



City of Fredericksburg

JOINT WORKSHOP AGENDA CITY COUNCIL AND GILLESPIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 ~ AT 6 P.M.

Gary Neffendorf, Mayor
Tom Musselman, Councilmember
Bobby Watson, Councilmember

Charlie Kiehne, Councilmember
Polly Rickert, Councilmember
Kent Myers, City Manager

The City of Fredericksburg City Council and Gillespie County Commissioner's Court will meet in a workshop session on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6 p.m. **This meeting will be held remotely via Zoom Teleconferencing, and in person attendance will not be available. Members of the public may attend the meeting remotely by web or telephone via Zoom Teleconferencing (see details below).** These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

Members of the public may attend using one of the following:

Computer:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89582067264?pwd=cWV5RzI2bTJOcmpEZERl2dtK0x4dz09>

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877 853 5247 US Toll-free

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You may also access this meeting through livestream on the City of Fredericksburg's Facebook page.

Audio of this meeting will be recorded and uploaded to the City website following the conclusion of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PRESENTATION

A. Consider and discuss the presentation on the Relief Route Feasibility Study.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Fredericksburg is allowing written or verbal public comments:

Written Comments: to be submitted remotely:

1. Must be received by 3 p.m. on September 8, 2020
2. Complete the Citizen Comment Form online at www.fbgtx.org; or
3. Email your comments to sgoodwin@fbgtx.org; or
4. Complete a Citizen Comment Form located inside the Public Access entrance at 126 W. Main Street, Fredericksburg, Texas, and place in the box marked Citizen Comment Form.

Copies of the submitted comments will be provided to the City Council and made public on the City website under the "**September 8, 2020**, City Council Regular Meeting" tab.

Verbal Comments:

1. Must submit your name, address and contact information to sgoodwin@fbgtx.com by 3 p.m. on September 8, 2020.
2. Please log on to the meeting 15 minutes early.
3. Set your name in the ID on the Zoom Meeting
4. Wait for your name to be called.
5. You will be limited to 3 minutes to speak.

4. ADJOURN

This is to certify that I, Shelley Goodwin, posted this Agenda at 3:00 p.m. on September 2, 2020, at the entrance and on the bulletin board of the City of Fredericksburg City Hall, 126 W. Main St., Fredericksburg, Texas.



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary



CITY COUNCIL MEMO

DATE: September 1, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kent Myers, City Manager

SUBJECT: TXDOT Presentation-Relief Route Feasibility Study

Summary:

At Tuesday's joint City Council meeting with the County Commissioners, Stacey Benningfield with CP&Y will be making a presentation on the Relief Route Feasibility Study. CP&Y is one of the primary TXDOT consultants who have worked on this study for the past two years.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that, following Stacey's presentation, the City Council should ask Stacey or the TXDOT representatives any questions you have regarding the final Feasibility Study.

Background / Analysis:

The City, County and TXDOT funded the Relief Route Feasibility which has been developed over the past two years. The final report is scheduled to be delivered to the City and County by the end of September. Once this report is received, it will be available for review on the City website. Kory Keller, Chairman of the Relief Route Task Force, will offer comments at the meeting regarding the next steps that are planned on the proposed Relief Route.

Attachments:

Brochure describing Relief Route Feasibility Study

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Department Approval



City Manager Approval



City Attorney Approval

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FREDERICKSBURG RELIEF ROUTE STUDY

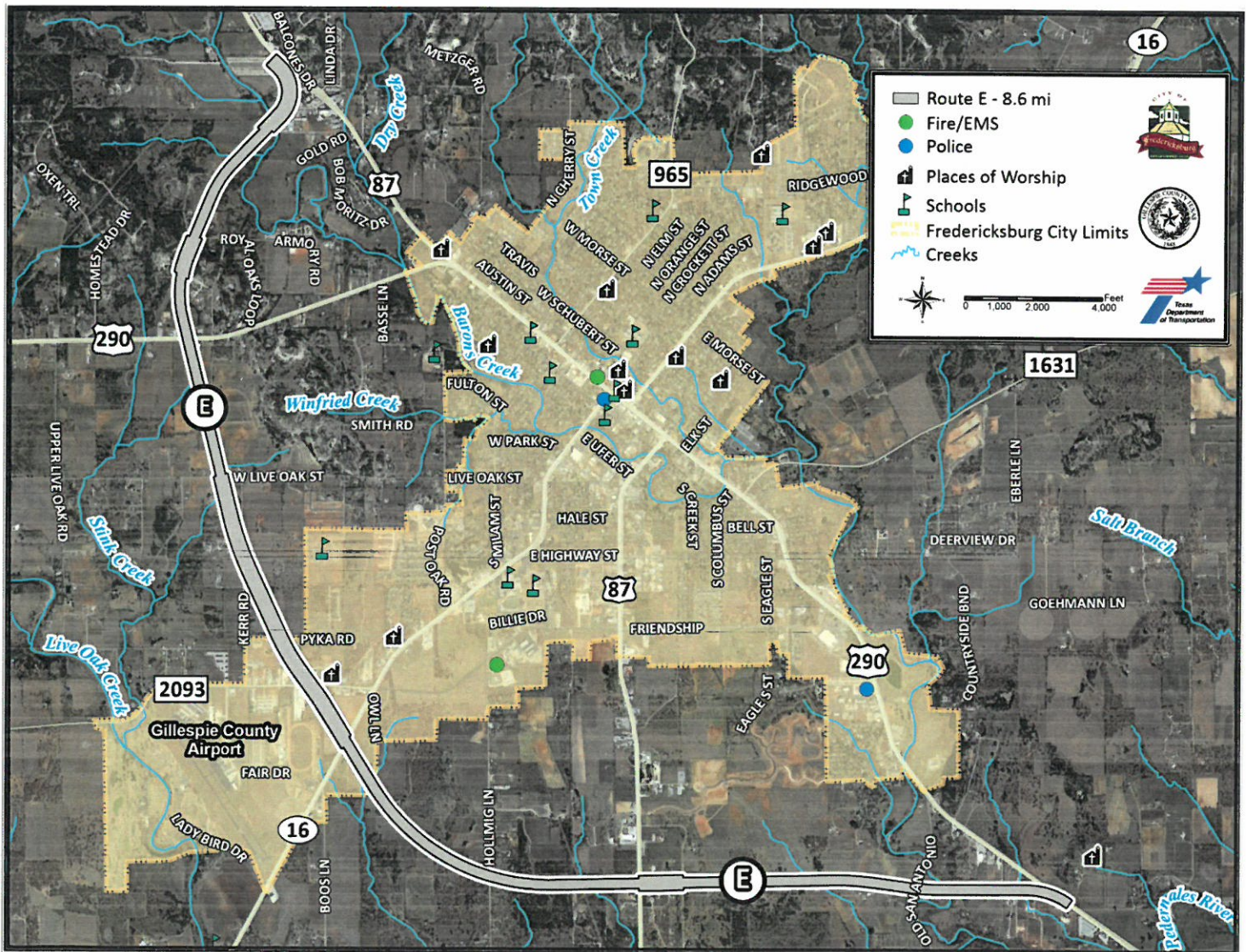
Project History

The Fredericksburg Relief Route Study explored a potential US 290 Relief Route to give people the option to travel around, rather than directly through, Fredericksburg. The Study was overseen by the Gillespie County Relief Route Task Force. Support for the Study was provided by the City of Fredericksburg, Gillespie County and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

A Technically Preferred Route Option for the potential Fredericksburg Relief Route was identified through the study. The Technically Preferred Route Option is shown on the map (below).

The Study relied heavily on public input to steer the process. Seven public events (workshops and open houses) were held. These events were heavily attended, and more than 1,100 comments were received. Input from the public was instrumental in the identification, development and refinement of the route options which were considered and the recommendation of the Technically Preferred Route Option.

Technically Preferred Route Option



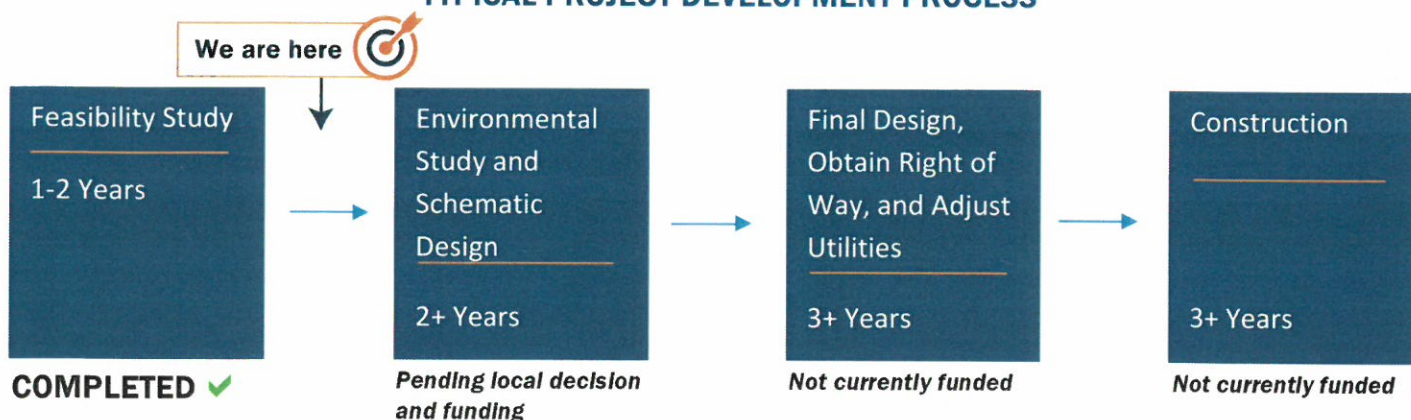
Project Goals and Objectives (as adopted by the Gillespie County Relief Route Task Force)

Protect and Preserve Property	Minimize potential displacements (residential and commercial) Minimize number of divided parcels Minimize ROW required Minimize potential for noise and neighborhood impacts
Enhance Accessibility and Mobility	Facilitate local (intracity) trips Accommodate bicyclists
Accommodate Existing and Projected Traffic Volumes	Reduce the volume of trucks using Main Street to travel through town Help reduce congestion on Main Street Accommodate projected increases in traffic
Enhance Safety	Reduce number of large trucks on Main Street Reduce potential for vehicular/pedestrian conflicts on Main Street
Support Economic Development	Minimize negative impacts to existing businesses Maintain accessibility for deliveries to businesses Support “new growth” opportunities
Preserve Unique Character of Downtown	Maintain Main Street as a tourist destination and business center Reduce traffic noise Protect historic resources from residual effects of traffic
Protect and Preserve Environmental Resources	Minimize potential impacts to natural environmental features (floodplains, wetlands, and waterways) Minimize potential impacts to protected species Minimize impacts to parks and other known Section 4(f) facilities including historic properties Minimize potential impacts to EJ (low income and minority) populations

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- Should the community decide to continue development of the Relief Route, the next step would be to work with TxDOT to secure funding for and initiate required environmental studies.
- The Technically Preferred Route Option (identified through the feasibility study) would become the “starting point” for the environmental study process.
- During the environmental study process, there would be additional opportunities for the public to be involved and provide input (workshops, open houses, public hearing). Input received from the public would be considered as the route is refined and the detailed schematic design is developed.
- Until the environmental study process is complete, the route remains tentative and subject to change.

TYPICAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



*Advancement from step to step is contingent upon the outcome of the previous step and the availability of funding.