



Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Help Shape the Future of US Business 77

January 28, 2016, Waco, Texas – The Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is hosting a weeklong workshop to work closely with the community in developing a plan for the future of US Business 77. The MPO strongly desires input from the community and property owners along the corridor and feels that this input will be key in developing a plan for the corridor that is sustainable, fits within the surrounding community, and serves the entire Waco Region. This workshop is the kickoff for public input and more opportunities will be provided as the study continues.

The Waco MPO has initiated a Corridor Study for US Business 77 from the Brazos River to I-35, just south of the Village of Elm Mott. The purpose of the study is to research whether the corridor design should remain as it is currently or whether long-term it should be something different. Due to the age of the facility, the road will eventually require significant reconstruction work and currently operates under capacity. If feasible, reducing the number of lanes and structures along the facility may help improve access to the community, provide opportunities to improve the aesthetics of the corridor and would help reduce long-term maintenance costs. This is a unique opportunity to reshape the way the corridor looks and feels. Freese and Nichols, Inc. is the design and planning firm that has been hired to complete the study of the corridor.

The Waco MPO welcomes interviews with the media during the workshop. Any interested reporters are encouraged to schedule a visit so they can meet the entire team as well as cover the events.

The workshop runs from Feb. 1st through the 4th with many opportunities to participate:

Public Meeting – Monday, February 1 from 6 to 8 p.m.

City of Waco Multi-Purpose Center, 1020 Elm Ave. Waco, TX76704

Attend the Public Meeting where information will be shared on the project including an overview, presentation of needs, opportunities, and constraints. The public will be asked to identify likes, dislikes about the current highway and provide conceptual ideas of what it ought to look like in the future.

Interviews – Monday, February 1 through Thursday, February 4, various times

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The project team will be conducting individual interviews of stakeholders and the general public throughout the workshop.

Open House – Tuesday, February 2 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, February 3 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

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Two open house events will be held so those interested can view the progress the team has made, visit with the team, and share input.

Public Meeting – Thursday, February 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

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Attend the Public Meeting where initial concepts will be presented and public feedback will be collected.

Project Website: www.77corridorstudy.com

Note that a Spanish translator will be available for each participation opportunity to assist non-English speakers. Additionally, persons with disabilities who plan to attend these meetings and who may need auxiliary aids or services should contact the MPO at (254) 750-5651 at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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