intersection with frontage road bypass over Crosby Road northbound and southbound
- 2) Revised local street access near Belt Line Road
 - a. Grade Separated 4th and Main Street over the frontage roads and under IH 35E
 - b. Added new cross street north of Belt Line Road under IH 35E
- 3) Shifted Belt Line Road Wishbone ramps to the north to accommodate new cross street north of Belt Line Road

City of Lewisville

- 1) Added additional lane to frontage roads from SH 121 to FM 407
- 2) Shifted northbound at-grade managed lane access to the south near Corporate Drive
- 3) Added southbound frontage road bypass under FM 1171
- 4) Shifted the southbound exit from the mainlanes to the north between Garden Ridge and FM 407 to be north of the managed lane wishbone access ramp

Hickory Creek

- 1) Shifted the southbound wishbone ramp south to accommodate Hickory Creek development

City of Corinth

- 1) Continued to coordinate local street alignments and improvements

City of Denton

- 1) Added NB at-grade managed lane entrance & SB at-grade managed lane exit north of US 77
- 2) Added NB and SB frontage roads to IH 35W to match the updated air conformity plan

3. ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Matthew Craig, P.E., Halff Associates Inc., Project Manager for the IH 35E Corridor provided an overview of the environmental assessment (EA) process. He stated that with this 30% draft schematic, the environmental process could begin on a limited basis. Most work will start upon the completion of the 60% draft schematic expected to be completed by November 26, and completion of the traffic projections. He also notified the city representatives that the environmental scientists would be contacting them to obtain future development information to use in the EA's Indirect and Cumulative Impact analysis. Mr. Craig also stated that the design team had recently met with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the City of Lewisville to coordinate mitigation measures for the Copperas Branch Park on Lewisville Lake.

4. STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

Mr. Craig provided a status report on the public outreach for the project. He thanked the cities for their input at the individual meetings held between October 15 and November 3. These meetings and the briefings given to the city councils during this period were considered a better approach to brief the elected officials than to form a separate Policy Work Group for them.

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Mr. Craig invited the Stakeholders to attend one of the three upcoming public meetings being held on Nov. 10 at UNT, November 13 at Lewisville, and November 17 at Farmers Branch. Meetings will be open house format, without a formal presentation. The public meeting announcements were published twice in several newspapers, and were mailed out to the adjacent property owners using the Appraisal District land ownership records. Copies of the announcements were distributed at the meeting and via the Stakeholder Work Group meeting email announcement. He asked the group to forward the announcement to others that they feel may benefit. Mr. Craig also asked that any comments on the 30% draft schematic distributed today must be returned to TxDOT within a week to be able to incorporate them into the plans displayed at the public meeting.

Mr. Craig concluded by stating that the next Stakeholder Work Group meeting would be held on December 3 at Lewisville City Hall.

5. SCHEDULE

Mr. Craig then updated the stakeholders on the schedule for the IH 35E Corridor. The schedule is still planning for environmental clearance (FONSI) by December 2009. The 60% draft schematic plans are expected to be completed by Nov. 26 and distributed at the Dec. 3 Stakeholder meeting. Final draft schematics are expected to be sent to Austin by Jan. 31, 2009.

6. OTHER ISSUES/NEXT STEPS

Mr. Brown closed the meeting by stating that the schematics have yet to be optimized to minimize the amount of right of way (ROW) needed, if possible. He also noted that TxDOT may consider options on early ROW acquisitions, if requested by land owners of vacant property.

Mr. Brown also noted that after the Dec. 3 Stakeholder Work Group meeting and distribution of the 60% draft schematic, the Stakeholder meetings will be held bimonthly, with the next meeting expected in February. At that meeting, he expects to talk about financing and construction staging. Mr. Brown stated that staff was available afterward if anyone had other questions.

Materials Distributed at the Meeting:

- IH 35E Stakeholder Meeting No. 3 Agenda - Halff
- IH 35E Stakeholder Meeting No. 2 Minutes - Halff
- 30% Draft Schematic – Halff/HDR (displayed at meeting and given to each city/agency)

This concludes the Meeting Minutes. Our goal is to provide a complete and accurate summary of the proceedings of the subject meeting in these minutes. If you feel that any of the items listed above are not correct, or that any information is missing or incomplete, please contact Halff Associates so that the matter can be resolved, and a correction issued if necessary. These minutes will be assumed to be correct and accepted if we do not hear from you within ten (10) calendar days from your receipt.