

Dripping Springs Southwest Connection Study

Conducted by Hays County

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY

Overview

Hays County invited the public to participate in the Dripping Springs Southwest Connection study and share input on the possible route(s) that would extend the RM 150 Corridor from RM 12 around the southwest side of Dripping Springs to connect to US 290. The need for this connection was first identified in the 2013 Hays County Transportation Plan.

The primary purpose of this study is to identify a route and develop preliminary engineering plans (20% design) to equip the County for future project environmental and schematic processes, facilitate further discussions with potentially affected property owners and the community, and better inform budgeting, planning, and design processes.

Virtual Open House: Round 1 – March/April 2021

To accommodate the special circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the County hosted a Virtual Open House, available on improve150.com from March 22 - April 9, 2021. The purpose of the Virtual Open House was to share information through a video presentation and receive public input on the conceptual routes and planning process.

Notification Tools

Media Release - Hays County distributed a media release with information on the project and Virtual Open House. Media coverage was included in the Austin American Statesman and Corridor News on March 24.

Print Advertisement - An advertisement ran in *Hays Free Press* on March 24, 2021.

Property Owner Letter – A postcard was sent to 181 property owners along and around the proposed routes on March 24, 2021.

Email Notice – Emails were sent to 88 stakeholders and property owners on March 24, 2021 and a reminder email notice was sent to 126 stakeholders on April 5, 2021.

Social Media – Notifications were distributed through the Hays County Twitter, Facebook and NextDoor accounts.

Additional Outreach – Information was shared at the Dripping Springs Chambers of Commerce Luncheon on March 25, 2021 and the Virtual Open House was advertised in the Chamber's monthly newsletter to encourage participation.



What We Heard



Public Comments

Public comments were shared through several different means including: one by text, 21 by email, 142 survey responses, and 119 interactive mapped comments. All public comments were reviewed, and key themes were identified. In the summary below, a response for key themes reflected in the input from the first round of public involvement is provided with further explanation. All public comments received are included in the appendix.

Concern for environmental preservation and impacts of a new roadway

- The County is committed to developing roadways in a manner that minimizes negative environmental impacts and preserves the unique character and natural resources of the area. The County is also responsible for providing roads that are safe and efficient. The County's philosophy for road improvements is to first maintain the current capacity of roads where adequate, widen when needed and feasible, and only add new connections when needed for safety and mobility. As the project is developed, there will be additional environmental and feasibility studies conducted before construction.

Concern for impacts to personal property and working ranches/farms

- The study approach is to identify a safe, direct route while minimizing impacts to property owners. The initial strategies for this are to follow property lines and use segments of existing roads where possible. Additionally, we will continue to meet with property owners to discuss route options along with access needs for working ranches, farms, and ranches to reduce impacts where possible.

Desire to preserve character and beauty instead of adding capacity

- The County is committed to preserving the natural resources, culture, and character of the area while also ensuring a safe, efficient transportation network.
- The County approaches the planning process with close coordination with local property owners and residents to identify possible improvements while considering local preferences, needs, and priorities.

Need for improvements to US 290

- US 290 is a state facility managed by TxDOT. TxDOT is currently conducting a Planning and Feasibility Study for US 290 from southwest Austin to Dripping Springs. The purpose of the study is to identify future safety and mobility improvements. The Dripping Springs Southwest Connection Study aims to provide additional options to connect RM 150 to US 290 west of Dripping Springs. Both improvements will be needed to address mobility in and around Dripping Springs.

Concern for impacts to neighborhoods

- The intent is to create a roadway to allow for another option to connect from RM 150 to US 290 and reduce congestion along RM 12.
- The largest neighborhoods in the area already face challenges with congestion along RM 12 and US 290 specifically at the intersection, which can make it difficult to enter and exit their properties to get into Dripping Springs or drive eastward.
- Anticipated future growth in Dripping Springs will exacerbate these challenges, which is why the County seeks to explore all options to provide safe, accessible roadway connections throughout the region.

Support for expansion to RM 165 to allow for growth further west

- This connection to FM 165 meets the study intent to identify a route to US 290 on the west side of Dripping Springs, allowing trips between RM 150 and US 290 to bypass the congested intersection at RM 12 and US 290.

Concern that congestion north of US 290 should be prioritized and that this connection will not solve the issue

- The City of Dripping Springs, Hays County, and TxDOT all have additional efforts underway to study and plan for possible improvements to reduce congestion on and around US 290.
- Even with improvements to US 290, the need for an additional connection and alternative routes to bypass the busiest intersections will remain and continue to grow as the population and traffic volumes increase.

Concern for flooding and impacts to the aquifer recharge zones and creeks

- Floodplain considerations, particularly for the crossings along Onion Creek are being studied as part of the 20% preliminary engineering. Future planning and design efforts will include additional environmental and feasibility studies prior to construction.
- The route options to connect to Holder Lane and FM 165 present some benefits by avoiding numerous creek crossings and avoiding the use of Creek Road which is a winding route that would run adjacent to the creek.

Opposition to Holder Lane connection because of intersection safety concerns

- Adding a Holder Lane connection would create more connectivity between RM 150 and US 290.
- The Holder Lane connection option would require intersection improvements at US 290, which would consider safety issues and traffic volumes. This option could involve a series of incremental improvements, such as starting with an improved two-lane section to meet near-term needs before any widening.

Questions regarding the plans for the new roundabout at RM 12 and RM 150

- The roundabout is not a direct part of this study. However, the preliminary engineering and design will consider planned improvements to tie into the intersection at RM 12 and RM 150.
- The concept for this intersection realignment was first identified in the 2013 Hays County Transportation Plan and then vetted again during the FM 150 West Character Plan process from 2014 to 2017. A roundabout was identified as the preferred solution to improve safety and mobility considering current and projected traffic. Additionally, the roundabout was selected because they have been shown to slow travel speeds and calm traffic, minimize high-severity crashes, maintain the rural feel, and serve as gateways to surrounding communities.
- Final design for the roundabout project is anticipated to be complete in mid-2021. The County is coordinating with property owners and working to acquire the needed right of way. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2021 and last approximately 10 months.



Orange pins represent comments shared through the interactive map

Appendix

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE: Round 1 – Spring 2021

- **Promotion**
 - Postcard
 - Email Notices
 - Print Advertisement
 - Social Media
- **Materials**
 - Presentation
 - Maps
 - Survey
- **Public Comments**
 - Email
 - Text
 - Survey
 - Interactive Map
 - Website Analytics

PROMOTION

Postcard

DRIPPING SPRINGS
Southwest Connection Study

Hays County is exploring possible routes to extend RM 150 from RR 12 around the southwest side of Dripping Springs to connect to US 290. The County is hosting a Virtual Open House to share information and gather public input. Learn more and share your comments:

Virtual Open House
March 22 - April 9, 2021

improve150.com/connection

The map shows the area around Dripping Springs and Driftwood, Texas. Key roads include US 185, US 189, US 190, US 150, RR 12, and US 290. A green shaded area indicates the proposed Southwest Connection route. A legend below the map states: "Dripping Springs Southwest Connection (ALIGNMENT NOT YET DETERMINED)".

Dripping Springs
Southwest Connection Study
P.O. Box 5459
Austin, TX 78763

Please reach out with questions or to visit with the project team. Share comments by April 9 to be included in the meeting summary through the website or by email, mail, text, or phone.

Contact Us

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Austin, TX 78763
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Postcard Mailing List

PROPERTY ID	OWNER NAME	MAILING ADDRESS	MAILING ADDRESS LINE 2	CITY	STATE	ZIP
R117377	1521 Holdings LLC	141 Dos Lagos		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-4858
R117352	Aaron Brock Farmer	9830 Fm 967		Buda	TX	78610-3464
R147089	Abhilash Singhai	263 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2105
R147100	Abhilash Singhai	214 White Rock Ct		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2111
R147096	Albert Gonzalez	173 White Rock Ct		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2110
R147112	Angela M Hyndman	256 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2105
R103605, R118207, R123804, R96369	Ann Livingston	801 Loop 165		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R115940	April Roush	Po Box 714		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-0714
R10961,R11023,R70026	Barry Williamson	702 Crystal Creek Dr		Austin	TX	78746
R147088	Bill S Foulds	251 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2105
R160813	Blair Gordon Jones	539 Crosswater Ln		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R147121	Brad Carbo	422 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R147093	Brian Allen Hauser	113 White Rock Ct		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R147137	Bruce Broslat	200 Brins Way		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2109
R60167	Bryan Zara	1400 Mt Gainor Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R115631	Buchholz Douglas Descendants Trust	Attn: Buchholtz David Douglas Trustee	6800 Creek Rd	Dripping Springs	TX	78620-4816
R16411, R16412	Campbell Living Trust	C/O Campbell Stephen Price & Janice Harrington Co-Trustees	6709 Zenith Cv	Austin	TX	78759-4695
R147135	Carlos E Serna	164 Brins Way		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2108
R150139	Casey L Vickery	7270 Creek Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620

R136832	Central Texas Sports Portfolio LP	2309 Rimrock Dr		Austin	TX	78738
R144745	Central Texas Sports Portfolio LP	2801 Hubbard Cir		Austin	TX	78746-5618
R160774	Charles H Jr Linthicum	167 Canal Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R10981	Charles Pfullman	7503 Creek Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-4820
R147140	CHHRT4 Ventures LLC	711 E 20th St		Houston	TX	77008-4470
R147111	Christine E Stepp	238 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2105
R117350	Christopher R Culver	332 Madera Way		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-4887
R10959	CLV Creek Road LLC	7310 Creek Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-5471
R117369	Coleman K Hayden	283 Hacienda Pl		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-0029
R133132	Connaway Trust	Connaway Oren Lee & Sue Ann Trustees	1600 Cabinwood Cv	Austin	TX	78746
R147079	Cory W Bruner	137 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R147077	County Development Dist #1 Hays	Attn: % Andy Barrett & Associates Pllc	14050 Summit Dr Ste 103	Austin	TX	78728-7133
R144740	Creek Road Property LLC	1075 Old Red Ranch Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R100660, R14279, R14282 R16391	Curry Living Trust	Attn Curry Waymand David & Jocelyn	731 FM 165	Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R147117	Dain Higdon	330 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2106
R160791	Daniel Antonio Hernandez Lopez	680 Crosswater Ln		Dripping Spring	TX	78620
R117365	Daniel E Diehl	308 Hacienda Pl		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-5263
R147136	Daniel James Rowe	180 Brins Way		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2108
R147084	Danny R Price	197 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R14247,R14259	David Cauthon Penn	131 Franklin Plaza Dr	# 110	Franklin	NC	28734-3249
R147134	David Hampton	150 Brins Way		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2108
R15864	David Lee Crumley	8204 Kearsarge Dr		Austin	TX	78745-7622
R140976	David Reynolds	Po Box 58		Driftwood	TX	78619-0058

R160821 R160822, R160823, R160825 R160826, R160827, R160828 R160829, R160830, R160832 R17804						
R160761, R160780	Development Solutions CAT LLC	4600 Wells Fargo Ctr 90 S Seventh St		Minneapolis	MN	55402
R97702	Donald W Forrester	P O Box 605		Dripping Springs	TX	78620- 0605
R117368	Douglas E Waggle	309 Hacienda Pl		Dripping Springs	TX	78620- 5263
R160776, R160784, R160798	Drees Custom Homes LP	11305 Four Points Dr	Bldg 1-150	Austin	TX	78726- 2382
R117367	Drinda Jean Pennini	315 Hacienda Pl		Dripping Springs	TX	78620- 5263
R16253, R18323	Eddee Trading LTD	Po Box 326		Meridian	TX	76665
R147115	Eddie Shafie	304 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620- 2106
R94346	Edwin S Iii Nichols	13040 Nutty Brown Rd		Austin	TX	78737
R16440,R1644 1	Eleanor Mcclaferty	P O Box 1534		Dripping Springs	TX	78620- 1534
R143229	Eric Herzog	1030 Pursley Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620- 4733
R143235	Evan Webb	1380 Pursley Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620- 2100
R16414	Finkelstein Capital LP	1902 Kerr Ave		Austin	TX	78704- 1431
R16223	Franklin Ray N JR Family Trust & Fanklin Janet	Franklin Jeffrey R Trustee	7304 Callbram Ln	Austin	TX	78736- 3100

	H Management Trust					
R147085	Genevieve Lopez	209 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2105
R140976	George Baker	Johnson Petrov Llp	2929 Allen Pkwy Ste 3150	Houston	TX	77019
R147086	George R Iv Barnett	219 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2105
R17219	Georgia A Trustee Walker	Gaw 1992 Revocable Trust & Rfw Irrevocable Trust	225 Cambridge Dr	New Braunfels	TX	78132-5218
R143230	Gina Sierra Martinez	3225 Stockbridge Ave		Los Angeles	CA	90032
R159606	GM Three Enterprises LLC	493 Frontera Cv		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R147097, R147122	Grand Haven Homes LP	43 Remington Dr W		Lewisville	TX	75077-4005
R160795,R160804,R160810	Grand Haven Homes LP	11501 Alterra Pkwy	Ste 100	Austin	TX	78758-3201
R14379, R14380, R14385 R15860,R19925	Hancock/Hanks Investments LTD	P O Box 1676		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-1676
R132240,R132241,R132242 R132243	Hardy Properties LLC	An Arizona Llc	4207 E Palo Verde Dr	Phoenix	AZ	85018
R147133	Harold Dean Bates	136 Brins Way		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2108
R117370	Harris Family Trust	Harris Megan M & Timothy K Trustees	12367 Zig Zag Way	Tustin	CA	92780-2437
R147092	Heath A Jackson	295 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R17236	Helen Williams	18000 Rosebud Pl		Round Rock	TX	78681
R15834	Henly 290/165 LTD	8500 Blazyk Dr		Austin	TX	78737-3514
R160824	Hill Family Trust	& Hill Christopher S & Hill Karen S Trustees	806 Bridgewater Loop	Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R15862,R15863	Holder Living Trust & ETAL	C/O J Mark Holder Ind Exec	201 Prize Oaks Dr	Cedar Park	TX	78613-2723
R127742,R127744, R127745 R16397,R19650, R96139	Hudson Ranch Partners LLC	Attn: Paul Hudson	3939 Bee Caves Rd Ste A204	West Lake Hills	TX	78746-6429
R117364	Hugh Funk	262 Hacienda Pl		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-5262

R147082	Jacob Matthew Stone	173 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R160793	James Buck	654 Crosswater Ln		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2088
R117354	James Fitzgerald	237 Madera Way		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-4883
R10924, R11025	James H Jr Arnold	406 Sterzing St., 3rd Floor		Austin	TX	78704
R17237,R1722 3	James M Huffman	112 Brookhollow Dr		Terrell	TX	75160-1639
R160777	James Patrick Bartlett	135 Canal Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R117349	James R Mays	294 Madera Way		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-4878
R117371	Jamie T Mcshan	179 Hacienda Pl		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-4885
R143234	Jared Keith Herzog	1200 Pursley Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2176
R147119	Jason Paul Derouen	378 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R10927	Jeffery Fluitt	405 Loop 165		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-0177
R147120	Jeffrey T Collins	406 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R16447,R1644 8	Jeremy Higdon	1500 Mt Gainor Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R160814	Jeremy R Pella	553 Crosswater Ln		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2087
R147091	Jessica S Bellew	285 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R13399	Jim Jr Exempt Lifetime Trust & Arnold	Arnold Jim Jr & Patrice	406 Sterzing St	Austin	TX	78707
R147078	Joann Moulds	127 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2104
R138316	John Jr Mcclaferty	200 Mcclaferty Ranch Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R160796	John K Woodward	614 Crosswater Ln		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R160801	John Westside Larson	516 Crosswater Ln		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2087
R15832	Jonathan D Badertscher	800 Ranch Road 165		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R15866	Jones Family Trust	Jones Patricia H Trustee	P O Box 401	Dripping Springs	TX	78620-0401
R147132	Joseph M Greenwald	124 Brins Way		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R136878	Judy Viola Wheat	402 Arikara		Buda	TX	78610
R15845 R15848,R1584 9 R15850	Joe G Kanetzky & Kanetzky Family	P O Box 509		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-0509


R15851 R15861 R15877 R15889	Investments LTD					
R162592	KB Home Lonestar INC	10800 Pecan Park Blvd	Ste 200	Austin	TX	78750-1249
R147095	Kevin Coffey	153 White Rock Ct		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R140976	Kevin Pogue	12701 Nutty Brown Rd		Austin	TX	78737
R160820	Kimberley Lebrun	647 Crosswater Ln		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2088
R147104	Kirby Baird	156 White Rock Ct		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2110
R147081	Lance A Nordbak	161 Wynnpge Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R16227,R16228	Larry G Woolf	6500 Creek Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R15835	Larry Lange	909 Ranch Road 165		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-4764
R106658, R10979	Lea Twidwell	7551 Creek Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R15830	Ledbetter John Mcwesley lii Separate Property Trust	% John R Ott, Trustee	2500 Bee Cave Rd #150	Austin	TX	78746
R16398, R16390	Lee R Fluitt	888 Pioneer Trl		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R11014, R123796,R16405, R127481	Linda Davenport Brewer	Po Box 1439		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-1439
R103731, R103733, R103734,R16218 R16222 R16233	Linwood D Shelton	520 Holder Ln		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-5379
R160809	Lowell Douglas lii Phillips	479 Crosswater Ln		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R147083	Lucy Marie Hansen	185 Wynnpge Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2104
R10962	Lynda Mccarty Turley	707 Fm 165		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R17235,R17218	Mark A Key	P O Box 731		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-0731
R10989,R92418	Mary Carol C Buchholz	6800 Creek Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-4816
R14383,R14386,R15876 R16570	Mathis Travis A 2012 Trust	Mathis William N & Dorn Holbrook F Co-Trustees	919 Milam St Ste 1900	Houston	TX	77002-5382

R160783	Matthew C Tripodi	879 Bridge Water Loop		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R143236	Matthew Kent Mahaffey	1390 Pursley Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2100
R10957,R127658 R127659	Melvin L Mcnair	4312 Sendero Dr		Austin	TX	78735-6322
R151303	Michael A Contello	6700 Creek Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-4815
R147090	Michael E Menem Rentals LLC	300 Thomassen Rnch		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R16231	Michael Jentsch	13105 S Madrone		Austin	TX	78737
R160808	Nadine Wilburn	5641 Ne 50th Ave		Portland	OR	97218
R160779	Neel O Woods	141 Bridge Water Loop		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R13417,R13419 R20024	Noraier G Manassian	6700 W Highway 290		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-4716
R16416,R16455	Olan A Jr Kelley	1800 Mt Gainor Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R147114	Patrick Lopez	286 Wynnpag Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R160803	Philip Frank Sherburne	480 Cross Water Ln		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2086
R147113	Philip Nash	268 Wynnpag Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R144739,R18133	Phillips Cemetery Association	P O Box 557		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-0557
R147131	Preston H Carter	110 Brins Way		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R143233	Puschinsky Maria Rebeca Revocable Trust	Maria Rebeca Puschinsky Trustee	1501 Crestlin Dr	High Point	NC	27262
R16229	R Michael Jentsch	13105 S Madrone Trl		Austin	TX	78737-4431
R147118	Ramon J Umanzor	346 Wynnpag Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2106
R117361	Reece Mciver	409 Dos Lagos		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-5329
R16317	Reichert Arthur O Trust	Chandler Martha R Trustee	2303 Copeland St	Lufkin	TX	75904
R94347,R94348	Richard Acquart Del Castillo	510 Pursley Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R147110	Robby D Garcia	212 Wynnpag Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78660
R147116	Robert A Pelayo	316 Wynnpag Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2106

R17234	Robert King	1301 Pursley Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R160773	Robert M Foster	181 Canal Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R115720, R115721	Rolland C Jr Reynolds	Family Revocable Trust	450 Loop 165	Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R10998, R11000	Ron Ogden	7337 Creek Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-5471
R117359	Ronald Ulczynski	231 Dos Lagos		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-4889
R147106	Rudy J Morales	126 White Rock Ct		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2110
R11028	Salyards Family Trust	Salyards Michael & Salyards Donna Trustees	33620 Orlanda Drive	Temecula	CA	92592
R16220,R16221	Sandy G Johnson	5600 Creek Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-4814
R15843	Saul Gonzalez Martinez	P O Box 191		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R147102,R147103 R147108 R160747 R160751 R160765 R160766 R160772 R160797 R160819,R147139	Scott Felder Homes LLC	6414 River Place Blvd	Ste 100	Austin	TX	78730-1158
R147105	Sean Andrews	142 White Rock Ct		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R140976	Shawn Connolly	315 Hays St		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R13413	Shirley Prochnow Mathews	2300 Prochnow Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R160769	Silva Ricardo Araujo Da	243 Canal Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2080
R10969	Slider K A Living Trust	Allison Iwamoto	207 Via Sevilla	Santa Barbara	CA	93109
R15067	Speir Anna Marie Widen ETAL	15 Las Brisas Dr		Austin	TX	78746
R156383,R15827	Steidinger Barbara B & Jimmie E Joint	Steidinger Barbara B & Jimmie E Trustees	Po Box 449	Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R147087	Stephanie D Jensen	241 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2105

R16232	Stephen R Keister	4501 W Hwy 290		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R15858,R16571	Susanne R Doell	5602 Parade Rdg		Austin	TX	78731
R117366	Ted P Keyser	321 Hacienda Pl		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-5263
R60591	Terry Polk	1801 Pursley Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R15839,R15840	The McBride Ranch LLC	4802 Caswell Ave		Austin	TX	78751
R14382	Travis Allison Mathis	P O Box 1271		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-1271
R13398,R16219 R16567 R16568	Triple C Investments LP	1412 Barton Creek Blvd		Austin	TX	78735-1611
R123797	Trust Co Custodian Sterling	Fbo Ann Livingston #085065	801 Loop 165	Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R16432,R16433	Tucker Ora Mae Living Trust	1501 Mount Gainor Rd		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R147138	Twin Turbo Properties LLC	7500 Lenape Trl		Austin	TX	78753
R97605	Unser C Lane Britt	P O Box 25		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R14384,R16437 R16438 R19926	Watson Loretta Living Trust	Attn: Loretta L Watson Trustee	1250 Prochnow Rd	Dripping Springs	TX	78620-4838
R13707, R15841 R15842 R159700 R16388	Wayman D Curry	731 Rr165		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
R93009,R93010	William J Sargent	2880 La Ventana Pkwy		Driftwood	TX	78619
R147101	William R Benda	202 White Rock Ct		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2111
R147080	William Robert Jr Cafferata	149 Wynnpage Dr		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2104
R147094	Zachariah Freed	133 White Rock Ct		Dripping Springs	TX	78620-2110
	CD&P	PO Box 5459		Austin	TX	78763
	Henly Baptist Church	200 Henly Loop		Dripping Springs	TX	78620
	Tractor Supply	1711B West HWY 290		Dripping Springs	TX	78620

Email Notice and Reminder



Hays County is hosting a Virtual Open House to share information and gather community input on potential routes for a new roadway that would start at the intersection of RM 150 and RR 12 and extend around the southwest side of Dripping Springs and connect to US 290 at some point west of the City.

You are receiving this email as an interested stakeholder in the area. If you live, work, or travel frequently in Dripping Springs we encourage you to visit the Virtual Open House and share your thoughts.


[Visit the Virtual Open House](#)

March 22 – April 9, 2021

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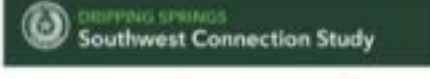


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This is a reminder that Hays County is hosting a Virtual Open House to share information and gather community input on potential routes for a new roadway that would start at the intersection of RM 150 and RR 12 and extend around the southwest side of Dripping Springs and connect to US 290 at some point west of the City.


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Media Coverage

Austin American Statesman

METRO NEWS

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The project areas have been identified and the project areas have been identified.

To view and contact each project: DrippingSpringsSouthwest.com, WhisperingWillow.com, WhisperingWillow.com

Austin American Statesman, story published on March 24.

CORRIDOR NEWS

Think about it just didn't work

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Social Media

Facebook, Twitter and NextDoor



Facebook post published on March 22



Twitter post published on April 9



NextDoor post published on March 15

MATERIALS

Presentation





HISTORY

Moys County Transportation Plan

- 2013 identified needed connection
- 2021 identifies needed connection further west

RM 150 Character Plan

- Completed in 2017

DRIPPING SPRINGS SW CONNECTION STUDY



STUDY PURPOSE

- Plan for current and future traffic levels
- Identify additional options to connect RM 150 to US 290 west of Dripping Springs
- Work with stakeholders and property owners during the planning process
- Identify the footprint and right of way needs

Develop preliminary engineering plans (20% design)

DRIPPING SPRINGS SW CONNECTION STUDY

STUDY PARAMETERS

Approach:

- Minimizing impacts to property owners
- Providing a safe, direct route
- Minimizing environmental impacts

Strategies include:

- Following property lines
- Using segments of existing roadways

DRIPPING SPRINGS SW CONNECTION STUDY



Preliminary Route Map



Survey

Dripping Springs Southwest Connection Survey



Hays County is studying a possible extension of the RM 150 Corridor and development of a divided arterial roadway with two lanes in each direction from RM 12 around the southwest side of Dripping Springs to US 290.

For more information on the project, visit improve150.com/connection to view project materials and the Virtual Open House, available through April 9, 2021. Thank you for your input!

To view and participate in the interactive map click [here](#).

To view the PDF of the possible route(s) click [here](#).



What are your thoughts on the possible route(s)?

Is there anything on the current possible route(s) that we should highlight or avoid?

Other significant considerations in study corridor?

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Emails

21 Emailed Comments

Mail - info@improve150.com - Outlook

Impact on Calterra Southridge

Chris Hill <[REDACTED]>
Wed 3/24/2021 2:12 PM
To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

Hello;

We live on Bridge Water Loop and we have some significant concerns about the proposed route of the 150 extension. We will attend the public meetings, but we also need to find out what noise abatement will be offered if this plan goes through along the dotted lines on the map. We also need to understand the timing of this project as no time line was mentioned in the informational video.

We are no more than a few 100 yards from the current proposed route. Given the topography of the land, the noise even from 12 is amplified as we live at the top of the bluff. Is there a possibility of building some sound barrier along the part of the corridor that abuts on to the south side of Calterra? Many of these houses will be significantly impacted by the noise. One of the primary reasons we and other residents chose this neighborhood was to have some solitude and be "At Home With Nature" as the developer would have us believe.

We tried to reach out to the commissioner in the past to discuss this topic and even have a public meeting to include other Calterra residents, but we received no response. We would like the opportunity to set up a public meeting to address the concerns of the Calterra residents that live on the south side "Southridge" of the development.

Please respond and let us know your willingness to have a community meeting to discuss this project interactively. We do understand the need to plan for future growth. We want to know that our concerns and impact to our quality of life and investment will be heard and addressed.

Thank you
Chris & Karen Hill
[REDACTED]

Mail - info@improve150.com - Outlook

150 Road Expansion

Blair and Yolie Jones <[REDACTED]>
Wed 3/24/2021 8:36 AM
To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Hays Co. Transportation Department,

My husband and I moved to Dripping Springs last June from the Houston area. We purchased a home in Calterra because of the beautiful, natural environment and the quiet serenity of neighborhood. If this plan moves forward it will impact the entire community and the natural environment in a negative, costly manner. The noise, the pollution, and the impact on the wildlife will be horrific! And, it goes without saying, that our property value will drop due to the negative impact of this terrible plan.

You noted in the powerpoint on the website that property owners who will be impacted will have input on the final decision. If that is the case, I want to be included in this group. My address is [REDACTED] My cell number is [REDACTED] Please call me, email, or text me to arrange a meeting or to include me on a committee.

In closing, please reconsider and know that as Hays Co. tax payers we DO NOT agree with this plan and it will be a negative to the entire Calterra community.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Yolanda H. Jones

Mail - info@improve150.com - Outlook

problem with 150 road plan at Mt Gainor

Ginger Zara <[REDACTED]>

Mon 3/28/2021 9:57 AM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

Hello,

I would like to add a protest to the current plan to extend 150 across Mt. Gainor Rd. We live at [REDACTED]

The current line cuts across our driveway. We only have a small portion of land that is on Mt Gainor and it will be either on the opposite side of 150 from our home or part of the new road. We will not be able to get in or out of our home during construction of the road. We would have to build a new fence, a new gate and part of a new driveway to connect to 150. We have spent quite a lot of money on our paved driveway and water crossing which would now be part of 150. The planned road also will be expensive for the county as the plan to take our driveway includes a narrow portion of the creek with steep sides. It floods often. I would also like to echo my neighbors in expressing that the quiet beauty of our land would be destroyed by this project.

Thank you,

Ginger Zara

Mail - info@improve150.com - Outlook

Holder Lane

ronmacr <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/30/2021 6:30 PM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

My house borders Holder Lane in the Dos Lagos subdivision. What exactly are the proposed changes to Holder in the plans. My water well is approximately 25 ft from the current Holder Lane.

Sent from my Galaxy

Waggle Input: Southwest Connection Study

Douglas Waggle <[REDACTED]>

Wed 3/31/2021 8:05 AM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

to whom it may concern

I participated in the Virtual Open House for the proposed southwest bypass of Dripping Springs and would like to provide my input. I am very supportive of ensuring the infrastructure is maintained and built to support the growth in Dripping Springs. I think the bypass will help alleviate traffic downtown and provide a safer route through the community. But I do have some concerns based on the Open House information.

I live in the Dos Lagos community and my home (along with six other homes) back up to Holder Lane. My property has the longest alignment with Holder Lane, over 450 feet. I obviously have personal concerns with the expansion of Holder Lane to a 4 lane highway.

- I moved to the country and this would obviously increase not only traffic but noise levels. Will negate why we moved here.
- Along my back property line I have over 50 live oaks (some of them very mature and large) and another 35+ cedar trees. They certainly may not be great to look at, but they do provide storage from the road view as well as dampen the noise. Would hate to see all these trees removed.
- I think two or three of my neighbors have wells that would require relocation based on their locations.
- One of the homes is very close to Holder Lane (453 Dos Lagos Drive) and the expansion of the road will be very close to his actual structure.
- The business at the corner of Holder and 290 would also be impacted. I would assume it would require relocation.
- The west side of Holder lane is the neighborhood Dos Lagos and will be impacted into our backyards by the expansion. The east side of Holder Lane is all ranches with no home in sight. Not that I am speaking for them or that they would comply but I would assume expansion of Holder to the east and not west would minimize impact to current residents.

In addition to my own personal reasons, I would argue there are other reasons why the connector to the bypass should be elsewhere:

- **HENLEY CONNECTION OPTION:**
 - The Hwy 165 option in Henley seems to be the most logical. It is wide open with no neighborhood being impacted like the Dos Lagos neighborhood.
 - Most traffic heading west would be heading past the Holder Lane area and heading towards the Johnson City/Hwy 281 area, so it would improve traffic flow.
- **HOLDER/290 INTERSECTION:**
 - The intersection of Hwy 290 and Holder was a very dangerous location before the turning lane was created. There was a major accident at that location about monthly if not every other month. Heading west on 290 you crest a hill as you approach Holder Lane and there have been accidents and deaths because of this blind spot.
 - The area by Henley/165 is wide open and has the area to ensure a safe transition to the connector.
- **ONE NOT BOTH:**
 - Not sure why we would need 2 connectors, both Henley and Holder. It is only 3 miles from Holder to Henley and if someone is bypassing downtown that would not be unreasonable. Given the growth westward of Dripping Springs I would think the Henley location would be most logical.
- **THIRD OPTION:** I have not personally spoken to the person, but I am told the owner of the concrete plant that is 1 mile west of Holder Lane on Hwy 290 would welcome a connector next to his plant for obvious reasons for his business and his transports. I also hear a church is being built in that area and could make easy access for those church members.

I would be happy to have further discussions on this matter. I do support the southwest bypass concept but I hope that the expansion of Holder Lane as a connector will be reconsidered as an option.

Regards,

Douglas

[REDACTED]

RE: Holder Land / 290 Intersection

Jamie McShan <[REDACTED]>

Wed 3/31/2021 10:35 AM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

The intersection at Holder Ln and Hwy 290 has already taken multiple lives. Due to this a few years back Hwy 290 was modified from a 4 lane to a 2 lane include a designated turn lane. If going west on Hwy 290 there is very poor visibility at this intersection. Even if a new full intersection with stop lights were added it would be difficult to see traffic stopped when going west on Hwy 290 due to the hill just before that location. I personally turn onto Holder Ln. daily and I'm nervous every time I do as even the current turn lane gets used for passing by bad drivers if someone is turning right onto Holder Ln.

I feel the location of 165/290 would be a better location for an intersection as it has a longer flat area and has much better visibility. Modifying Holder Ln to 4 lanes plus walkways would greatly cut into residential properties affecting quality of living, property values and the natural habitats to wildlife.

Best Regards,

Jamie McShan

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Traffic circle

Judy Moler <[REDACTED]>

Wed 3/31/2021 1:16 PM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

Don't do the traffic circle which is a waste of taxpayers dollars. Dripping Springs is a small community and keep the hill country charm! Having a shopping center at 150 and 12 increases our tax dollars and helps the community!

A concerned resident,
Judy Moler

Sent from my iPhone

Holder Lane

ronmacr <[REDACTED]>

Wed 3/31/2021 6:31 PM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

I live at [REDACTED] in the Dos Lagos subdivision. I would like to know what the expansion of Holder will entail and which side of the road the expansion will involve, east or west. If any land is taken on the west side, it will have a major impact on a number of homes (mine specifically) as well as the business at the corner of Holder and 290. The east side of Holder is undeveloped pasture and would appear to have a relatively smaller impact on the existing residents.

Additionally, an expansion of the intersection of Holder and 290 will require major work in order to make it a safe intersection. Such work should involve the placement of a traffic light as well as additional turning lanes.

Finally, what coordination of this project has been done with the general expansion of 290 west into a 5 lane highway. It would appear to me that the expansion of 290 as a major east west corridor should come before this proposed "new" road.

Ron MacGregor

[REDACTED]

RM 150 SW Roads could also be used as Hwy 290 SW Bypass Access Roads

Chris Stoll <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/4/2021 6:40 PM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

Hello, thanks for doing this!

My suggestion -

The Dripping Springs Southwest Connection under study is also the most likely route of the even more needed Hwy 290 bypass of downtown Dripping.

If this study area also becomes the Hwy 290 SW bypass in the future, could the RM 150 SW road work be developed as future access roads for the Hwy 290 SW roadway?

Similar to what SH 45 at 1826 did? (even though that part of 45 may never get built).

Or at least work with TXDOT to acquire enough land for both?

Thanks for considering this,
Chris

Southwest Connection - Holder Lane option

Megan Harris <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/4/2021 4:30 PM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

To whom it may concern

We are home owners in the Dos Lagos community of Dripping Springs. We are concerned with the proposed expansion of Holder Lane and how it effects our neighborhood and specially our property at [REDACTED]. We have read all the material about the proposed 2 options.

We are personally opposed to the expansion of Holder Lane to a 4 lane highway. The affect that this option has on our property as well as our neighbors has a much larger impact than the other option. The Hwy 165 option in Henley has a much smaller impact and seems just as effective to help solve the problem of traffic through Dripping Springs. There are no neighborhood or families affected like the Dos Lagos neighborhood would be if the Holder Lane option is chosen.

We are also concerned with the safety of entering and exiting our neighborhood or hood of the Holder Lane expansion is chosen. The intersection of Hwy 290 & Holder has had multiple accidents in years past. When the turning lane was created, it helped make entering and exiting our neighborhood safer. This safety issue is not a problem with the Henley/165 option. And this option is only 3 miles away. The 165 option seems like the best and most logical choice. It is a safer option and has zero impact on a community/families.

We would be happy to provide more input or discuss these options over the phone if you would like. We do support the southwest bypass concept but we do not support the expansion of Holder Lane as a connector.

Best wishes,
Tim & Megan Harris
[REDACTED]

Avoid holder lane

Dispatch-HDS <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/5/2021 5:07 PM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

Safety issues, Creeks, the road cannot sustain a 4-way highway.

SAFETY

NO HOLDER LANE EXPANSION

Sent from my iPhone

Comment

Tom Gleinser <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/5/2021 11:21 AM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

Not sure how much use it will get, especially compared to RR12 from RR150 to 290.

Most of the traffic will still use RR12 from 150 to 290.

It will certainly help that intersection of RR12 and Hwy 290.

Are plans in the works to make that stretch 4 lanes w/ turn? That is what is needed.

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Thanks,

Tom

Tom Gleinser
[REDACTED]

Thoughts on the Improve 150 plan

Andy North <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/5/2021 11:48 AM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

Hi Improve 150 team,

First, thanks for letting us provide our feedback on the Improve 150 plan. It helps to know your input is valued.

I live on Creek Road, just west of Holder Lane. Our bucolic little piece of paradise has already changed dramatically in the three years we've lived here, with tons of weekend wedding and wine traffic and lots of construction traffic on the weekdays. We knew what we were getting into when we moved, so that's fine. Just part of progress and living in a popular part of the area.

What does concern me quite a bit, however, is a potential routing of the 150 extension to Creek/Holder lane. For now, let's ignore the many legal and logistical issues it will face in getting over the hills and through all of the ranches to get to Creek/Holder. If you've ever driven on Holder, it's a one-and-a-half lane road that requires patience and expertise getting on 290 due to the one lane each way in that part of the highway. Adding more traffic, even if it's widened, would require a light there in a really bad part of the road with a sweeping curve and a blind hill on either side.

Now any good problem requires a solution and my proposal is one I've heard suggested already, which is to merge the 150 extension with FM 165, which would take the new road slightly further west. FM 165 a nice wide road with shoulders already and wouldn't require much in the way of new construction. A light has been needed for a while at 165 and 290 and it's in a much better place with better visibility there on both sides. It also provides a great opportunity for traffic coming from the east to head south towards Blanco, skipping RR12 entirely.

TL;DR, I love the idea of a southern route and extending 150 makes sense. Connecting 150 with 165 also makes so much more sense in so many areas. I strongly suggest you consider that option and eliminate the Holder proposal entirely.

Best regards,
Andy North

[REDACTED]

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Andy North

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MAD4 Feedback

Jeremy Pella <[REDACTED]>

Tue 4/6/2021 12:59 PM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

Cc: Mandy Boerner <[REDACTED]>

Hello,

I'm writing to share my concern with the proposed 150 extension to 290. We live in the Calterra development and are one of the houses closest to the proposed extension. When we started building back in 2018 we always knew we would be taking a risk for something potentially going in on the Ranch Land behind us. Out of all the things we imagined, we never imagined it would be a 4 lane highway right behind our back yard. Obviously, this is concerning on many levels so I wanted to share my feedback in a hopefully constructive, organized way below.

Environmental Concerns

I'll start w/ environmental concerns first since personal will likely not carry a lot of weight with it. Y'all have done the studies so I imagine you're already aware of the flooding that occurs through multiple areas of the proposed road. There's one area not identified which is the Calterra neighborhood drainage. The entire development is designed to flow out into the ranch land that shares the property line. During heavy rains this turns into a temporary creek and would not be passable by road due to water and debris.

I know engineers can build to re-route or go over water and debris but that's actually more concerning because it means it could become even more obtrusive as a result.

My second concern would be impact to wildlife. The proposed route goes straight through Turkey Hollow which would destroy that current patch of land. We love seeing and hearing the turkeys and this proposal would wipe that out. There's a bobcat, deer, and many other animals it would obviously affect but the most unique aspect is the wild turkey and something truly representative of the Texas Hill Country.

Personal Concerns

My wife and I moved here in 2019 to get away from the city and start a family somewhere a bit smaller than Austin. I personally have a ton of sleeping issues and one of the reasons we moved here is so we'd have a quieter environment to help with my sleep. Stating the obvious here, but if the MAD4 were to go in where it's proposed, not even a noise machine would be able to drown out the noise. In addition, it would be close enough to where we would have headlights constantly zooming past the bay windows we have in our bedroom which looks out directly over the proposed area. We also very much enjoy the dark skies and stars we are able to see at night. My assumption is that enjoyment would also be taken away with the lights from cars driving back and forth.

For the concerns that are less of an actual impact on our health and more cosmetic, no one wants to look out their windows or step out on their back porch only to see a 4 lane highway. I get this is me complaining, but it would honestly be a huge eyesore we would have to look at every day. Not to mention, we would be losing a lot of privacy because anyone driving by would have clear line of sight into our yard, patio, and back windows.

There's the obvious speculation that comes with what follows if the road is allowed to be put in. More pollution, possible billboards, gas stations, and other buildings going up around the road.

If all this were to happen, it basically crushes the entire reason we moved out to the Hill Country. Not to mention, we'll likely take a big hit to our property value due to all the reasons listed above. At the end of the day we would be in a pretty depressing situation with potential loss on investment, trouble selling, and an extreme hit to quality of life if we were to stay.

Representation Concerns

Right now the Caliterra development is in the mid-late stages of completion. The stages still left to complete would all be affected by this. On the other side of the road is all ranch land. I have major concerns you will not actually receive feedback that is truly representative of the amount of people this would affect. Right now this proposed MAD4 would affect a handful of people significantly in the neighborhood/on the ranch land. By the time the roadway is built, it would be significantly impacting a much larger group of people/families.

Ideal Solution

From everything I've been able to find it sounds like the main concern is traffic and safety in regards to 290 + wayfairs to get south of 290. If that's the case I would much rather focus on what we can do to improve 290 (lane expansions, overpass, flyways, etc).

This seems like a much better solution to the problem since it would be expanding on an already existing infrastructure that's surrounded by commercial properties where sound/sight isn't as detrimental. On the contrary, the current proposed solution would be impacting wildlife, the natural environment, many families and the Hill Country landscape that currently exists.

If there is a way to solve this that does not require routing new roads that would significantly impact everything mentioned above, my one ask is you do everything in your power to pursue it. Even if it means more money, I'd go out on a limb and say the people who would be impacted by the current proposal would pay more to ensure a better quality of life. If you've exhausted every other option and none of them are possible, my ask is you do everything in your power to try and uphold a healthy quality of life (addressing sound, light, pollution, scenery, etc) for all those who would be impacted by the new roadway.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns and please don't hesitate to let me know if there's anything I might be able to do to help.

- Jeremy and Mandy

Re: Turkey Hollow after a big rain

Blair and Yolie Jones <[REDACTED]>

Tue 4/6/2021 7:28 PM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

Dear Audrey,

Here is the information about the video I sent.

This video was taken from my next door neighbor's back porch after a big rain in late February 2020. The location is directly behind our street-Crosswater Lane in the Southridge section of Caliterra. This is an area that is being considered for the 150 road expansion. Hope this is useful and this is one reason this should not be the location of the road.

Sincerely,
Yolie Jones

150 connection

julia herzog <[REDACTED]>

Wed 4/7/2021 11:05 AM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

Based on the plan shown, I prefer the Holder Ln option. It is the shortest route back to 290, with the least impact to residents and landowners, and wildlife. The Holder Ln @ 290 intersection already needs improvements, and I assume a traffic light would be installed.

I am glad to know you are working with landowners for this extension. Imminent Domain should not be used. Better to scrap the project than to take land by force.

Lastly, I am alarmed at the number of comments suggesting using Prochnow and Pursley Rd for the route. I sincerely hope those roads have already been ruled out because they are both far too narrow, and expanding them would destroy the peaceful environment of dozens of families, in addition to impact on wildlife. Personally, the road would likely take up most of my front yard and tank my home's resale value. Many of my neighbors would suffer similar damages.

Yes to Holder Ln
NO to Prochnow/Pursley

Thank you for gathering input,
Julia Herzog
[REDACTED]

Dripping Springs Southwest Connection

Sally Kanetzky <[REDACTED]>

Wed 4/7/2021 9:30 PM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

Cc: Joe [REDACTED]

Commissioner Walt Smith and the SW Connection Planners,

My name is Sally Kanetzky. My family and I have lived on the Josal Ranch at [REDACTED] for 46 years now. My husband Joe and I built our home on the property in the 1970s, began a small longhorn cattle operation, and raised our daughters here. We have cherished and nurtured this property through the years.

Josal Ranch has an interesting history. It has a beautiful spring area above the lake. The springs are flowing from a hollowed out rock formation where Indians and early settlers could get their water. There is an old homesite from the settlers, and rock fences are found throughout the ranch. These visual displays remind us of a way of life from days past.

We have made some improvements to the land through the years. Some, but not all of the cedar has been removed to improve the moisture in the land for native vegetation. We are fortunate to have enough acreage to support an abundance of wildlife, including deer, turkey, small animals, fish and other aquatic life, and some amazing bird, including owls, hawks, cara caras, osprey, egrets and several kinds of herons, in addition to many backyard and migratory birds and ducks.

The entry to Josal Ranch is on Holder Lane. As traffic on Holder Lane has increased in recent years, the turning onto Highway 290 (either left or right) has become deadly. A traffic study involving Commissioner Ray Whisenant a few years ago led to a re-striping of 290 down to 1 lane in each direction with the addition of a center turn lane in the area. But there is no traffic light to facilitate turns. Even turning off 290 onto Holder is fraught with dangers, as the turn lane sometimes gets used as a passing lane.

The Holder Lane/Creek Road neighborhood is full of impressive and important historical and ecological sites of interest. Those of us who live in this area are caring landowners, looking to preserve our beautiful and unique landforms and creeks, our rich heritage, and the wildlife who live here. Please don't destroy it by re-making the area into a major traffic thoroughfare.

Why not route the SW Connection traffic down to 165, which is already a major thoroughfare. Then you can avoid the need to turn Holder Lane into a road of 2 lanes in each direction, which will need to meet up at 290 with improvements of 2 lanes in each direction there as well, in addition to the existing turn lane. A traffic light will be required. Due to poor visibility, turning either direction is currently hazardous.

I appreciate your consideration of my concerns.

Sally Kanetzky
[REDACTED]

Dripping Springs Southwest Connection

Sally Kanetzky <[REDACTED]>

Thu 4/8/2021 9:41 PM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>; Joe <josal1@aol.com>

Cc: Sally Kanetzky [REDACTED]

Commissioner Walt Smith and SW Connection Planners,

My name is Joe Kanetzky. My family and I have lived on the Josal Ranch at [REDACTED] for 46 years. The ranch has historical value (one of the original Dripping Springs homesteads was located on the ranch). The headwaters of Blue Creek, which flow into Onion Creek, start at the historical spring on the ranch. The ranch is now being utilized as a cattle operation, and wildlife and bird sanctuary. Lake Kanetzky is located on the ranch and is the focal point of wildlife in the Holder Lane area.

I am not opposed to extending FM 150 to RR 165 or even routing an extension through the new concrete plant on 290, as I am aware of the issues concerning routing traffic around Dripping Springs.

The following are noted as to why I am opposed to routing an extension through Holder Lane.

1. The ecological damage to Onion Creek, Blue Creek, Lake Kanetzky, Dos Lagos lakes, Shelton lakes, numerous springs, expansive riparian habitat and water resources will be an unmitigated disaster.
2. The damage to historical ranches such as Doell, Holder, Kanetzky and others will affect the culture of the community as open space range land and riparian habitat in the Holder Lane area are rapidly disappearing.
3. The 30 families residing in Dos Lagos will be devastated by noise and light pollution, and ALL of our property values reduced. Creek Road neighbors, including Creek Road Ranch, who depend on Holder Lane for ingress and egress, will be negatively affected.
4. The congestion at Holder Lane and 290 will become extreme to manage and even more lives will be lost at this extremely hazardous intersection.
5. Better routes for connection are much more feasible and less costly. Extend FM 150 to RR 165, and if another connection is required, then the concrete plant route is a more ecologically sound route. The topography and effect on waterways is less damaging the further west routed.
6. The 200 foot elevation change from the escarpment where FM 150 is routed to Holder Lane will require a \$20 million bridge which is financially infeasible (that money could be used to extend FM 150 to RR 165). To construct a road gradient from FM 150 to Holder Lane would be an ecological disaster, and the effect this would have on the community is too grotesque to imagine.
7. The Sierra Club and SOS will become very involved if Onion Creek, our lakes, our springs, our wildlife and quality of life is degraded by the Holder Lane route. Lawsuits will be instigated, delaying the completion of the project.
- 8 Our County Commissioner will earn the wrath of his constituents at the Holder Lane area, and the next election will reflect the voice of the community.

Your consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated.

Regards,
Joe G. Kanetzky
Josal Ranch
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Comments on Improve 150 project

Mark Wistey <[REDACTED]>

Thu 4/8/2021 2:45 AM

To: info@improve150.com <info@improve150.com>

Please include bike lanes and/or pedestrian paths in all phases of the project, not just at the end. This region of Hays County is particularly dangerous for bicycle riders due to increasing traffic and inadequate lanes or even shoulders, leaving no room for cars to pass safely.

During intermediate phases, or if the final design omits the separate bike/pedestrian path, then please label the outer space on the roadway as a formal bike lane instead of mere shoulder. This costs nothing except paint and signs, but it increases visibility and safety. It has no negative impacts on motor vehicles since the lane would still be available for emergencies such as avoiding the many deer in hill country. Labeling the shoulder into a formal bike path would also reduce conflicts between bicycles and motor vehicles.

Also, under no circumstances should "wheel trap" gutter drains be included, with their sudden steep slopes that throw bicyclists into the traffic lane without warning.

Thank you for your consideration.

Comment on 150 expansion

Carol Grosvenor <[REDACTED]>

Fri 4/9/2021 3:10 PM

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To whom it may concern,

We live on Prochnow Road, and have for nearly 30 years. This is a quiet, rural area. People came here to get away from cities and suburbs and lots of noise and pollution. We do not want or need a highway coming through this area. This would only be of service to developers and bankers lining their pockets and then skipping on to the next thing. It would be extremely detrimental to residents, our businesses, and our animals. It would destroy one of the best areas in all of the Hill Country. If the goal is really to improve traffic on 290, then build more lanes on 290, stagger school start times (because it is the schools that are causing all the problems), and encourage more children to ride the school busses. Also, quit building so many homes on small lots here. There's not enough water in the aquifers to sustain this. Jacob's well is already showing signs that it is not refilling. If you don't live here, you may not have experienced the droughts, but we have, and they are already very bad. Any new development should have its own rainwater collection systems, be built to use green energy and water conservation measures, and should not be dense. Actually, it's better not to develop more at all out here.

This is a sinister plot to increase the density in a place that doesn't want it and can't sustain it. Don't turn this place into Dallas.

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Carol Grosvenor
Web Designer
The University of Texas at Austin
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"In a world full of people who couldn't care less, be someone who couldn't care more." -Author Unknown

Holder Lane use

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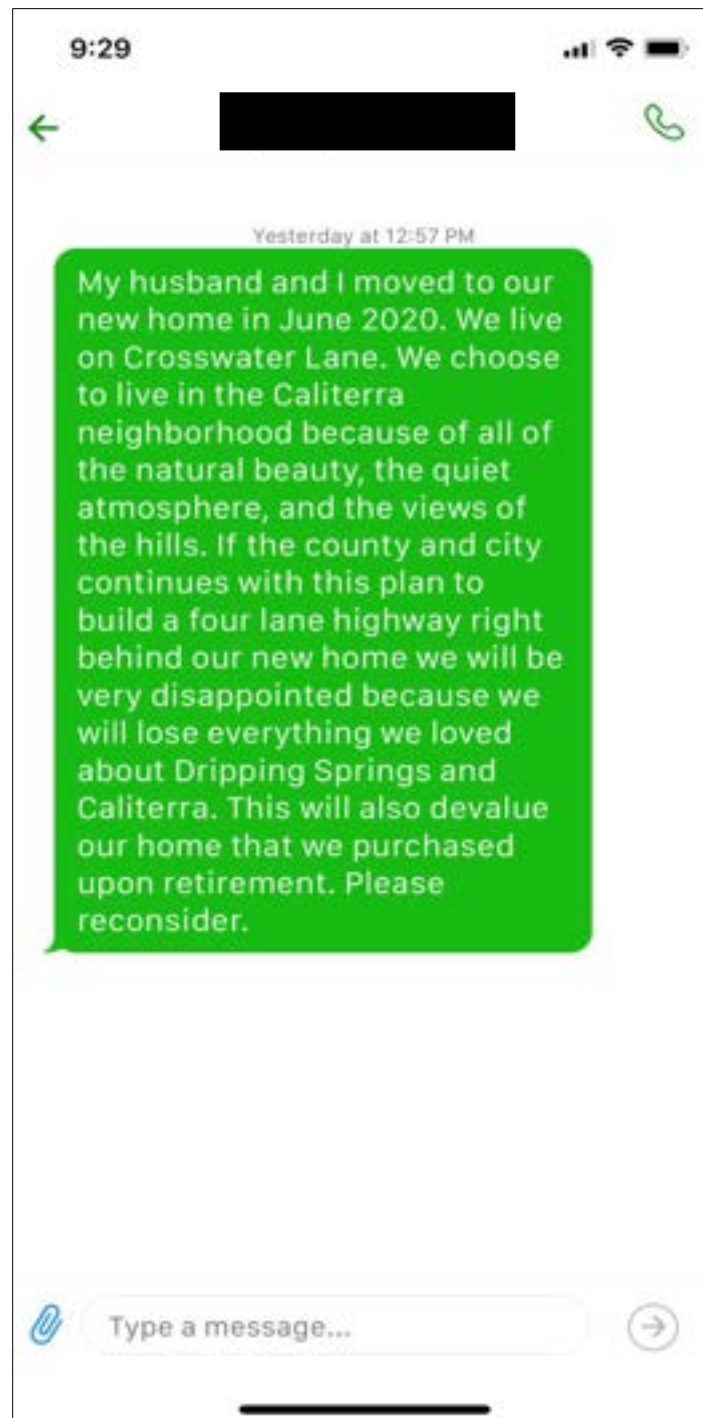
I live at [REDACTED] and appear to be in the direct line of fire if Holder Lane were to be expanded using any land to the west of its present location. I would lose my water well, storage tank, and obviously would be severely impacted financially in the value of my home. I am a 80 year old disabled Vietnam Veteran and would appreciate it if the human cost of such an expansion were to be heavily considered in any final decision.

Ron MacGregor

[REDACTED]

Text

1 Texted Comment



Survey Responses

141 Participants

Question 1 (141 Responses)	
#	What are your thoughts on the possible route(s)?
1	Holder Lane is not a suitable route to use. Extensive roadwork would be required on both Holder and Hwy 290. Turning from Holder to 290, or 290 to Holder is extremely hazardous with limited visibility and high traffic volume. Most of the heavy traffic going through Dripping Springs now is moving from or to significantly further west than Holder Lane, making 165 the obvious choice. Fewer roadway improvements on 165 would be required.
2	The extension of Holder lane is misguided. It is an unnecessary "shortcut" to the loop proposed via the 165 connection. It unnecessarily destroys scenic rural landscape that is habitat to native wildlife and birds, not to mention destroying a rural lifestyle where land Owners have been stewards of the land for years. . It will be added noise pollution, light pollution and disrupts (and pollutes) creeks and floodplains. The Holder lane extension would destroy an environmentally sensitive and scenic area of the Hill Country. It would encourage even more dense development of the area that Hwy 290 is simply not designed to facilitate. Dripping springs is turning into Cedar Park, a lifestyle it professes to set itself apart from.
3	I am against the Darden Hill changes on the west end. It seems unnecessary when we already have a road. We just need to improve it. If FM 150 is a 4 lane divided highway then Darden Hill doesn't need to be.
4	I hope you might steer me to information regarding expansion of RR12 north from 290. I'm moving into Founders Ridge and have seen pretty bad traffic on RR12 north of 290.
5	Extending the roadway to 165 is the best route and provides a true growth opportunity for DS. The Holder route is too short sided and not a good use of tax payer dollars. Not to mention the how dangerous the Holder/290 intersection is already given the topography.
6	I don't think this is a positive decision for the Dripping Springs area. You are proposing bypassing a small town and all of the small business that make it thrive. Can you please direct me to the traffic counts that are warranting the bypass?
7	How does this affect land owners? There won't be name changes on any current roads, correct?
8	This disrupts the whole concept of living in Dripping Springs.

9	Need to go further west of Holder. Saw another map extending McGregor right through my property. Unacceptable.
10	The Holder Lane route is a non-starter. That area isn't built to handle the traffic. The FM 165 route makes the most sense and gets traffic around the one-lane-with-a-turn-lane bottleneck that makes it near impossible to get onto 290.
11	As a newer resident of Henly, I applaud the vision. 165 makes more sense as it allows for growth west and has superior infrastructure & visibility at the intersection with 290 vs Holder Ln which appears to be dangerous due to the topography. 165 also connects to Blanco/281 so would be more seamless as a bypass.
12	It seems like an alternative on the north side of Dripping is needed more the area just north of 290 and 12 is extremely congested and has several large subdivisions planned
13	I feel that using the route to 165 is a better option because 165 is a much better and safer road intersection with hwy 290. The Holder Lane intersection at 290 is more dangerous given the blind hill approach from the east and the somewhat blind curve to the west on 290. 165 is a larger and more known and visible intersection.
14	Preference for no routes is foremost on my mind.
15	Given the growth that will continue I feel a Holder and 165 option is best.
16	1. The extension should definitely tie directly into Hwy 150 so that is clearly a throughway, with one sole intersection straight through. Since there is a cemetery in the way, if needs be, the terminus of Hwy 150 should be reconfigured to the South for a direct connection. 2. There needs to be provision for eventual construction of multiple improved connections between Hwy 290 and the new extension (in addition to Holder Lane). Only one main cross route is NOT adequate. 3. Anticipating growth and increased traffic, consideration should be given to making both ends of this extension into cloverleaf (or similar alternative configurations) where there is an interchange and no cross traffic or signals. Some day this will be essential, so why not get it done now.
17	Route should be further south to avoid Caliterra, Howard's Ranch and the current 12/150 intersection
18	There are significant environmental problems associated with the Holder Lane solution. There are several creeks, as well as Onion Creek, that would mitigated. In addition, the land drops over 100 feet, so the bridge would be very expensive to build and not very attractive. It would also cause significant traffic problems for the people living in Dos Logos.
19	I believe this could improve our traffic congestion before it really gets out of control.
20	Widen Hwy 290 and leave our country property just that.

21	given the anticipated growth, it seems like the longer route might have a longer lasting effect.
22	Over a lot of environmental sensitive areas. Onion creek
23	Avoid Holder Lane!
24	The most logical route is continuing on to 165, or making a turn and taking the road through the Lauren Concrete Property.
25	What is the purpose of this new route? What is the problem you are trying to solve?
26	It's interrupting and the residents don't want it. It's not equitable and it's very disappointing.
27	I think the route terminating at RR 165 is the best route
28	We are personally opposed to the expansion of Holder Lane to a 4 lane highway. The affect that this option has on our property as well as our neighbors has a much larger impact than the other option. The Hwy 165 option in Henley has a much smaller impact and seems just as effective to help solve the problem of traffic through Dripping Springs. There are no neighborhood or families affected like the Dos Lagos neighborhood would be if the Holder Lane option is chosen.
29	As much as I understand that roads are needed to ease the congestion - so many people will lose their land to eminent domain which is basically a land grab. Roads can be widened or stop the growth of these huge communities until the roads and water have caught up to accomodate. Most people in our town are fully aware of the situation but hate what is happening. Most of us want more consultation before the route is decided upon and to also take our feelings into consideration. But sadly TexDot doesnt see it that way, but it should. There is precious little countryside left and we should save every little bit that we can.
30	Very supportive of routes.
31	The 165 connection is preferred to accommodate additional eventual growth west of Dripping Springs.
32	I live on Henly Loop, this connection will create more traffic to the already saturated traffic we already have. Several lives have already been lost on Holder Ln and 290.
33	I would love to have alternate path for getting around drippingsprings to cut down on traffic thru town
34	I think it makes sense, I was born in Houston in 1958 and grew up in Dallas, so I know what this area will look like in 25 years. I've lived in Dripping for 23 years. Get the land route agreed upon as soon as possible. And collaborate with TXDot to share the route for the future 290 bypass

35	I think it is needed very soon. Just trying to get through Drippin' on a normal day is becoming more and more difficult. I live on Creek Rd and have noticed a large uptick in traffic over the last few years.
36	Connecting 150 to 165 makes a lot more sense than connecting it to Holder Lane. First, the rate of growth locally means that the increased load would be best served by a connection further west. Second, the intersection of 290 and Holder is already fraught with peril. Hwy 290 is already down to 3 lanes at Holder, and the angle at which Holder intersects 290 already makes for a dangerous turn.
37	bypassing 290 and 12 makes sense, but please don't put a roundabout at 12 and 150 that will increase accidents and kill the Town Square of Howard Ranch
38	The route should come out as far west as possible - at 165 and also at Holder. RR12 and 290 need serious relief and we're a ways from buildout.
39	Holder Lane will Not be a successful connector to accommodate traffic around the city from 12 to 290. Too costly & too damaging to environment. Growth is expanding further West; best to put the road further West. 100% disapproval of Holder Lane 189 connector.
40	This is a long term plan to reroute the traffic south of 290/Dripping Springs center. I do believe it is important to plan for the future rather than react after things have gotten bad. That said - all efforts should be made to minimize impact to individual home owners - routing roadway away from nearby homes. It does appear that effort was made to stay on the edges of property lines - which is good. Focus on making it right for as many property owners as possible.
41	Is this instead of or in addition to the proposed connection to 290 on east side of 12 off Darden Hill?
42	Absolutely insane
43	I am appalled that this is even being considered. What happened to preserving existing Ranches and land. Please be a responsible entity and STOP Think PRESERVE what piece of paradise is left in our area!!!
44	Someone drew lines on a map without looking at the topography. Holder Lane extension cuts through area with tributaries, caves, and cliff escarpment. Significant changes in elevation. Will have serious environmental impact, compared to other locations that are flatter and are not in the thick of creek tributaries and feeders.
45	Holder Lane 189 expansion or extension would Destroy the Environment and be Cost Prohibitive. There are Alternate Routes further West that are much more feasible.
46	Terrible
47	What is wrong with keeping traffic on 290? Cutting up the existing countryside encourages sprawl and the pandora's box of associated problems.

48	The road is totally unnecessary, and the expense and disruption far outweighs the benefits. The route cuts through rolling rural ranch land, and will have a negative impact on the property owners adjacent to the road.
49	I'm totally against these new roads that will go through ranches that have been in families for decades.
50	Don't like it.
51	This would destroy the livelihood of those who cattle, chickens, bee hives, gardens, etc. Our government is taking away too many jobs, the livelihood of too many people. There has to be a better way!
52	I am concerned about the proposed highway affecting the farmers and ranchers in that area. Some have had these ranches in their families for years . How will this proposed roadway affect their livelihood ?
53	Is the expansion of Holder to go on the east or the west side of the present road. I live at 453 Dos Lagos and if it goes on the west side to any extent, my property will be heavily impacted. The land on the east side is undeveloped pasture land and wouldn't have little impact on the area.
54	I feel the current Hwy 290 to suffice even with the growth of D.S.. We all came to the Texas Hill Country because we value and want to preserve the beauty around us. This is in full disclosure of knowing traffic may get more challenging. It is worth not doing the proposed two options to protect the land, the Onion Creek that would be crossed 2 or 3 times to have a widen loop of highway sw around D.S.
55	Terrible
56	DS has grown in an unprecedented way and rule ranchers/farmers will pay the ultimate price. Some of the ranches that this proposed Hwy will cut right through have been in their families for generations. Keep the traffic on 290. What if a hwy ran through your front yard? Keep the hill country the hill country. We're NOT Austin.
57	Horrible! You can't destroy people's land and the beautiful Hill Country to save 5 min of drive time for the complainers.
58	why are you considering wasting incredible amounts of money and time as well as destroying private property for a brand new bypass highway route when Fitzhugh road is already a bypass route that can be widened and improved to accept a higher through put of traffic volume?
59	There needs to be another way or better options. You are proposing going through working ranches to save a few minutes of travel time. Not to mention the devastating impacts to the local environment. This will literally split some of these working ranches in two.
60	You are not considering the environmental harm that you will be doing to the land and the ecosystems.

61	I don't feel it is right to force someone to lose their land. Land that has been in their families for generations.
62	Please don't ruin family ranches. Expand existing routes.
63	These routes are horrible. These corridors take land that has been in families for generations, destroying sensitive watershed, and are totally irresponsible regarding planned, sustainable growth. This new development will simply turn our beloved Hill Country into something that looks like Bee Cave, Lake Travis, and Spicewood, replacing trees with rooftops. People move here for a small town way of life and natural beauty, then demand those very things be destroyed. Some things are worth preserving, and the family land, natural beauty, and rural way of life are definitely worth preserving. None of these routes are beneficial to Onion Creek or to Dripping Springs "Dark Sky Community" designation. This is being considered only because a few want to increase traffic to wedding venues, vineyards, breweries, distilleries, and new subdivisions in order to become more like Austin, Lake Travis, Bee Cave, Leander, Kyle, and San Marcos.
64	Holder Lane route is too costly and too environmentally destructive. A route further West at Martin Rd at 290 is much flatter, less environmentally destructive, and the commercial businesses there would not oppose the road.
65	While I understand the need for the loop, I strongly oppose using Holder Lane as a cut through. The intersection of 290 and Holder Lane has been the location of deadly accidents and should not have more traffic diverted to it. It is not a safe intersection.
66	165 is the way to go
67	Not happy. Not why we moved to Dripping Springs and bought in Caliterra.
68	I think that the southwest connection through long time residences is an awful idea. This proposed highway will absolutely ruin the "Gateway to the Hill Country" that Dripping Springs claims to be. Instead of ranches full of cattle, wildflowers, honeybees, and wild animals, there will be noise pollution of fast and loud vehicles and views of asphalt. It is an absolute disgrace!
69	This route runs through some of the last rural areas of this portion of the Dripping Springs area. This will negatively impact the creeks, the watershed areas that feed the stock tanks and creeks that serve us land owners who rely on them for our livestock. It will also negatively impact the wildlife in the area by cutting down the last of the open land for deer and wild turkey. The noise level and increased traffic will be detrimental to our way of life out here for no reason other than the city of Dripping Springs wants to have more roads so that more subdivisions can be built in their area, thus chasing out the last generational land owners off of our property due to higher taxation. Creating a route through the already subdivided areas north of town will give those residents a way to get to all of the schools that you have built on that side of town already.

70	This is a detriment to the community of Caliterra, as well as other property owners in the area. Traffic volume to the west does not warrant this construction, as the majority of traffic goes east towards Austin. Not to mention, now more than ever, people are on the roads considerably less, this should be taken into account.
71	It will be harmful for the native wildlife that call these ranches home, along with being very harmful for people who own land on the route. Keep the traffic on RR12 and 290 and out of the rural natural country.
72	Not happy with this proposed 4 lane road project so close to residential subdivision borders. The noise along Hwy 12 is significant already, heard inside homes at all hours of the day. The fencing along Caliterra facing Hwy 12 offers no noise protection as-is. Neighborhoods marketed for their hill country views and green spaces are going to be angry. Homeowners who paid premiums for their lots to overlook a nice view will now be tainted with ugly roadways and noise. This is bound to end up in litigation as people have invested substantial amounts in their properties only to be devalued by this project.
73	Ensure the route is further from existing neighborhoods.
74	This isn't acceptable. This route cuts thru my two neighbors to the east of me and then thru mine and my mothers properties. This property has been in our family for over 80 years. We're a working cattle ranch and this would cut off several acres used for grazing.
75	Connecting this proposed extension to West Hwy 290 at Ranch Road 165 is the route I prefer as there is better visibility at this location.
76	Seems all right but it would be nice to know what the study has shown quantitatively for traffic flow through 150. This doesn't seem to be anywhere near the top of Dripping Springs' priorities (i.e. Cheif among which should be a 290 bypass).
77	I think that a route slightly South would be better and cost less; going West from RR12 using Hog Hollow Road ROW, going West to Prochnow (CR195) at Mt. Gainor, then using Prochnow ROW all the way to Pursley Road (CR198), then directly Northwest from there across mostly undeveloped farmland to 165, just South of the Creek Road intersection. The Pursley Road/Mustang Branch floodplain crossing is an expensive problem where your route indicates. (The low water crossing on Pursley near your crossing needs to be fixed first.) Your plan does not indicate how connections to road crossings will be done. Will there be electricity for street lights at intersections?
78	I am apposed to the current route as it will negatively impact my property.
79	I think Hwy 290 and Holder Lane is not safe for a major intersection.

80	Please be considerate of existing family homes and how close the road is to these homes. It is not acceptable to propose a road bigger than HWY290 within 200ft of an existing home that was intentionally built in the country. This poses safety concerns for our family, contamination of our well, and noise concerns. Additionally consuming a significant portion of someone's existing property to make this road possible is unacceptable when there are other options. There are many large parcels that exist in the SouthWest corridor that could be used with minimal impacts. Consider routing through R15067 where families do not live (or use their property on a daily basis).
81	Not going to improve much traffic and your going through people's property that dont want a highway next to them.
82	I like the bypass route to !65.
83	Any possible rerouting around 12/290 is fantastic. Please compensate land owners at market value . 32 year DS resident
84	Don't need them
85	The proposed bypass is a great plan.
86	Curious about the design speed and connections with intersecting roadways.
87	Absolutely necessary to develop a bypass of this type around the congestion at 12 and 290. This would take a significant amount of traffic and pressure off of this dangerous and congested intersection. The accidents here back up traffic for hours and are often very severe.
88	I think it's horrible for those who purchased a residence looking for peace & quiet for their families and now will have a 4-lane Highway in their backyard.
89	Holder Lane would not make a good route. Already very dangerous exit/entry point.
90	I don't understand who this is supposed to help. It doesn't seem to offer relief for Dripping Springs residents. Immediate relief is needed on Ranch Road 12 and on 290 through dripping. This project would take years to complete and use up a lot of money that is needed elsewhere right now. We already have extreme congestion on 12 and on 290. Why can't we address that first, instead of focusing on what might be coming later?
91	I don't think it's a good idea to take away the quiet that we moved to dripping springs for.
92	This is absolutely horrible for the residents of Howard Ranch. Not only will this eliminate the retail and restaurants that have been planned for years but getting in and out of the neighborhood would be impossible.
93	I travel to Johnson City every weekday for work (PEC). This route would be a Godsend to offset traffic through Dripping Springs proper.
94	Its terrible. Runs through our family property. Please reconsider

95	Coming out at Holder is terrible idea! I already use that daily and even with limited traffic it's dangerous! There is a steep turn coming in from both ways on 290 and it's coming off a curve with a hill to the east and further around the curve to the west. I can also tell you there is a major pathway of deer and other wildlife that cross Holder to go to the lakes at Dos Lagos twice a day at least. Coming out at 165 the entrance onto 290 is much safer as is the entrance onto 165 from 290!
96	Holder Lane has homes backed up to it. Huge safety issues.. We have children and pets. 165 has the room to widen the road and no residents backing up to it
97	These new roads would negatively impact the quality of life for our whole existing community, to whom this road is unnecessary. It would destroy family ranches, bring pollution and noise, fragment important wildlife habitat, and create significant runoff and water quality/quantity issues across the headwaters of Onion Creek. The affected and adjacent property owners along the proposed route, along with much of the surrounding community, want this area to remain as a rural and scenic countryside. This road would not solve the traffic issues around the downtown Dripping Springs area, as most of the traffic causing jams in town is not headed that far west of town. It is unacceptable to destroy the quality of life for existing residents just to build more roads for traffic caused by allowing developers to overbuild rural backroads. This area has significant cultural, ecological, and historical value that deserves recognition and protection by the city and county. No new roads are needed through this sensitive ecological area that has already degraded in water quality rapidly over the past few decades. The county should not use taxpayer money to build roads that are unwanted by current residents of that area, and which just end up being used to draw developers in to further tear the countryside apart. Just because the landowners here haven't developed this land, doesn't mean it should be seen as a free-for-all to eminent domain and build roads through. Since it's the traffic from new developments causing road strain, why not put any new roads through the new developments going in, like Caliterra? Why is it seen as acceptable to eminent domain a rancher's conservation property that is part of their generations of precious memories and heritage, but not the subdivisions that have already shown they don't mind their land being bulldozed?
98	Extending 150 south of Caliterra will destroy our lifestyle and home values. Noise pollution is a much of a concern as light pollution. We moved here for the peace that comes from being surrounded by nature. PLEASE consider moving this extension further south, or through not-yet-developed land.
99	Too close to Caliterra, swing it further south where it is less populated.
100	It will ruin the peaceful homesites we purchased with 4 lane highway in our backyards
101	The route that connects to the 165 is the best route in my opinion.

102	Holder Lane is a horrible location for a cut through. There have been numerous accidents there. Westbound traffic travels at high speeds over the hill by Holder Lane. There have been at least 5 accidents at this intersection and that is the reason the road was changed from a 4 lane to a 3 lane road. Unfortunately, people still use the turn lane as a passing lane.
103	As a resident, I oppose an expansion of Holder Lane and support the option of connecting 165 to 290
104	The connection point at RR12 is horrible! 12 cannot handle this kind of traffic. It will also ruin the original plans for the commercial property at 150/12 that was promised for Howard Ranch.
105	There is a proposed traffic circle (which is conspicuously missing from this website) to connect the highlighted route to 150 at 12. There is a Town Square proposed for that parcel that is a major reason many residents of Howard Ranch and neighboring communities moved to this area. We're in desperate need of more commercial/amenities, and all of the businesses in this development would likely be small businesses run by community members and would generate sales tax revenue for the area.
106	Absolutely not! This would be horrible for my neighborhood and young teen drivers. It's too dangerous and would be extremely horrible.
107	I hate to see more of the natural hill country bulldozed for a massive highway project that we don't need. I've driven 150 to 12 to 290 more times than I could count and congestion has never been a problem.
108	I like both of them. As you all know, it's imperative a new roadway is built to alleviate traffic in town. This is a great way to extend an existing roadway, thus save some money for taxpayers.
109	I think this is a terrible idea. This section of Dripping is still relatively undeveloped and a beautiful area to take rural country drives. Introducing another highway would completely ruin the appeal and character of the area. Why would you not route people through dripping on 290 and spend your money improving and widening 290 as that is already a disturbed corridor?
110	The route to 165 is the better route; 165 is an established roadway whereas Holder is on a curve on 290 and is already dangerous. Likely adding a light at 290 and 165 would make more sense from a safety standpoint.
111	Created for convenience not to preserve the landscape
112	These routes are not practical. Examining the terrain first should be done to figure out placement of the roads. The cost of these roads currently planned and maintenance would be excessive expense for taxpayers.

113	<p>I think this is inevitable and needed. Both my parents' families owned large ranches on the proposed section between Pursley and Mt. Gainor Roads from at least as early as 1925. Some of their heirs, myself included, still own sections of some of those ranches. People who are complaining about changing the pristine landscape don't realize that to me they changed the pristine landscape when they moved out here. These county roads have become extremely dangerous with all of the traffic now on them. The new F150 extension can actually relieve some of that while also helping alleviate traffic on Hwy 290. Most of my relatives may disagree because they are directly affected by the current proposed route. But going along property lines with very few homes nearby, and only disrupting traffic at a few intersections makes the most sense to me. Someone mentioned bridges over the creeks and their negative affect. But most of the existing bridges, low water crossings, and one lane roadways because of narrow bridges are tragedies waiting to happen. Something has to be done. And I am tired of meeting cars in my lane on curves.</p>
114	No way
115	<p>I know all of us live in Dripping Springs for specific reasons. Maybe you grew up in DS or you were retiring, or starting a family. Perhaps the Dark Sky, or the wildlife and nature appealed to you. Maybe it was the hiking trails, the wildflowers, the quietness. Perhaps it was the highly rated schools, the extracurricular activities for your children, the Friday night lights. The small town values and low crime rate are attractive as well. All of these reasons to be here will be affected by the 150 Extension. Our concerns are far more complex than just an unsightly road. This will basically be a 4 lane bypass around the inner city of DS and is designed to take traffic off 290. That means traffic will be on 150 so there is the potential of hotels, gas stations, convenience stores, billboards and apartments along 150. That means road noise, air pollution and environmental concerns. That also means more people moving here and since 12 is a major North and South artery to Wimberley and Bee Cave, there will be more traffic on 12. The implications are endless. There is also the plan of the roundabout with townhall, General Store and shopping area where 150 and 12 meet. That's more traffic on 12 as well. Last week I spent 1.5 hours on a Zoom Call with Hays County Transportation people, Chris, Yoli, and Greg (developer) followed by 3.5 hours on a Zoom call of the City of DS discussing the Transportation Master Plan. I learned there are 3 major players: City, County, and Txdot. I also learned the Developers are important monetarily. Money is everything with roads. The Mayor says the city doesn't have much money. It appears the County is pushing the 150 Extension. Txdot controls 290 and they want the County to take traffic off 290 instead of Txdot investing money into turning lanes, widening areas, and making 290 safer. These are plans that are not definite. I live in Caliterra on White Rock Court by the cemetery. I hear road noise constantly from 12 and will be close to the proposed 150. I moved here for all the reasons above from the Houston area and I am opposed to the 150 Extension.</p>
116	We do not want this route nor want it to connect on Prochnow.
117	<p>I understand the desire for a southern loop but I do not understand the need for the Holder extension. That seems like a lot of time and expense to not gain much advantage.</p>

118	<p>I am a member of the Vista Grande Owners Association (VGOA), which is located adjacent to where RM165 joins US290...an intersection that is under consideration for connecting with the proposed RM150 extension. I would strongly encourage the planning committee to extend RM150 all the way to RM165/US290 in order to bypass MANY businesses and subdivisions coming out of Dripping Springs. The second routing option was to bring RM150 up to connect with Holder Ln. and thereby to US290. Please keep in mind that the stretch of US290, between Dripping Springs and RM165 (after McGregor Rd., and extending just at the junction with RM165 - which INCLUDES to connection point for the Holder Ln. to US290 extension) is constricted down to 2 lanes (1 lane each direction with a non-barrier median). Due to volume and speed, this zone is currently a safety concern for anyone entering onto US290 from the many businesses and subdivisions in that stretch of roadway. There is constant high-volume traffic in this area. By adding additional traffic load to that section of roadway, the danger to local drivers will be multiplied considerably. Bottom-line - if you have to adopt only ONE of the options, I vote for the RM165 option. However, if you are inclined to adopt BOTH options, then that would be acceptable, as well. But there are significant traffic volume risks if only the Holder Ln. option is adopted.</p>
119	<p>This is a HORRIBLE place for a road. First it goes alone side a cemetery. Then it goes through ranches and farms that are active. The traffic problem is NORTH of dripping springs not south. From the schools to RR12. This route does NOT solve ANYTHING ! you need a bypass NORTH.</p>
120	<p>The problem is NOT traffic going around dripping springs, but rather traffic IN dripping springs --from the schools to RR12. This extension will NOT help anyone but those going to Hwy 281 which is NOT coming from RR150. And will do nothing but destroy the farm and ranch community it will cut through.</p>
121	<p>While the loop is definitely needed, Connecting through Holder Lane will be very disruptive and will ruin property values of a dense neighborhood in Dos Lagos. There seems to be a more reasonable option that could go through an open field or ranch that would not be as disruptive.</p>
122	<p>Holder and 290 is already a very busy and dangerous intersection due to Camp Lucy. The road is hard to navigate and flooding is always a concern. Please select the other route as it does not interfere with as much existing housing off Holder. Many people on Holder will fight in court against eminent domain to widen Holder as their home will be significantly impacted!</p>
123	<p>PLEASE begging you NOT to do this. Everyone can learn to leave a little earlier to accommodate traffic. What you are proposing will RUIN the area.</p>
124	<p>It seems like a major boondoggle. There are large cliffs along Onion Creek and Mustang creek that will require a major bridges. This is also the headwaters of Onion creek a major recharge feature of both the Trinity and Edward's aquifer. A much better rout would be to improve 290 and RR 12.</p>

125	I do not feel a road should go through Prochnow Rd. The excess traffic would hurt the wildlife
126	No Holder Lane road extension. For Hays County to actually solve their traffic problems, they need a new arterial Loop Non-Stop from 12 to 165 (no cut through roads thru our ranches that Destroy the Environment and are too Costly). Hays County current new roads proposal destroys our Creeks, (Onion Creek & School House Branch & natural Springs, destroys well water, destroys limestone escarpment, cliffs with recharge springs... not to mention that the Bridge they would have to build would be in Flood Plains and would be extraordinarily long and costly!!
127	No Holder Lane extension! Please create an alternate route from Route 12 to 165.
128	No Holder Lane road extension. For Hays County to actually solve their traffic problems, they need a new arterial Loop Non-Stop from 12 to 165 (no cut through roads thru our ranches that Destroy the Environment and are too Costly). Hays County current new roads proposal destroys our Creeks, (Onion Creek & School House Branch & natural Springs, destroys well water, destroys limestone escarpment, cliffs with recharge springs... not to mention that the Bridge they would have to build would be in Flood Plains and would be extraordinarily long and costly!!
129	Why can't you just widen 290 or build a flyover instead of ruining all of the peoples ranches that have lived here all their lives. It is sad that long time residents have to lose their livelihood to accommodate those who have overpopulated the area.
130	No Holder Lane road extension. For Hays County to actually solve their traffic problems, they need a new arterial Loop Non-Stop from 12 to 165 (no cut through roads thru our ranches that Destroy the Environment and are too Costly). Hays County current new roads proposal destroys our Creeks, (Onion Creek & School House Branch & natural Springs, destroys well water, destroys limestone escarpment, cliffs with recharge springs... not to mention that the Bridge they would have to build would be in Flood Plains and would be extraordinarily long and costly!!
131	It is unnecessary. It has both a huge environmental impact and a huge impact on the scenic value of the area in general. This will contribute to the degradation of multiple branches of onion creek, further decrease the habitat of already endangered wildlife, and in the end not really solve any of the congestion issues in the area. Updating US 290 to adequately handle the increased traffic in the area would benefit more people than just building an entirely new bypass.
132	Every time a road is built it takes away more land. This also means that more animals will die, as even on a 25 mph road they get hit continuously. This also encourages ranchers to sell, giving realty companies the opportunity to sell and make new neighborhoods, and with that Dripping Springs Texas loses its small town feel. I moved here to get away from that. I am retired military I would like to live out my days you're in Dripping Springs, I implore you to rethink your decision to make a road here.

133	Terrible. Absolutely terrible.
134	Do not complete or build, incredibly damaging to environment and the property/home of others
135	Better to use existing roads more south or the older idea of going more north closer to Hwy 290.
136	I do not think that a westward expansion of 150 is needed. The road would cut through private property and endangering the lives of local wildlife. The road would also promote rapid housing development which will severely impact the local ranch/farm community.
137	Worst possible route!!! This road would destroy several farms and ranches including the environment. It's too great a cost to pay for convenience. Please do not destroy all the farmland to CATER to the subdivisions! Everyone of these ranches have cattle, bees, horses and crops that need to be saved. Do not lose Dripping Springs! Everyone of us live here because we want to live in the country and are willing to sit in traffic to do so. Dripping Springs has always welcomed newcomers but DON'T COME HERE AND DESTROY OUR LAND!
138	Dont ruin the beautiful hill country. Everyone moves here because they love the beauty, but if they keep coming- the hill country will no longer look the way it does. Leave the roads alone, and keep out Dripping how it is.
139	Too expensive to build and buy ROW property in this very rural and scenic area of the Hill Country. Until 290 west of Dripping Springs is a four lane state highway, any SW loop will be a waste. Truck and commercial traffic will continue to use 290. Most of growth and all the elementary schools are near the denser population East of the city. Work with TxDOT and DSISD to reduce congestion on 290. Take a lesson from Austin. They built SH130 loop East of Austin to reduce congestion in IH 35 and now this part of 35 is the #1 most congested road in Texas according to TTI.
140	I do not like it at all. It will not only ruin the countryside and quality of life southwest of Drippin, it will impact Onion Creek. The reason we moved out here on Pursley Rd 25 years ago was not only to avoid all the congestion (clearly much less then) and people, but because this particular area is beautiful. And now you are going to tear the countryside up with a massive road project. The noise will be horrible, the litter will be horrible and the impact on the wildlife will be horrible.
141	I strongly disagree with the proposal. I think more improvements should be made to existing roads to help with traffic congestion instead of building new ones and taking away from the "hill country". There has been so much housing development that our natural resources are taxed and this will not help.

	Question 2 (123 Responses)
#	Is there anything on the current possible route(s) that we should highlight or avoid?
1	The Creek Road/Holder Lane neighborhood is full of impressive and important historical and ecological sites of interest. Not only would a major roadway destroy or pollute much of this, it would also destroy the habitat of the abundant variety of wildlife and birds.
2	the Holder Lane extension is unnecessary, costly, and destroys natural habitat, creeks and the lives of those of us who live in the area BECAUSE it is quiet and free of subdivisions and commercial development.
3	I think the creeks on Darden Hill Road. The proposed changes I believe would create more flooding than we already have.
4	Extending 150 to 165 gives the ability for transportation options to Blanco, Johnson City and Dripping Springs. Holder does none of those.
5	Your current connection is cutting through one of the most beautiful areas in the Hill Country. How can it be environmentally sound to cut across the creek and tributaries in so many places? This will disturb so many wildlife habitats in an area that is already pushing them out.
6	This is poor planning. Keep traffic on 290.
7	Please avoid Holder and McGregor extension. Creek Rd is a quiet road and we have had more than enough problems with Camp Lucy.
8	Avoid Holder Lane at all costs. It's just not feasible to put that much traffic there.
9	Holder and 290 is already a dangerous pull out. It would not be advisable to add even more traffic to this section.
10	Avoid the Holder Lane route as it is a more dangerous approach both ways on 290. There have been multiple accidents there in years past including fatalities.
11	The intersection at Holder Lane and 290 has been the site of many wrecks and deaths due to the topography. Rt 165 is a flatter area for the intersection.
12	Please have a nice shoulder so our biking community can stay off the dangerous road;)
13	Need to minimize the impact to creeks and floodplains by moving south and west.

14	The best solution would be to take the Southwest Connection beginning several miles East of Dripping Springs all the way to 165. If the road does not begin East of Dripping Springs, there will be a very significant congestion problem at the corner of 290 and 12. If the road does not go all the way to 165, it will simply push the Dripping Springs problem out to Holder Lane. This will require a major intersection modification to Holder Lane and 290 and it will force a great deal of traffic on to Holder Lane. This will cause many problems for the people living in Dos Logos, as well as anyone who uses Holder Lane to access Creek Road and their property.
15	Avoid forcing people off their property.
16	I see that on the possible route you were on fence lines which does seem less disruptive. I am in favor of NOT using Prochnow. That would have disrupted many people's homes and property.
17	not familiar with that area
18	Cannot sustain a 4 way highway, roads are not feasible - too costly, cliffs, creeks .. safety is huge as well
19	I would avoid Holder Lane, due to the amount fo accidents that have occurred at this intersection already.
20	You should avoid shifting the problem from one road to another.
21	Avoid Holder Ln and extend to 165. Holder Ln is already a dangerous intersection and it would take a huge effort to make it work with the increased traffic flow coming through a 150 bypass. Avoid terminating at Holder Ln. The best approach would be to terminate at 165 where the ball park traffic can use the bypass, and traffic coming into and out from 165 at 290 could be better controlled by a traffic light at 290 & 165.
22	The homes in Dos Lagos will be greatly impacted if the Holder lane option is chooses. It will affect landscaping, Water wells, fully matured trees and for one of my neighbors, it will be extremely close to his back door. There is also a business at the corner of Holder lane that would be forced to close. The increase noise level will be unavoidable if the expansion on Holder takes place. We all bought in Dos Lagos for the country living experience. Adding a highway to our country living is not something that was ever expected.
23	150 West.
24	Ensure a nature around waterways are not disrupted.
25	Avoid Holder Lane. The environmental impact would be highly invasive to the creeks.
26	If the county decides to move forward with this plan, I strongly recommend adding traffic lights
27	I think the Hwy 290 bypass should cut off South just before the hills as you come into Dripping, then go behind the sports fields and jump over RR12 and the creek to connect up with the RM 150 route. Hopefully the Needham family will come to an agreement?

28	I agree with many people that Holder Ln should not be included due to the blind intersection with 290. 165 has an open view in both directions and a stop light at the intersection would make it very safe.
29	Minimizing road water runoff into Onion Creek and its tributaries is paramount. Obviously, avoiding floodplains is also critical.
30	the roundabout idea
31	Keep Holder 2 lanes - but install light at this intersection.
32	Holder Lane or it's extension will Not be a successful connector road for traffic from 12 to 290. Too many creeks, escarpment, flood plains. Too costly to build bridges. It's less costly to stick to already established East-West roads that can connect from 12 to 165 Henly.
33	I don't know how necessary the extension all the way to 165 might be. There is not that much traffic on 165 and Blanco is not a huge "draw" for tourism. That would be a low priority route, to me.
34	Too close to beautiful Creek Road and in area that is flood prone
35	Avoid creeks
36	Avoid existing working ranches.
37	Yes. Too many crossings of Onion Creek and tributaries. Too much change in elevation. Will require bridges and longer stretches of road to deal with slopes.
38	Avoid Holder Lane 189. Avoid putting more concrete in flood plain causing more flooding and more damage to Two Creeks: School House Branch & Onion Creek.
39	Stay in your lane
40	Avoid cutting up existing open spaces. Avoid creek crossings as much as possible. Put the road alongside new developments like Caliterra and other large communities - those are the new subdivisions driving growth, so put the road where they are. Better yet, don't put the road anywhere.
41	Cutting tracts of land in two shouldn't happen.
42	You should avoid building in all of these areas.
43	Unnecessary
44	Avoid taking away farm land!
45	Please see answer above. Thank you so much.
46	Avoid impacting developed property as opposed to undeveloped land.
47	Onion Creek needs to be avoided due to the significant detrimental impact the roads & traffic would have on the water source. Also, the proposed property owners who would be affected would alarmingly impact their livelihood of ranching, farming & their rights as property owners. Much of this land has been in the families for many generations. This is a tragedy of colossal proportions to not have the history of their families future generations. Please consider other options or to not do at all. We want the peace & sanctuary of our land protected for many generations to come.

48	Holder lane is already a very dangerous intersection. I can't even imagine the traffic accidents that would happen if this hwy is brought up Holder Ln.
49	Avoid breaking up family land and ranches!
50	The proposed route will have a detrimental effect on the environment by most notably crossing onion creek 3 times as well as destroying privately owned working farms and ranches by bisecting those properties
51	Yes avoid going through private property. You have working ranches operating. Ranches that have been operating for over 80 years.
52	You should avoid taking land from working farmers and ranchers. We don't need another highway we need better mass transit solutions.
53	No
54	Yes - you will destroy family ranchlands. Use neighborhoods like Caliterra/others.
55	Avoid taking land that has belonged to families for generations. Do not build either route. Be cognizant that these routes will destroy livelihoods, the natural beauty of the area, Onion Creek, and will adversely affect the entire region.
56	Avoid Holder Lane and put route further West. Avoid School House Branch Springs at Holder Lane that feed Onion Creek springs. Avoid the Holder Lane area scenic cliffs, recharge caves, grottos, natural springs that feed water wells and aquifer. Avoid putting route and bridges in flood plains at South end of Holder Lane. The 35+ homes in Dos Lagos area along Holder Lane do not want traffic in their back yards.
57	Avoid Holder Lane. Currently there is only 70 feet to use which is not enough for what this project needs. It would be a major expense for the county to move existing wells, electrical lines, fences, replace all the trees that would have to be cut down, build privacy walls, etc.
58	NO to Holder, 165 is already half way equipped as a main road, holder you will cut into many old properties
59	Yes, cutting through ranches of residences that have called Dripping Springs home for 4+ generations.
60	The current route needs to avoid the rural, undeveloped land that it currently bisects. The creeks this road will traverse will be filled with runoff from the road that will contain oils from roadway, thus polluting the creeks causing the fish to suffer. This will also cause issues with the runoff that fills our stock tanks and our water wells that WE DRINK FROM!
61	It needs to be canceled.
62	DO NOT DO THE ROUTE AT ALL, IT WILL CAUSE MORE HARM THAN GOOD FOR THE WILDLIFE AND POPULATION THAT OWNS LAND ALONG THE ROUTE!
63	Avoid being along any residential neighborhood border!
64	Stay further away from Caliterra

65	This route also would run over an abandoned mine on the back of our properties.
66	The intersection of West Hwy 290 and Holder LN should be avoided as it is just over the rise of a incline and therefore hidden to westbound traffic. Vehicles trying to turn west from Holder LN onto Hwy 290 can only see vehicles approaching from the east for a very short distance. The rate at which westbound traffic comes over the rise on Hwy. 290 makes it difficult if not impossible to slow down for slower moving vehicles such as those turning west on to the highway. This area of Hwy. 290 has a history of fatal accidents. While the dedicated turn lane has helped to some extent, some vehicles choose to use the turn lane as a passing lane.
67	The intersection with Holder at 290 is deadly dangerous. TxDOT is already planning improvements including widening and additional lanes from Holder towards Johnson City, but those improvements may not contemplate additional intersecting traffic on Holder from 150. Visibility is a problem there.
68	The current route cuts through my expensive paved driveway and permanently removes our access to Mt Gainor Rd. We would be blocked from our home during construction. We would have to build and new gate and new driveway access to 150 costing us a great deal of money.
69	Avoid Holder Lane
70	Avoid routing through properties where the road will consume a significant amount of an owners hard earned property as well as cause safety concerns due to the proximity to homes and wells.
71	My property
72	No roundabout at 150 and 12.
73	Avoid polluting creeks
74	Not going through Arnold ranch
75	I am concerned about the proposed roundabout at 150 and RM 12. It is negatively impacting the shopping village planned for Howard Ranch. Also, the location is close to the entry of the Gardens of Howard Ranch.
76	These are well away from the creek and seem well reasoned and relatively uninhabited by subdivisions
77	Avoid Caliterra & all residential communities.
78	Avoid making Holder a route! Not a good idea. This is a quiet, residential area.
79	Avoid Caliterra. It's so unfair to that neighborhood. People moved there with the promise of a quiet and serene home surrounded by nature.
80	Restricting access in and out of Howard Ranch and eliminating retail/restaurant promised to the residents of Howard Ranch.
81	Recommend extension to 165. Holder is difficult to enter/exit from highway.
82	Avoid McClaferty ranch

83	I would avoid the entire Holder /290 turn! I've seen trucks get stuck there even with longer beds that are heavier, accidents and Even widened with a light it would be dangerous. Look at 290 and Sawyer Rd accidents. It's on a turn and no steep down turn. I would avoid it completely!
84	absolutely- there are enough accidents as it is on holder and 290- check the records- widening it is a safety issues.
85	Avoid ecologically important areas, such as along the Onion Creek headwaters like this road is proposed to run. Avoid historically and culturally significant areas, like the scenic Onion Creek Valley and its family farms and ranches and rural backroad drives that locals have always especially loved. This road as proposed would run alarmingly close to our family's historic cemetery and farmstead, and no historic or scenic ranches should be fragmented by new roads to make way for development traffic. This is one of the most scenic and treasured rural parts of our community, and no one wants to see this area get used to funnel the traffic from developments that shouldn't be putting so many cars on our roads in the first place.
86	Too close to Caliterra, swing it further south where it is less populated.
87	Caliterra subdivision
88	Dos Lagos Community at Holder and 290 has an appraised value of \$19.1 M with 31 homes per the Hays County Appraisal District. Values based on recent sales and 2021 appraisal will be much more. This area would be impacted significantly as 8 homes are directly adjacent to Holder Lane.
89	Avoid Holder Lane!!! The westbound lane has a definite limited sight distance. It is a weird location for a traffic light coming down off a hill.
90	The connection point on 12 ruins the possibility for the commercial property at 150/12 that was promised to Howard Ranch. This will directly impact our property values and taxes negatively!
91	Do not run this new road through the private parcel at 150 and 12 and interrupt an already designed and planned Town Square. Resident nearby do not want high flow traffic instead of places to shop and congregate with each other.
92	The entire thing should be avoided.
93	The proposed routes go through forested land which has never been cleared. If you must build a massive highway project, could you at least pick a route using land that has already been cleared, so there is less loss of forest canopy and wildlife habitat?
94	Avoid all of it. These rural areas are what contribute to the character of dripping springs, don't ruin them with more roads through them.
95	The big cliff area.

96	The Holder Lane connecting 290 north will go through a sensitive aquifer recharge zone on onion creek. That particular area should be avoided and connecting road should be made somewhere with more feasible terrain. (no cliff, aquifer recharge, and the area is prone to extreme flash flooding that reaches very high). 290 should just be expanded.
97	Prochnow Road should be avoided. I see that Oren Connaway, Retired Asst. AG, Transportation Div., OAG has used his impressive title to make comments about moving the proposed route south to Prochnow Rd. One of his comment pens is dropped on a piece of land where the current proposed route crosses Pursley Rd at Mustang Creek. That piece of property is owned by the CONNAWAY Trust. So I bet that he has some investment in that land and is using his experience to mask his bias. Prochnow Rd has several small tracts of land with many houses close to the road. A ten acre tract with at least one house on the road losing maybe 100 feet along the property line on the road would be much more impacted than a 25 acre tract with no homes near the road.
98	I am opposed to the 150 extension and request 290 being updated with overpasses. Focus on it instead of cutting through ranches and areas that will destroy the beauty of this area and the Dark Sky.
99	We do not want this route nor want it to connect on Prochnow.
100	Please avoid development along Onion Creek and Creek Road. We local residents walk, run and bike Creek Road and would hate to see it affected by dangerous traffic. I would also hate to see the local ecosystem disrupted.
101	There is quite a bit of development in the area west of Dripping Springs. By having a the RM150 extension connect ONLY to Holder Ln. would drop excessive volume into an area that is currently traffic-heavy. Having RM150 extend to RM165/US290 (IF only one route is adopted) would allow for greater throughput, and route traffic around this higher-density area, and deposits traffic onto a 4 lane, versus 2 lane stretch of US290. However, if the idea is to allow traffic to bleed into Dripping Springs AND to flow westward to Johnson City and farther, then adopting BOTH "traffic drainage points" would be advisable. An adoption of a Holder Ln. only plan would be ill-advised.
102	Onion creek comes 10-20 feet out of its banks when it floods. There are been several people who have died because of the creek. The creek is also a feeder into Barton Springs and the Edwards Aquifer, so run off from this new road WILL get into the local water supply if built. Also because of the farms and ranches we have DARK SKYS which means zero additional lighting.
103	IF the road should go through it should go to Holter Ln because the traffic problem is from the Schools to RR12. There is NOT a traffic problem headed out to Hwy281.
104	Holder Lane
105	1. Try turning on to Holder on the weekends and you will see impatient drivers make unsafe passing. 2. Forcing people on Holder to have part of their property seized for this project when the other route is better.

106	You have chosen the prettiest part of Dripping Springs, Onion Creek, to ruin with traffic, more asphalt, litter, etc. We have lived here since 1950 and have been accepting of the changes but this has gone too far. If you moved to Dripping Springs, then you need to adjust and learn to deal with the traffic. If a road has to be built, at least choose an area not along Onion Creek and some of the prettiest land.
107	Again Onion and Mustang. RR 12 in the natural thoroughfare and should be widened and improved to handle traffic. Wimberley already has a loop around town so it would not affect them.
108	Yes. There is a large population of wildlife that will seriously be put into jeopardy if an increase in traffic is put on Prochnow Rd. The number of dead wildlife has already increased with the increase of development in the area. It is also a very curvy and dangerous road. There are open cattle areas with wandering cattle.
109	Avoid sensitive Flood Plains, building over them has the potential of destroying local ecosystems.
110	For Hays County to actually solve their traffic problems, they need a new arterial Loop Non-Stop from 12 to 165 (no cut through roads thru our ranches that Destroy the Environment and are too Costly). Hays County current new roads proposal destroys our Creeks, (Onion Creek & School House Branch & natural Springs, destroys well water, destroys limestone escarpment, cliffs with recharge springs... not to mention that the Bridge they would have to build would be in Flood Plains and would be extraordinarily long and costly!!
111	No holder lane extension!!
112	Avoid long time residents ranches
113	The proposed route passes through an entirely to sensitive watershed, destroys crucial habitat for wildlife (habitat that is already rapidly disappearing) and will have a huge impact on the natural scenic aspects that draw people to this region in the first place. This seems like a half baked band aid solution for a larger congestion issues in the area.
114	Roads are meant to make it easier access for electrical companies, and utility companies. This is not the case here. This is being made for an easier route they will cause more nature to be torn apart, and more animals to be hit by cars.
115	Onion Creek, School House Branch, Limestone Escarpments.
116	Avoid building through other peoples property. Government taking SHOULDNT be allowed.
117	This route goes across a spring and a spring fed creek in the middle of my property.
118	We should avoid building high speed, high traffic roads on areas with an abundance of wildlife as this will lead to an increase in road kill and a decrease in local fauna.
119	IMPROVE 290 WEST! Very few people will use the section of road that connects 290 to 150. It's 4-5 miles away from 290. You would destroy all the ranches for nothing.

120	Avoid making our town so disgustingly huge. Stop expanding. The beauty of our city should be more important than the money youre seeking out.
121	Explain why County didn't build the SW Connection planned for Roger Hanks Pkwy that would be a better location and connect to high school that is already in place.
122	Onion Creek. Creek road, Pursley road, prochnow rd...
123	Our natural resources are at stake.

Question 3 (109 Responses)	
#	Other significant considerations in study corridor?
1	Some of us in the Creek Road/Holder Lane neighborhood have spent our lives on this land, raising our families and being good land stewards. Turning the area into a traffic jam is detrimental to the people, vegetation, and wildlife who live here, especially since 165 already exists and could be more easily adapted to the study needs.
2	Any perceived benefit to the Holder Lane extension is FAR OUTWEIGHED by what it destroys and disrupts.
3	If I see it correctly where the proposed place where Darden Hill would join FM150 is in a curve and there is always someone running into the guardrails. Isn't very safe.
4	From what I've seen, RR12 north of 290 is in need of widening. Can you tell me if a project is in the plans?
5	To be clear I 100% oppose the use of Holder Lane as a route.
6	This is not improving 150 for the community, it is simply shaving off a few commuting minutes for semi-trucks.
7	This route crosses the creeks several times. This will create a non point source pollution. What happened to the dark skies Dripping Springs claims to be?
8	If you try to take our land we will fight.
9	Good luck going across those ranchers' lands south of Onion Creek. They will fight you in every court they can find.
10	How will this route effect the creek? With the topography of this area and the necessity of crossing over water potentially multiple times is this a cost effective route?
11	I feel if you a truly wanting a loop around Dripping Springs you should go all the way out to 165 as the growth of the town will be at Holder Lane before you know it.
12	There are more homes on Holder Lane that would be affected by the widening of the road as opposed to the number of homes on Creek Road to Rt 165.
13	Speed Limit, Bridges crossing Onion Creek, Road sponsors to keep creek and road clean?

14	This extension is a great idea, which I support. However, it begs the question about when RR12 between Dripping and Wimberly will be similarly improved!!
15	Darden Hill, 150 and 1826 on the east end are not capable of this increased traffic. What is that part of the plan? Your plan is incomplete.
16	Creek Road is one of the most attractive roads in Texas. Many people use it for a bike and hike venue. It will be destroyed if the new road goes through Holder Lane. There are also major environmental problems associated with the landscape in the area of Holder Lane.
17	If approved. The road should be big enough for growth. (large subdivisions) Strong enough for heavy trucks. Funding for additional law enforcement before completion, not after it is out of control and people are dead.
18	We do need to consider Onion Creek and splitting people's properties.
19	Is the new road going to have few intersections for faster traffic, or do you anticipate it becoming another road with multiple businesses and multiple intersections/stop lights? That will still help with the congestion along 290, but possibly not as much, or even less if it ends up being a slower option. Also, what are the plans for it to continue on past 12? If most of the traffic is still going to go through the 12/290 intersection, it's not going to help much.
20	You restrict impervious cover... but build over sensitive areas... onion creek
21	NO ON HOLDER LANE
22	The growth is already at Holder Lane. Putting the route in here would already not be far enough out to relieve traffic.
23	From the appearance it looks like you are trying to shift traffic off 290 and onto 1826. This is not a solution to a problem. 1826 is already over used and adding additional traffic will make it impossible.
24	Central Texas Field of Dreams ballpark at Creek Rd & 165. Tons of traffic (sometimes 500-700 people/day). 150 bypass could be a great relief for local traffic in Henly
25	The highway 165 option has no impact on homes and families. It is a clear choice for the least amount of impact and disruption of families who pay property taxes and are active members of the Dripping Springs community.
26	Once this is done (if it's done what will be the next phase for 150 West. We have been fighting this 4 lane highway for a long long time as I will lose a huge chunk of my property which I have been paying mortgage on for many years and greatly object to this road going through to I35. This road is of such Historic importance to this town and should not be destroyed. Property along this road goes back to the Alamo hero's
27	Curious to know impact to DSISD School Zoning impact.
28	The 165 connection is safer than the Holder option and will result in a lower environmental impact.

29	I think this is the one great chance to fix the roads in this area for decades to come, good luck!
30	The significance of the possible contamination of the upper areas of Onion Creek should be of utmost concern.
31	Consider a north loop as well and a bypass to downtown for 290 traffics passing through.
32	Most feasible route for traffic relief is non-stop arterial from 12 to 165. Non-stop arterial should avoid creeks and flood plains. Too destructive to properties and water quality to cause increased flooding. Univ of Tx is already studying water quality in Onion Creek from run off in Dripping Springs. Let's improve, not add more damage!!
33	Again - minimize impact to nearest home owners. If there is a way to move the route away from an individuals family home, it should be explored. NOONE wants this change and we are all impacted by the growth that requires these additional roadways. It is good that we do our BEST to create roadways that minimally impact natural views (low /dark sky lights, lots of green/trees where medians allow, etc).
34	Widen 290 instead of building new roads
35	Environmental consciousness has to be in someone's plan???
36	Overall environmental impact is high. Cost is high. Benefit it low. Wasteful use of tax dollars.
37	Holder Lane 189 is environmentally Unsuitable and would Destroy the Environment and the Quality of life in the area. It would Destroy multiple multimillion dollar Estates that have been in families for Generations. Very Costly!!!
38	Wildlife
39	Consider not doing this. I am on 290 weekly and live west of Dripping. It just seems like the wrong choice to actively encourage this type of sprawl.
40	Benefit simply doesn't outweigh the cost.
41	Don't over develop and infringe on people's ranches and farms.
42	Expand what you have without going through people's property.
43	Consider not using Holder lane as a north/south route.
44	See above.
45	Onion creek will directly be affected by this project. Please don't further mess with our creeks. Water ways in our area are a very precious commodity.
46	If people don't like living in a place that only has 1 major highway and want to make a new route to save some minutes by making a route that will destroy the surrounding environment as well as working ranches, maybe that should look else where. This is not the kind of progress we as residents want to see.
47	This route is a terrible idea. You are taking land from families who have owned it for generations and who depend on that land for their livelihood. There must be a better way. Please reconsider.

48	Peoples feelings
49	Do not do this! Preserve what makes this area unique and beautiful!
50	To solve the traffic problem, road needs to go straight through to 165 at Henly.
51	I suggest contacting Lauren Concrete plant that is just down the road from Holder Lane. That may be an easier location to cut through that would not require cutting through residential areas. Safety is a concern for all of the young children in Dos Lagos.
52	Expand the current highway system without stealing land from families that make their livelihood raising cattle or ruining the beautiful views of the hill country that currently exist and will be ruined forever.
53	Perhaps when you decide to "study" a corridor for a project that will impact so much rural land, that you would consider actually contacting the rural land owners to let them know that this project is happening. Perhaps you could send out notifications to those of us who live along this proposed route instead of us finding out second hand. I realize that we are few and far between tax payers but we should still be considered. Some of us have been on these lands for generations. We continue to ranch and to raise cattle for you to consume only to fight tooth and nail to maintain our land and try to not loose it due to taxation and projects like these that will come along and become a detriment to our property values and way of life.
54	If you want to fix a legitimate issue, widen the all 150 for safety purposes and widen RR12 North of Elder Hill rd.
55	Just stop infringing on the last of the rural lands around Dripping Springs, keep it rural and keep the traffic on 290 and 12!
56	No consideration to existing homes built in close proximity to this project. What are the plans for noise reduction and pollution? Nothing can be done to protect home values.
57	Other options need to be explored such as widening existing roadways or finding an alternate route that wouldn't be so devastating to the current residents.
58	Before encouraging more traffic on 150, wouldn't it be prudent to improve existing (narrow & curvey) roadways?
59	What sort of time frame to completion are you considering? Is the Holder option an intermediate goal short of completion? Will this be a TxDOT project or a Hays County project?
60	The road plan crossing our driveway is at a creek where there are steep sides on each side of the creek. This is going to cost a lot to build a road here and it will flood. It floods often sometimes it turns into a small river at this point.
61	Destruction of beautiful hill country properties.
62	Animal populations your destroying.
63	No
64	Mindful of vegetation, wildlife, and hill country vibe

65	I'm unaware of an overwhelming amount of people that need to get from Driftwood to JC or Blanco. Stupid idea
66	Consider other alternatives for 150 and RM 12 intersection.
67	This area continues to grow and needs congestion relief immediately. This road will be jammed by the time it is completed but will save many lives and injuries and allow some traffic relief to Dripping Springs.
68	Wildlife - all the birds, turkeys, deer, etc along this route. Trees! Sound pollution, light pollution for those that live nearby.
69	Consider the subdivision on holder lane, as well as all the residences along holder lane. We want to keep it safe! And we want to protect our properties!
70	Widen 290 and be done with it.
71	NOISE! Pushing more and more traffic through this area will mean a much less peaceful place to live. We moved here for quiet and small town roads, not highways in our backyard.
72	Fully support
73	The McClaferty ranch is being disrupted for this project. Please consider moving the road closer to commercial properties, rather than family land.
74	So many animals crossing all along Holder several times a day crossing to the lakes to get water. Also not knowing what kind of bridge will be built at Onion Creek, that can be very ominous as well depending on how much rain we get. Just look at the terrain and you can clearly see where the water runs in mass and has carved out the terrain through the years. You can see the yellow markers on Creek Road as well and I believe a lot of trouble would be avoided by going on down to 165. That seems to be a proven route already that has worked well during times of heavy rain fall and ice. Holder has a steep incline at 290 as well as down Holder by Creek Rd.
75	yes- speed..safety..danger.. that is insane to even consider widening Holder over 165
76	This area has significant cultural, ecological, and historical value that deserves recognition and protection by the city and county. No new roads are needed through this sensitive ecological area that has already degraded in water quality rapidly over the past few decades. Consider using county funds to preserve more land for parks in the Onion Creek Valley rather than use more taxpayer money to bulldoze it.
77	The future of the community is pushing West. The 165 route option would move the bypass farther West. This should allow bypass of future developments in between Holder and 165 along the 290 and be a better long term option for the future.
78	165 makes much more sense as a cut through. It is a highly used road already. There is a much better line of sight and traffic lights make more sense at this major intersection.
79	Connecting Holder Ln will create traffic issues that will significantly impact quality of life in the community

80	You are taking away business opportunities with this road. The connection at 12 and 150 will stop the commercial property as planned. How is Dripping Springs suppose to support all the new residential development without businesses have space?!
81	Improving the 150 to Darden Hill to Sawyer Ranch to 290 connection would also reduce the need for traffic to travel 150 to 12 to 290, while using existing right-of-way.
82	Spend money to widen and improve 290 instead of ruining land that does not currently have busy roads on it.
83	Cut through the river less times
84	Creating wildlife under passes will be important for reducing deer, Texas cougar, and other species fatalities as these roads will isolate and fracture habitat.
85	If not replacing existing old bridges, this proposed extension should be located so that the traffic on these bridges is reduced. I also think that no matter what is done Holder Lane at Hwy 290 sorely needs to be improved. Holder Lane is so much lower than 290 that it is extremely difficult to see in daylight and impossible in the dark. I also think that it should go all of the the way to RR165. I regularly travel to San Antonio and I know the amount of traffic traveling 165 between Henly and Hwy 281 at Blanco just keeps increasing.
86	Road noise, air pollution and environmental concerns should be considered. The damage to Dark Sky as well as bypass will attract more growth so more destruction to the small town atmosphere.
87	We do not want this route nor want it to connect on Prochnow.
88	Most of us who live West do so to avoid traffic and enjoy the peace and quiet of Hill Country living. The Holder extension is an unnecessary interruption in our peaceful world. Simply connect 165 to 150 in the least invasive manner would be ideal to us.
89	US290 broadens out to 4 lanes where it meets RM165, since this is where population density is greatly reduced toward US281 for access to San Antonio, Blanco, Johnson City, Fredericksburg, Marble Falls, etc. IF only one route is adopted, this provides safer and faster access for those traveling onward to US281. In addition, since the proposed "intersection improvement" would almost certainly require a traffic light, this ALSO would help provide safety for transition between RM150, RM165, and US290, as well as lower risk for an already dangerous intersection by regulating traffic entering/exiting FM165...which is currently a free-for-all traffic hazard that is regulated only by a STOP sign on RM165. Also, this is the place where US290 changes speed limit from 65 mph to/from 70mph - so drivers are already moving faster at this point. Therefore, if traffic volume is being addd, then regulating traffic speeds at this junction is wise for multiple reasons.

90	<p>This bypass will not help anyone. It will take traffic from 150 to 281. There is currently NO ONE going from 150 to 281. The problem is traffic IN dripping springs from the schools to RR12. The bypass needs to go NORTH of the city to provide from 290 to 290, not 150 to 290. Also the runoff from this new road will pollute the already sensitive water table. ALL the homes in this area are on wells, which means we use ground water - not piped in water. Any new roads will destroy the water supply. We have farms and ranches out here. This is our living. And we practice DARK SKYS. The noise and lights from this road is going to destroy what has taken years to create. And finally we have a LOT of bike and walking tourist because of the quiet area. More traffic will destroy the tourist economy as those bike and nature people will no longer have a place to come to. Traffic is already bad enough with people moving out here. Cyclists are already in danger because of the limited number of new drivers -- how horrible will it be when people begin dying because of this new road running over walking, cyclist, and horse back riders. -- we also have FARM equipment out here.</p>
91	<p>There are ranches and farms this corridor will be cutting through. We are a dark sky community. there should be NO additional lighting as it will harm the livestock. Just the noise alone is going to destroy the farming and ranching environment of the area.</p>
92	<p>Serious danger to drivers turning onto Holder, which will be exacerbated by more traffic!.</p>
93	<p>Please consider the people and their quality of life when you propose something like this.</p>
94	<p>Money! Our current commissioners court has shown there is no amount of money too large for them to spend. TXDOT has been trying to fix the Y in Oak Hill for 30 years. Why are y'all getting everyone worked up about a project that will have 10x the negative Environmental impact of that project.</p>
95	<p>Prochnow is a very curvy and dangerous road with limited sight on many curves. Even with a low driving speed this is very dangerous. Prochnow is a haven for cyclists and it will definitely jeopardize their lives and be a danger for drivers with an increase of motorists. Along with cyclists there are many people who walk and exercise on Prochnow and it will jeopardize their lives. The wildlife is seriously getting their habitats reduced daily by development. The large diversity of wildlife are: deer, foxes, wild turkeys, roadrunners, coyotes, wild pigs, and armadillos just to name a few. I think the safety of the wildlife and safety of the residents of this road should be taken into consideration</p>
96	<p>Please be aware and respectful of the wild life that we as Texans value so highly.</p>
97	<p>Protect the fragile environment which is being dominated by development, especially our water tables and streams which cannot be repaired!</p>
98	<p>Legitimate environmental impact study.</p>
99	<p>Stop allowing so many subdivisions and we wouldn't have this problem.</p>

100	Must we continue to bulldoze what little remnants of open hill country land we have left in hays county? Isn't the impact on water quality for the area reason enough? The idea of a bypass through this area is so unnecessary. Infrastructure in the area is outdated as is, wouldn't focusing the time and money on updating existing highway corridors be a better use of time and resources?
101	Please take a look at most cities right now. There are homeless people all over the place, when people live in big communities like this and more neighborhoods are built crime will go up, nature will be torn down, and nothing good has ever come from this. Just take a look at history. Dripping Springs Is a proud community, please do not take that away from the people.
102	What a waste of the people's tax money.
103	Don't build through peoples homes and property. Don't take their land for yet another highway. It's ruining our hill country.
104	Crossing a cemetery and destroying a historic or even prehistoric site near Calitera. More study is needed.
105	The local landscape has already changed drastically. Continuing to build high speed roads will only damage the area. Please consider it carefully.
106	290 West needs to be improved along with existing roadways.
107	Leave our roads the way they are.
108	Round about planned at RR12 and 150 won't work well and be even more dangerous if no one has to stop. I worked in Ft Worth and Washington DC, and they are a nightmare, especially for large trucks
109	same thoughts as above.

Interactive Map

119 Comments



Orange pins represent comments shared through the interactive map

#	Interactive Map Comments
1	Details on the proposed traffic circle for this parcel have been vague at best and kept from the public. The Town Square that has already been designed & planned is a major reason many of the residents of Howard Ranch moved to this area.
2	The connection at 12 is horrible. This will cancel the plans for the commercial space at 12/150 that was promised to Howard Ranch. This will negatively impact our property values/taxes. How is DS supposed to support all the new res developments?
3	This will directly affect our quality of life and property value. We were unaware that we might have a 4 lane divided highway in our backyard. The noise from 12 is bad enough. Can the road be taken further south to reduce impact on Caliterra?
4	I live in country, away from the city and I want to keep it that way. The creation of this roadway through these ranches will bring in more traffice, more noise and more subdivisions. If I wanted to live in the city, I would move to Belterra or Headwaters.
5	Extension of 150 is too close to this residential community. Many home values will be affected & lifestyle destroyed by the noise pollution. This obliterates what so many of us moved here for - an appreciation of nature and Hill Country lifestyle.
6	object 100% ridiculous on holder lane?
7	100% against

8	We intentionally moved to the country over 15yrs ago. This road proposal will consume up to half our property and put a noisy 4 lane highway in our backyard. This has a significant negative impact on our property value & quality of life for my family.
9	This route
10	Please work on a route with less direct impact to someone's residence. This is within 200ft of our front door. This is where our kids play every day and we stongly object to it being a highway.
11	I think that a route slightly south would be better, using Hog Hollow, going west to Prochnow, to Pursley Road, then NW across undeveloped lands to 165, South of Creek Road.
12	I think that a route slightly South would be better; going West from RR12 using Hog Hollow Road, going West to Prochnow (CR195) to Pursley Road (CR198), then NW across undeveloped lands to 165, South of Creek Road intersection.
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16	This is a good interim route, but the connection should start further South at Prochnow Rd.
17	I live in Dos Lagos and I do not think a major intersection at Hwy 290 and Holder Lane would be a safe location.
18	This is our gate that we would no longer be able to use as our house is on the other side of the proposed road.
19	This is a dangerous intersection, which is planned for improvement by TxDOT, but I am not aware if the current plans contemplate this increase in future traffic.
20	This location would require a long bridge span to cross the floodplain over Pursley Rd. from 1330' elev., going west down to 1187' and back up to over 1300' elev. Cost: \$\$\$\$\$. Hays Co. won't even fix the risky lo H2O crossing @ Mustang Br. for low cost.
21	Steep ravine in this area would require bridge.
22	The planned 150 extension is too close to Caliterra. As shown this will have significant negative impact on this community.

23	This will greatly decrease our home values. The only reason I chose this lot was because of the location and quite view of nature without traffic and a safe place for my child to play and roam. All of this is undone with this road so close to our house.
24	Road noise along 12 is already substantial...I can hear it over my sound machine at night. The idea of a 4 lane road on the along our subdivision border is a big concern for noise and home values. Developer sold many lots as greenbelt, so litigation await
25	"Undeveloped lands" are lands owned by ranchers who live there and raise your food! A more southern route would only cause more financial harm, much like the proposed route is already doing to this rural community. Keep the traffic on 290.
26	I have lived out in this area for my whole life, and I do not want a major road ruining the environment out here for everyone who lives out here. Don't build the road here, continue sending traffic to 290 from RR12. Plus why do we need this anyway?
27	This extension will devalue the Caliterra
28	This extension will devalue the Caliterra properties. This is not what we moved here 5 years ago for. The noise is already bad from RR12, with this it will be terrible.
29	Why are you cutting through this ranch?
30	Why are you cutting through this ranch?
31	Awful idea to cross the creek 3+ times. Doesn't seem very good for the environment.
32	Why on earth would you spend the money to cut across the creek in two places only 3 miles north? Why not use Hog Hollow to Prochnow, which are existing? Current plan makes no sense.
33	Extending 150 so close to existing home will increase noise & light pollution, destroying quality of life as well as property values. Can road be moved south where there is no development yet as so affects fewer people?
34	I completely disagree with routing this new road on Prochnow and Pursley. These roads are way too small for highway traffic, and expanding then to a highway would be a nightmare for us as residents.
35	Road would destroy SchoolHouse Branch Springs, Springs that feed Onion Creek and area water wells.
36	Object to using Holder Lane for a 4 lane highway to 290. The intersection at Holder and 290 is very dangerous. There have been many accidents with some fatalities at this intersection. Not a safe plan to go through here.

37	This is horrible for the local environment. Crossing the creek so many times and cutting through working ranchers properties will be devastating for the environment and the locals. Keep the traffic on 290.
38	This intersection has already taken multiple lives. 290 was modified to include a designated turn lane and is down to 2 lanes. If going west on 290 there is very poor visibility.
39	connecting to 165 is a much better option that connecting at Holder given the area will have additional development westward; the Holder Lane connection would create a dangerous intersection given the curves and reduced visibility for oncoming drivers
40	Adding additional traffic at Holder Lane is not a responsible or reasonable option; going further west to RR 165 makes more sense in terms of accommodating eventual growth in this area
41	Connecting at Holder Lane will not accommodate future growth; connecting to RR 165 will allow a better access point around the west corridor of DS; the curves and blind spots on Holder Lane at 290 have caused several fatalities and accidents
42	Holder Ln is an extremely dangerous intersection already!
43	I live at 453 Dos Lagos. Is the planned expansion of Holder expected to go east or west of the present road?
44	Terrain not feasible. Flood plain with two creeks and 1200' escarpment
45	Costly & dangerous environment for road; would cause more flooding into creeks & into flood plain; impossible to build bridge long enough over Onion Creek and School House Branch.
46	This will only drive up property values and force us to sell out, is that the goal of this project? Drive ranchers off of their land for more subdivisions? More property tax revenue? More money?
47	Just because it is "undeveloped" does not mean that ranchers who raise cattle for your burgers do not currently live south. No road south either. Not needed thru our property. We like it undeveloped!
48	Why don't we forget the road all together? Instead of taking these lands from their owners and creating more traffic in rural areas where they do not want it? We did not ask to live in the city, do not bring the city to us.
49	Why were the residents who live out here not notified of this road in writing before this online "virtual" meeting? Kept a secret so you could condemn our property and take it for this roadway, which is not needed through the rural area?
50	Escarpment & two Creeks & Flood Plain are bad area for bridge. 100% Oppose.

51	In lieu of the roundabout that would kill the Town Square of Howard Ranch, why not keep the light at 12 and 150 and continue 150 thru the undeveloped southern part of the cemetery? I fear a roundabout at such a major intersection is a recipe for accident
52	I live on Henly Loop and getting onto 290 is difficult and scary due to so much traffic already. Do these plans include traffic lights for the flow of traffic?
53	I live on Henly Loop, and getting out to 290 is both scary and difficult due to the amount of traffic we have already. Will traffic lights be added near here.
54	middle of our property
55	dry creek that floods
56	This road cuts thru the back of my propoerty, which is a working cattle ranch. this would cut off several acres that would no longer be of use for grazing of my cattle. This would reduce the number of cows I could run on my property.
57	This route would be running over an abandoned mine and also cut off grazing land for my cattle.
58	This route would cross Onion Creek or feeders in four locations leading to environmental concerns, with runoff and noise concerns as well.
59	This map placement crosses at least one bluff and has significant elevation change
60	I agree with others to move the corridor further south, utilizing existing roads, and preventing an additional creek crossing. The intersection of 12/150 already gets congested and the close proximity to Caliterra would have significant noise impacts.
61	Why not start the FM150 Extension closer to Ragsdale Ranch, and head west from there, as opposed to closer into Dripping?
62	Why is the proposal to utilize the existing FM150, which runs right through multiple neighborhoods the closer it gets to 12? It would make more sense to avoid the housing areas, cemetary, etc. and run 150 further south, by the green border to the south?
63	Caliterra is built to drain most of it's water here. During heavy rains this turns into a temporary creek and would not be passable if a road were to be built here. There is also a decent about of debris that is caught up in the "temporary creek".
64	A 4 lane road this close to homes is a huge disruption to quality of life. Noise. Lights from cars in the window as you try to sleep. Loss of privacy. Property value loss. If there has to be a cut through please don't place it this close to peoples' homes
65	The primary reason for a SW corridor is to remove unnecessary traffic from RR12@Hwy290. Providing SW residents E-W access also important.

66	Hwy 150 already exists to this point; no need to use resources to duplicate further south.
67	A roundabout here would keep traffic moving in all directions. Traffic IS coming...regardless whether we are prepared or not. We can lessen the negative impact on everyone if we are prepared.
68	This route makes sense because it begins where 150 ends, and a long property line reduces the impact on both property owners. A developer of the south tract will pay for the road.
69	An added N-S road here is advantageous because it may be too many years before the E-W portion can be extended to Hwy 165.
70	Using as much of Prochnow Rd as possible to reduce the timeline and cost of extending the bypass to Hwy165 is a good idea. Bringing the road through here somewhere to join with Prochnow Rd makes sense.
71	Bringing the road through here adds another problem intersection to RR 12 and Hwy 150, adding to traffic congestion rather than reducing it.
72	Prochnow Rd is not an option. It will not cost any less to use an existing road. Keep the traffic on 290. Don't ruin our livelihood
73	This new road extension will benefit only a handful of people (ie Semi trucks / large housing developers) while harming our way of life and depreciating our property values. This road cuts across one of the most beautiful areas around Dripping Springs.
74	How many people on the community advisory panel own property that this new roadway will adversely affect?
75	If FM50 is going to be a 4 land divided highway. Why does Darden Hill need to be a 4 lane divided highway. Looks like the most cost effective is to widen the existing road where it exists. It seems overkill to divide people's property or homes.
76	Do not create the road at all. Moving it further south only ruins the ranches that have existed for generations. Why do you insist taking away our land and bringing the noise and traffic to us? How to we graze our cattle if you take our land?
77	End this project now! For 6 generations we have lived here, raised your food and we want to continue to do so. Why do this to us? You only want the tax money from more development to chase us off our lands with higher taxes so you can build more, tax more
78	This is an environmental nightmare cutting through this undeveloped land. This will displace wildlife, increase traffic and noise pollution. End this project now and stop the land grab.
79	New route should be moved closer to 290 and not disturb this beautiful farmland. Why split this land even more.

80	Running this down Prochnow is not acceptable. We moved out here 15 years ago to get away from the traffic and city. Now you are trying to bring it to us?
81	Traffic on 290 from 4-5pm on weekdays is awful. Most of this traffic congestion has to do with the schools. This will not ease that school traffic. Routing a bypass near onion creek would destroy this beautiful area.
82	Most of us moved out here did so to get away from the crowded, busy cities. Please don't ruin our rural roads by putting a major thoroughfare on the roads that our children wait for the bus on.
83	Cutting through these ranches will effect their land value.
84	This road is going to tax our natural resources more than they already are. So much for living in the "hill country"!
85	Building more roads isn't going to fix the over development of Dripping Springs. Please look for other solutions that don't involve destroying more of our natural areas.
86	Now who's crazy idea was this? This will do nothing for the traffic congestion through town but use up natural resources and ruin farmland.
87	This proposed road extension through anyone's ranch is heartbreaking. Please improv
88	Please use existing roads.
89	Important watershed area feeding creek through Creek Road Ranch to Onion Crrek
90	Pollution through roadwork damaging to ecological environment of area. Opposed!
91	This will ruin the hill country. There is no reason to put a road here to save a few minutes from going through town. This will have an effect on the environment and livestock. Can you imagine all the garbage and run off on this beautiful land.
92	This will destroy the land. Why can't you leave the ranch land alone? This is such a selfish thing to do to the ranchers. This will ruin the beautiful drive that everyone enjoys.
93	This is horrible idea and very bad for the local environment. The sound levels from the road would be very high. Additionally I doubt whether this would have a significant ipact on traffic in dripping springs.
94	Josal Ranch at 415 Holder Lane is an historical ranch with sensitive ecological areas such as Lake Kanetzky, historical springs, and an active bird sanctuary. Opposed!
95	I do not support this. I have lived here for 55 years and do not want a 4 lane highway by my property. All you want to do is develop more land for more tax dollars. There has to be a better route. Why was no one in this area notified of this before now

96	This project is a terrible idea. It will only benefit developers and ruin the hill country. As for traffic work on widening 290.
97	Who is on th advisory board? How does this project impact them? How will this really help traffic when you end up back on a highway that has a red light every few miles? Besides most of DS traffic is school letting out.
98	I am a friend writing this for Loretta who doesn't have access to computers or smart phones. She is against this and is very upset since she has lived here all of her 84 years. That is another problem with this survey. The folks that have lived here most of their lives are unable to participate in this survey. My friend Loretta is opposed 100%.
99	After reading comments from other areas I am reminded why I lve my neighbors on Prochnow, we don't throw each other under the bus.
100	This project has absolutely no value to people living in this community! The only benefit is to bankers and developers. Please all neighborhoods join together to stop this project.
101	Has the advisory board ever seen the places they are willing to plow under just for the sake of a few more tax dollars. I worked on this ranch and have been friends with the owner for over 30 years. This is a sad time for the oldtimers.
102	To put this loop on prochnow is not a good idea. It would save no money, disrupt hundreds of families homes ,and not alleviate the supposed benefits of the by pass
103	The integrity of prochnow should be maintained. The by pass would violate the arson many people moved to this area for the sake of a few developers who want to make money while destroying the fragile ecosystem of the hill country
104	Very disappointing that this proposal will ruin wildlife habitats property and way of life. I hope other alternatives are looked into. The proposed road will not
105	Decrease the traffic on 290.
106	This area is farms and ranchers. The growth of the area has already stressed the livestock with noise and light pollution. This area is also a natural eco-tourist area meaning people come here to the b&b's and such to get away from the traffic.
107	The problem is not traffic going from 150 to 165, the problem is traffic from the schools to RR12. The bypass needs to be NORTH of DS where the growth is, NOT south where there are farms and ranches. This is unnecessary and will help no one.
108	The farms and ranches in this area depend on the quiet, dark peaceful nature to raise the livestock. This road will destroy that. This road will also destroy the water table which so many of us rely on (wells). This is a lose lose proposal for everyone

109	onion creek is a major supply of our drinking water. This road extension will endanger the farms and ranches drinking water supply.
110	The problem is from the schools to RR12. Its NOT people trying to go around DS. Dripping springs needs to make additional roads NORTH and within DS, not pushing the problem more south. If you want growth take the responsibility yourself !
111	No one is trying to go from 150 to 165. The traffic is from the schools to RR12. The extra road needs to be IN dripping springs or NORTH of DS, and not south. This proposal does nothing but destroy farms, ranches, and nature tourism.
112	We do not want this loop or need this loop. This is only to help people who want to buy up peoples land and build houses only for their personal gain. This is only about money.
113	This loop is not needed. Keep it in Austin.
114	Why is this needed? Can you not look at another area to take over?
115	This project is one step closer to taking Dripping from The Gateway to the Hill Country to yet another suburb of Austin. To sieze & turn arable land held & worked for generations into an agricultural & wildlife death zone is a travesty.
116	Expanding Prochnow Rd. like this crushes them. Rd. and significantly increasing traffic upon it is a monumentally bad idea. People have bought property and live out there for the natural peace. You ruin their life-style, crush their
117	Opposed to environmental impacts on onion creek
118	Opposed due to environmental impact
119	The extension and expansion of holder lane is not cost effective. The terrain is prone to high flooding and sheer cliff in that area. That part of onion creek is a aquifer recharge zone.

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