



Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization

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The Future of US Business 77

September 13, 2016, Waco, Texas – The Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is hosting a series of public meetings to show proposed concepts for improving the US Business 77 corridor. Three meetings are being held along the project limits for convenience, the same information will be shared at each meeting and all materials will be posted to the webpage for anyone unable to attend. The MPO has been working closely with the surrounding community and property owners along the highway in an effort to develop a sustainable plan for the corridor that fits within the surrounding community and serves the entire Waco Region.

The Waco MPO initiated a Corridor Study for US Business 77 from the Brazos River to I-35 in Lacy-Lakeview. Freese and Nichols, Inc. was hired to conduct the study and design concepts based on current conditions and input from the community. The intent of the study was to research whether the corridor should remain as a freeway or if the long-term design should be something different. The facility operates under capacity and due to its age, the road will eventually require significant reconstruction work. If feasible, reducing the number of lanes and structures along US Business 77 may help improve access to the community, provide opportunities to improve the aesthetics of the corridor, and help reduce long-term maintenance costs.

The Waco MPO welcomes interviews with the media and any interested reporters are encouraged to schedule a visit so they can meet the entire team as well as cover the meetings.

Public Meetings

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Presentation at 12:30 Q&A to follow

or

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Presentation at 6:00 Q&A to follow

Lacy-Lakeview Chamber of Commerce

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Thursday, September 15, 2016

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Presentation at 6:00 Q&A to follow

Waco Multi-Purpose Center

1020 Elm Avenue

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Project Website: www.77corridorstudy.com

Note that a Spanish translator will be available 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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