

Welcome

Welcome to the Virtual Open House for the Hillside Terrace Improvements Project. We appreciate you taking the time to view the details of this project and welcome you to contact our team if you have any questions. We are also interested in your comments. Contact information for questions or comments is noted at the end of this presentation. During the virtual meeting, you may pause the presentation and navigate forward or backward using your video player. Exhibits show are available on the website: Hillside Terrace Improvements DOT Com.

Overview

Hays County is planning for improvements to Hillside Terrace from IH-35 Northbound Frontage Road to FM 2001, and Old Goforth Road from north of Hillside Terrace to Green Meadows Lane.

The primary focus of this effort is to improve mobility, safety, and connectivity for all users and provide an effective corridor for the growing Hays County community.

Proposed Improvements

Improvements include:

- Reconstructing and widening Hillside Terrace as a three-lane roadway with a continuous center turn lane and shoulders from IH-35 to Old Goforth Road.
- Reconstructing and widening Hillside Terrace for 5' shoulders from Old Goforth Road to FM 2001
- Improvements to Old Goforth Road to improve connectivity from Buda to Hillside Terrace
- Intersection improvements to Hillside Terrace at IH 35, and Old Goforth Road

Goals

The goals of the Hillside Terrace Improvements Plan are to evaluate existing conditions, identify mobility and safety issues, evaluate feasible alignment options, and ultimately recommend an effective route that will meet the needs of the local community of Hays County as well as provide a beneficial regional connection between IH-35 and FM 2001.

Existing Roadway – Hillside Terrace

Currently, Hillside Terrace is a two-lane roadway with only 2 ft shoulders, and low-profile curb & gutter. Existing right-of-way varies 40-60 ft. The current design speed is 35 mph. This road primarily serves local traffic and some large wheel-based trucks by-passing I - 35 en-route to SH 130.

Existing Roadway - Old Goforth Road

Old Goforth Road is a two-lane roadway with low-profile curb & gutter. Existing right-of-way varies 38-70 ft. Similar to Hillside Terrace, this section of roadway has reflected significant wear from north-south traffic travelling from the near-by residential subdivisions.

Considerations -Population Growth

In 2015 the population of Hays County was 180,000 people. This number is expected to grow to 244,000 by 2025, and by 2045, the population is expected to more than triple with a projected

population of 694,000. More people mean more cars on the road and needed connections so that people can get where they need to go safely.

Considerations – Traffic Data

In developing the proposed improvements, current and projected road congestion was considered. Traffic volumes were analyzed, and the existing and proposed configurations of the road and intersections were compared for both present day volumes, that were collected for this project, and future volumes taken from TxDOT's Statewide Planning Map. By reconstructing and widening Hillside Terrace and Old Goforth Road, the level of service of the road and intersections is improved.

Environmental Considerations

Hays County is evaluating the potential environmental impacts of this project. Those evaluations include the study of water resources and drainage, air quality, soils and vegetation, threatened and endangered species, impacts of construction, and impacts to the community, among others.

Improvements Hillside Terrace

To accommodate the growing population and increased vehicle traffic in this area, it is the County's intent to optimize traffic, and increase the overall safety and integrity of this roadway.

Hillside Terrace is expected to continue experiencing increased traffic volumes with several new developments in the area. This project will reconstruct and widen Hillside Terrace from the existing 2-lane roadway to a 3-lane facility, including one travel lane with shoulders in each direction divided by a continuous left turn lane from IH-35 to Old Goforth Road, and reconstruction and widening of Hillside Terrace for 5' shoulders from Old Goforth Road to FM 2001.

Improvements - Old Goforth Road

Old Goforth Road is also expected to continue experiencing increase traffic volumes with several new nearby residential and commercial developments currently underway. This route also includes Tom Green Elementary with increased pedestrian traffic expected. The design for Old Goforth Road from Green Meadows Rd. to Hillside Terrace will match the roadway section currently under construction from FM 2001 to Green Meadows Rd., being constructed through the City of Buda's 2014 Bond Program.

Schematic

The full project schematic is available for viewing or download on the meeting webpage. The schematic provides a more in depth look at details such as pavement and drainage locations, intersection improvements, and where Hays County may need to purchase right of way.

Project Development Process

There are several steps in developing this project before it could be constructed. The project engineers have collected and analyzed technical data and developed the preliminary schematic which is available for viewing on the project webpage. We are collecting feedback from the community and will use that feedback in conjunction with additional technical evaluations to refine the plans and finalize design.

Currently there is no funding identified for right of way acquisition or construction. Once the design plans are complete, Hays County will explore options for funding construction.

Input

The information shared in this virtual open house will continue to be available on our meeting webpage. We are interested in hearing any feedback you might have on the information presented and the proposed project plans. Send your comments by mail, email, phone, or text

Your input will be documented and used to further refine the plans and in more in-depth design when the project moves forward.

You may call to ask questions about the project at any time in the project development process.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to hearing from you.