

# Appendix A

## Meeting Notifications

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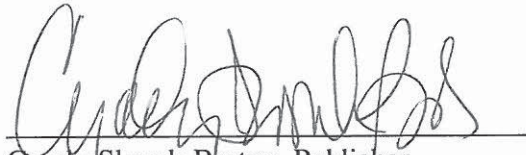
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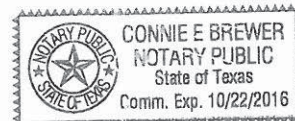
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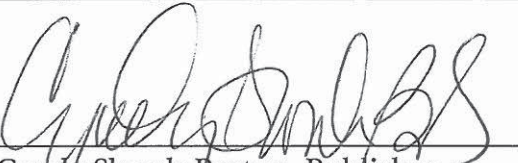
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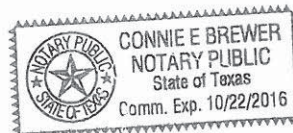
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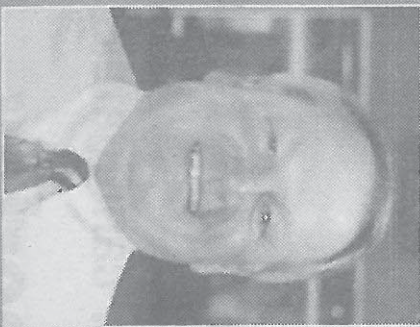
  
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### Employment

#### DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK MAINTENANCE POSITION

The City of Dripping Springs is accepting applications for a full-time Dripping Springs Ranch Park Maintenance position. For a complete job description and application visit [www.cityofdripping-springs.com](http://www.cityofdripping-springs.com). To submit a resume and application, email [ldickinson@cityofdripping-springs.com](mailto:ldickinson@cityofdripping-springs.com), mail to PO Box 384, Dripping Springs, TX 78620 or deliver to City Hall. For more information call Dripping Springs Ranch Park Manager Lynne Dickin-son at 512-858-4725.

#### RECEPTIONIST NEEDED

Stanberry & Associates Realtors is looking to fill our weekend Receptionist position in our Dripping Springs office. Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and possible other hours if available. Start date as soon as possible. Customer service friendly individual whose primary role will be answering phones, greeting clients & helping agents. Email resume to [dripping-springs@stanberry.com](mailto:dripping-springs@stanberry.com)

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The City of Dripping Springs is administratively considering approval of a site development plan for VMCA at 27216 Ranch Rd. 12 for the construction of new swimming pools, bath house and lobby with associated parking. This site plan is scheduled to be administratively approved on October 15, 2015 after the review of the plan and allowing time for consideration of public comments. The project is available for public viewing at Dripping Springs City Hall.

#### RFP 15-011 WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICES

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### LEGAL NOTICE



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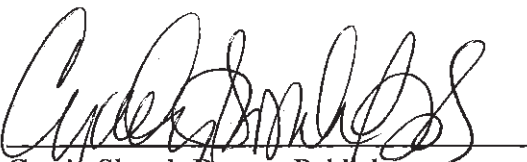
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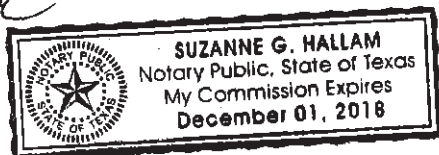
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of NATIVIDAD LIRA ACOSTA, Deceased, were issued on October 12, 2015, in Docket No. 15-0235-P, pending in the County Court at Law of Hays County, Texas, to: JOSEFINA ACOSTA VASQUEZ.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is in Houston, Harris County, Texas. Address claims in care of the representative, JOSEFINA ACOSTA VASQUEZ, Independent Executrix. The post office address to which claims may be presented, is: c/o JOSEFINA ACOSTA VASQUEZ, Independent Executrix, 2380 S. MacGregor Way #452 Houston, Texas 77021

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Address claims in care

By: /s/ Vincent J. Scanio, Jr. 144 E. San Antonio Street San Marcos, Texas 78666

Tel: (512) 396-2016 Fax: (512) 353-2984 E-Mail: scanios@centurylink.net State Bar No. 17702500 Attorneys for Josefina Acosta Vasquez

### NO. 15-0272-P

ESTATE OF NORMA JEAN HOLT, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW IN AND FOR HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Norma Jean Holt, Deceased, were issued on October 7, 2015, under Docket No. 15-0272-P, pending in the County Court at Law of Hays County, Texas, to Kira Janene Holt.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as

follows:

Representative, Estate of Norma Jean Holt, Deceased c/o John H. Gilliam John H. Gilliam Law Office 302 W. Martin Luther King Dr. San Marcos, Texas 78666

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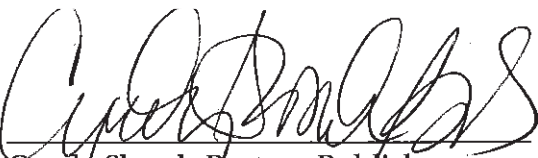
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2-10 p.m., 10 a.m.-6 p.m., full-time position.  
Contact Diane Burke 830-868-4093. 206 Contact Sophie 830-833-4567.  
Hailey Road, Johnson City, 78636.

## Public Notices



### Hamilton Pool Road Safety Improvement Project PUBLIC MEETING

Travis County is hosting a public meeting to share project information and collect input for the Hamilton Pool Rd Safety Improvement Project (from RR12 to the Pedernales River).

Contact: (512) 533-9100 ext. 12

traviscountytx.gov/hr/public-works/roads/HamiltonPoolRoad

HPR-Safety/Improvements@traviscountytx.gov

#### Meeting Details:

Thursday, October 29, 2015

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Open House Format

#### Meeting Location:

Westcave Preserve Discovery Center

24814 Hamilton Pool Road

Round Mountain, TX 78663

(Just west of Pedernales River)

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## Notice

The Onion Creek Coalition needs you to attend!

Dripping Springs  
City Council Open House

October 22 at 5:00 PM

Dripping Springs Park Event Center  
1042 East Cattle Dr.  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Let the city know you do not want wastewater discharged into Onion Creek!

### News-Dispatch

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The City of Dripping Springs is administratively considering approval of the proposed final plat and construction plans for Calterra Phase 1 Section 5, located northwest of the intersection of Ranch Road 12 and FM 150. This section includes a 38.7 acre open space/drainage/water quality lot with a treated effluent holding pond and the extension of Calterra Parkway across Onion Creek. This subdivision is scheduled to be administratively approved on November 5, 2015, after the review of the plan and allowing time for consideration of public comments. The project is available for public viewing at Dripping Springs City Hall, 511 Mercer Street. Comments regarding the proposed final plat and construction plans may be emailed to [lw@hnppl@cityofdripping.com](mailto:lw@hnppl@cityofdripping.com) or mailed to PO Box 384, Dripping Springs, TX 78620.

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#### Notice

#### FM 150

#### Character Plan

October 22 at 6:00 PM

Thurman's Mansion

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The Driftwood Historical Conservation Society wants you to attend to submit public comments on the FM 150 Character Plan

If you cannot attend, please submit your comments to [hnppl@improvefm150.com/](http://hnppl@improvefm150.com/)

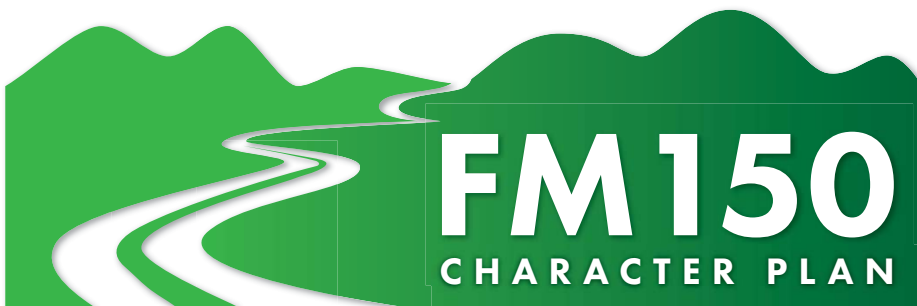
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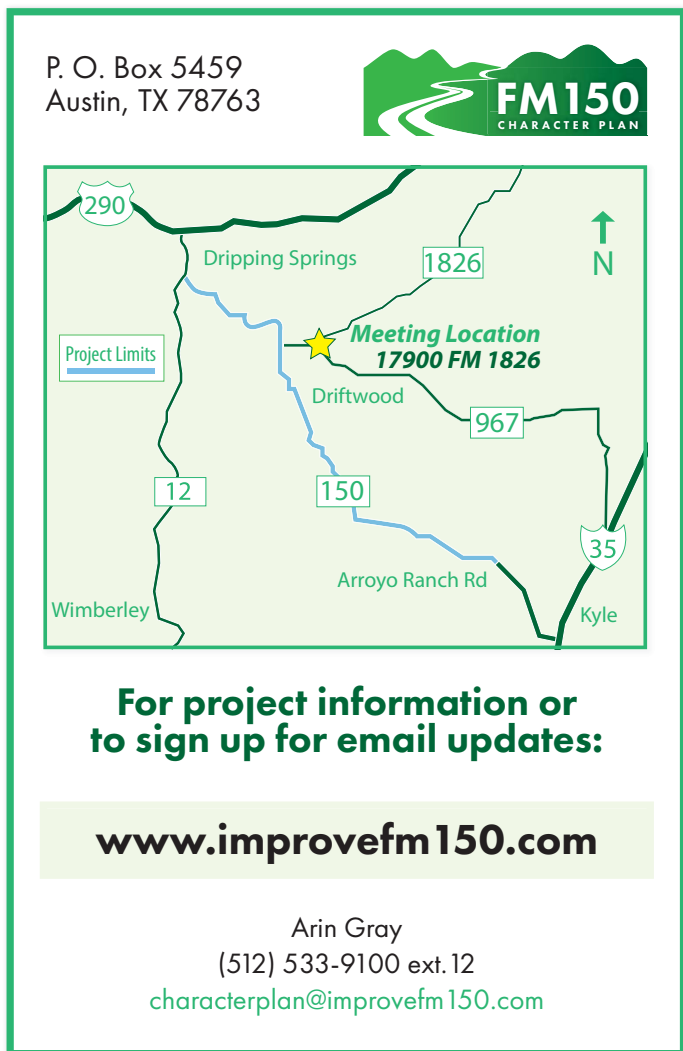
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***[characterplan@improvefm150.com](mailto:characterplan@improvefm150.com)***



# Appendix B

## Meeting Exhibits and Materials



# PUBLIC MEETING OCTOBER 22, 2015

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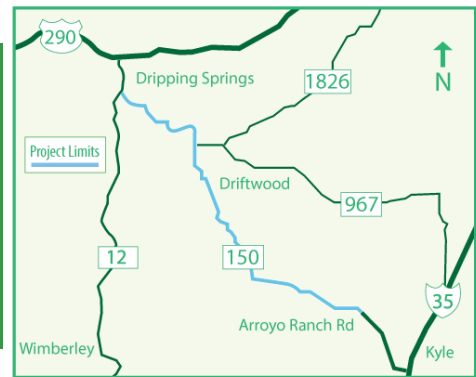
Thank you for being here tonight and for taking the time to get involved in this project. Hays County has so many great characteristics, but one of the most unique is the citizens and the effort you put forward to make this County and community a great place to live. The County values your comments and questions and will continue to integrate them into the Character Plan for FM 150. By working closely together, we will be able to develop solutions that serve the needs of our growing county while preserving the character.

Hays County Commissioners

*Will Conley, Precinct 3 & Ray Whisenant, Precinct 4*

## FM 150 CHARACTER PLAN

The Plan will address FM 150 capacity and safety needs from Arroyo Ranch Road in Kyle to RR 12 in Dripping Springs. The County is developing a context sensitive plan for this area now while there is flexibility to address community needs and preferences in accommodating future traffic growth.



## AGENDA

- 6:00 to 6:15 ..... Sign In
- 6:15 to 7:15 ..... Presentation
- 7:15 to 8:00 ..... Open House

We encourage you to visit one-on-one with project team members to ask questions and share your input. Please be sure to share your comments and questions with team members and via comment card or email. All comments and questions submitted by comment card or email will be documented in the meeting report.





## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement has been and will continue to be an integral and fundamental part of this process. The County will continue to hold public meetings, send email updates, meet with interested community members, and collect input and questions from the community. This is the third public meeting for the FM 150 Character Plan.

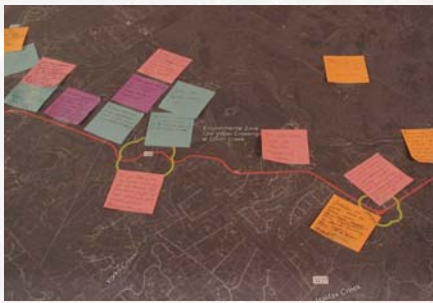
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October 2014 – 129 Attendees

March 2015 – 95 Attendees



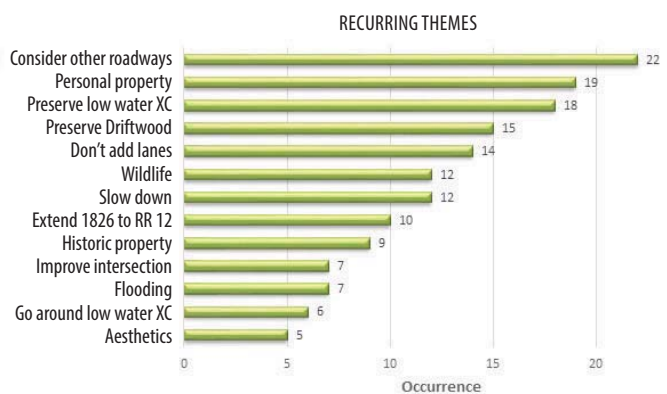
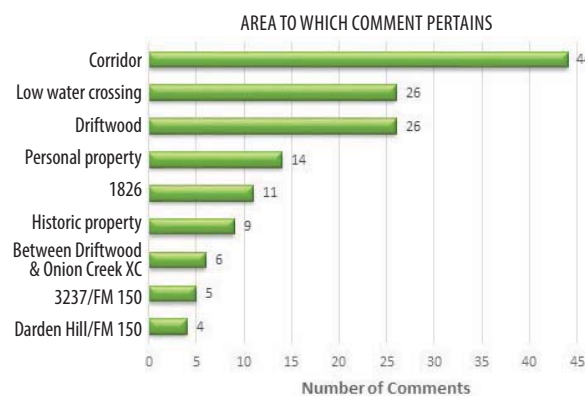
Informational meeting held to share project information and process



Workshop held with mapping exercise to collect input on the corridor



From 178 mapped comments and an additional 35 comments collected, the County and the project team got a good idea of what the community values along the FM 150 Corridor. Below is a summary of the received comments, and the full meeting report is posted on the project website.



**WE ARE HERE**

**PHASE 1**

CORRIDOR FEATURES & THEMES

**PHASE 2**

NATURE & CHARACTER PLAN

**PHASE 3**

CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN

**FM150  
CHARACTER PLAN**

**PRE-PLANNING**

## CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL

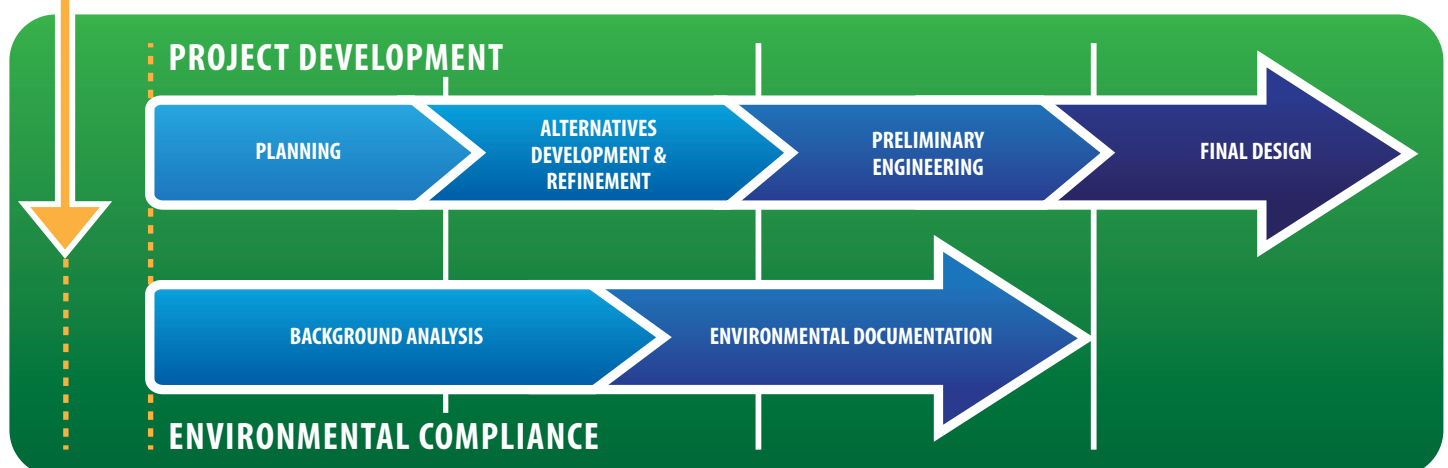
A Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP) of 11 local stakeholders has been working alongside the County and project team to help define the project and public process. The CAP has met 10 times and shared valuable input for the project.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Shared valuable input on the area, driving patterns, unique characteristics, and environmental considerations
- Worked with the project team to identify context zones along the corridor
- CAP member developed a video flyover of the project to share input and historical details
- Served as a sounding board to improve the presentation of materials in public meetings
- Helped inform the community of the project and opportunities to participate
- Developed a Driftwood Heritage Corridor concept to identify and preserve the Driftwood character which evolved into two different bypass concepts



WE ARE HERE





## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Why is the County studying FM 150?

FM 150 was identified in the Hays County Transportation Plan as a roadway that would at some point in the future need upgrades to handle the equivalent of 4 lanes of traffic due to growth projections. The County is developing a plan NOW for how to incrementally improve the roadway over time, allowing proactive, rather than reactive decisions to be made.

### What are growth projections and where will growth occur?

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, or CAMPO, predicts that the population of Hays County will nearly quadruple over the next 25 years. Much of the growth is expected to occur near cities along I35, but the entire county will see a large population increase as employment, education, and recreation opportunities continue to develop. The roadway system will have to expand to accommodate traffic associated with growth.

### Will FM 150 look like Highway 290?

The whole point of this process is to avoid a road that looks like 290! Hays County is engaging stakeholders in a comprehensive way well in advance of traditional roadway design projects. In addition, the context sensitive approach being used does not force fit a typical highway section to the corridor. Rather, it considers customized corridor concepts to match project needs.

### What will the road look like?

That is the question this process will answer and we will not know until the process is complete. The road may not look the same in different communities as it is adapted to the different contexts along the corridor. The County is collecting technical information and community input. By putting these two together, a context sensitive plan for how the road could be modified will be developed in conjunction with extensive community input and discussions.

### Will the road be 4 lanes and why do you need 150 feet of right-of-way?

This process and the resulting plan for moving forward assumes that FM 150 will eventually carry the equivalent of 4 lanes of traffic. The way 4 lanes actually lays out can vary. Some concepts include expanding the existing alignment while some include providing 2 lanes in a new alignment. The project team will continue working with community members on preferences in different areas such as incorporating a parkway feel with an emphasis on landscaping that requires more right-of-way or supporting a simpler layout with two lanes in each direction all on one section of pavement. Various options would require different amounts of right-of-way, as some would need more or less than 150 feet.

### Is it too late to give my input?

No! This is the beginning phase for developing a plan for FM 150. Hays County and the project team will continue to work closely with the community throughout the Character Plan and beyond.

## COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Need time to think? – Please email or mail comments and questions to the project team.

While comments and questions are accepted at any time, they must be received by **November 6, 2015**, to be included in the public meeting report.

### For Project Information:

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Public Information Consultant  
512-533-9100 Ext. 12

[characterplan@improvefm150.com](mailto:characterplan@improvefm150.com)

FM 150 Character Plan  
PO Box 5459  
Austin, TX 78763

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# HAYS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

*The County adopted the HCTP in January 2013 to identify current and future transportation needs and how to best address them.*

## GOALS OF THE PLAN:

- Provide overall project and policy direction to guide transportation
- Maintain and improves mobility throughout the County
- Preserve right-of-way needed for future transportation projects

## INTENDED OUTCOMES:

- Rather than building new roads, work to enhance existing roadways
- Protect the character of the County
- Plan to address projected growth proactively

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS:

The County worked closely with citizens to develop the HCTP which included a Citizens Advisory Group of 15, a Technical Advisory Group with 25 members, and many public outreach activities.

### Public Participation Highlights

**6** public meetings

**328** completed surveys

**430** written comments

**642** contacts were updated on process and plan





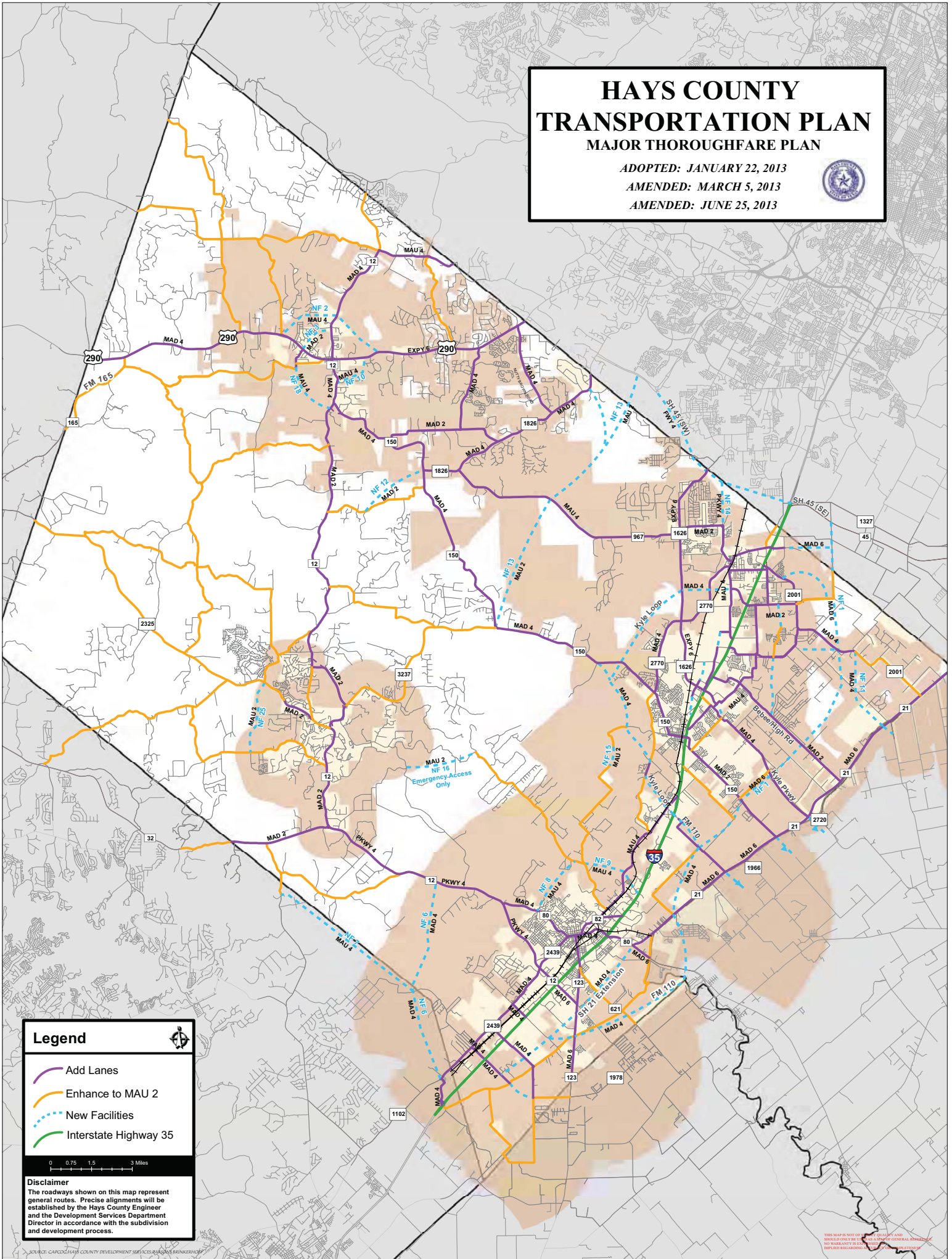
# HAYS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

## MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PLAN

ADOPTED: JANUARY 22, 2013

AMENDED: MARCH 5, 2013

AMENDED: JUNE 25, 2013



### Legend



- Add Lanes
- Enhance to MAU 2
- - - New Facilities
- Interstate Highway 35

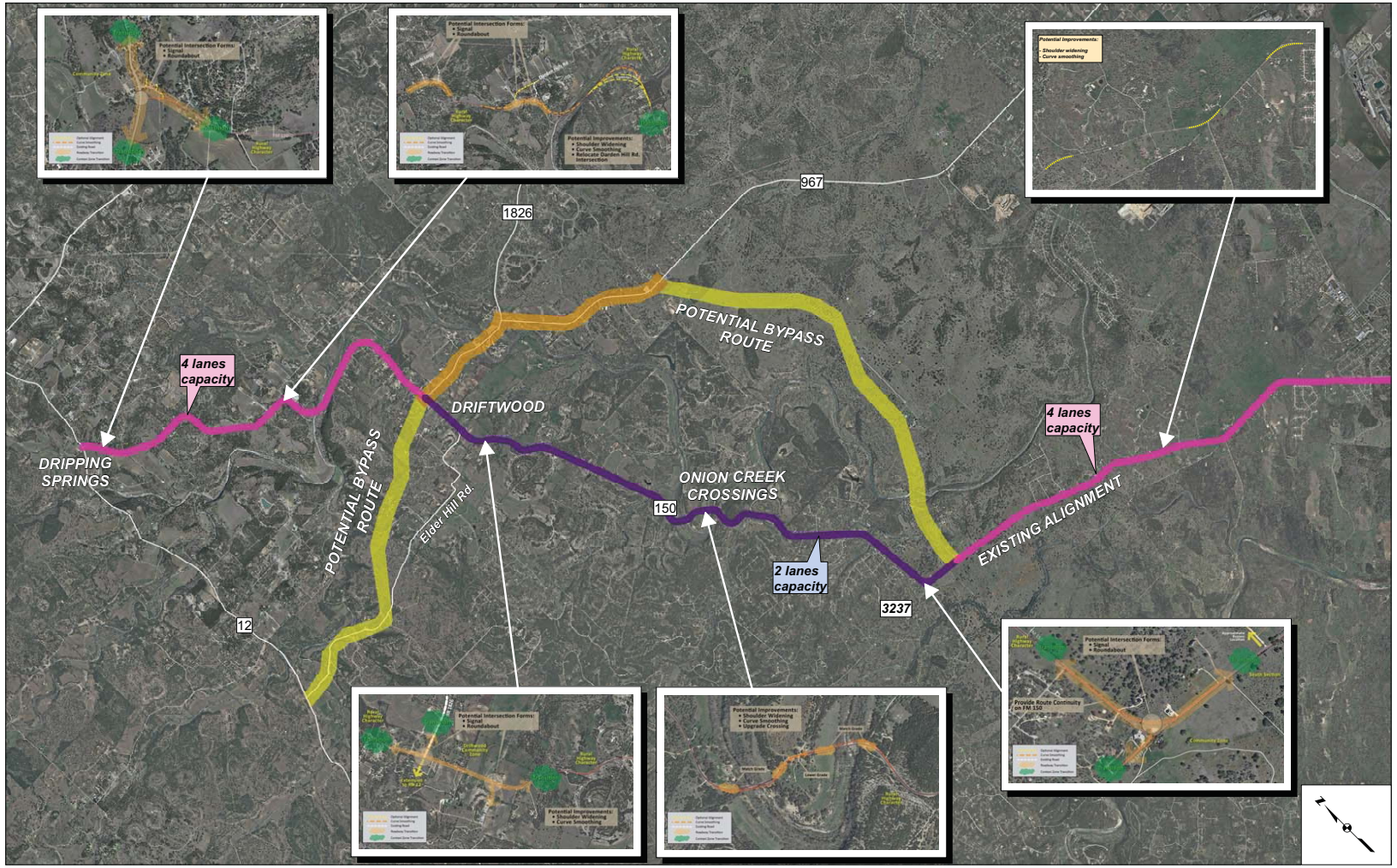
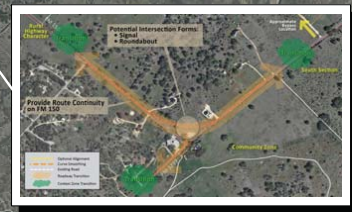
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### Disclaimer

The roadways shown on this map represent general routes. Precise alignments will be established by the Hays County Engineer and the Development Services Department Director in accordance with the subdivision and development process.

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# PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

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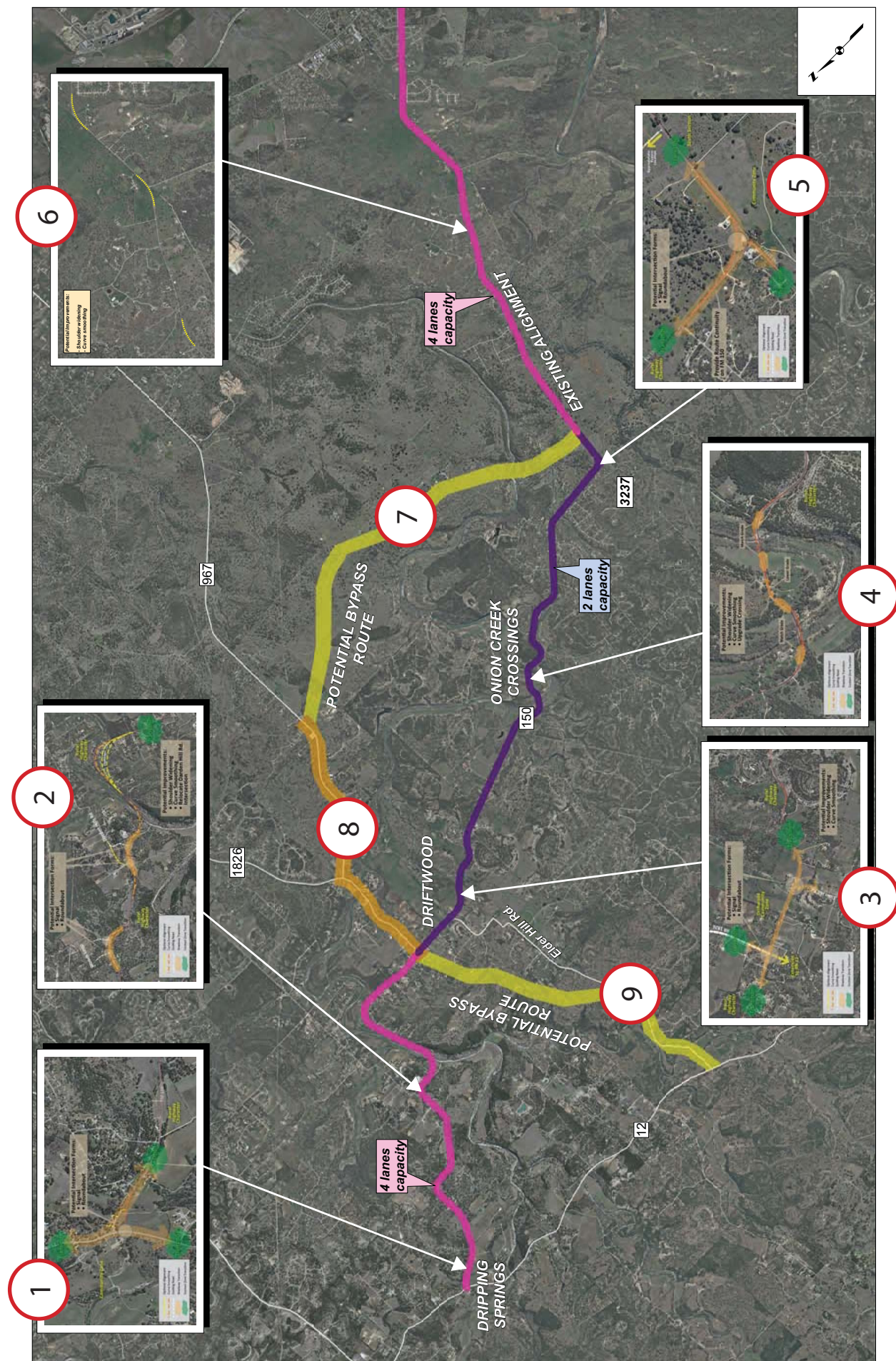
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[www.improvefm150.com/nature-character-study/](http://www.improvefm150.com/nature-character-study/)





# Appendix C

## Public Comments

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Allison Allen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 07, 2015 11:32 AM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** comments on Phase I Process  
**Attachments:** Letter input for 150 Character Plan.docx

Thank you for your consideration.

Allison Allen

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Allison Allen | Realtor® | [REDACTED]



We appreciate the hard work and resources that have gone in to the Phase I process so far. It is important to be ahead of the growth curve. And we appreciate that our community has the opportunity to weigh in on solutions for current and future transportation needs in the Driftwood area.

We feel however, that much more time and thoughtful consideration needs to be given to any proposals concerning north FM 150/Elder Hill Rd/1826 before solutions, if any are needed, can be included in Phase I of this process.

Driftwood's character is one of a spread out, rural ranching community whose residents live there because of its tranquility and abundance of scenic beauty. Its development has slowly and organically unfolded in harmony with its character. Those qualities lie at the heart of its value.

It is not a Dripping Springs which sits at the intersection of two major roadways, nor a Wimberley whose center is much more densely developed. It is not an area where 2500 rooftops, one to a fifth of an acre lot, are on the drawing board. That is not who we are.

So, in our view, any talk at this point of 4 lane roadways and highway extensions running right through the heart of the area are extremely premature and have not been examined closely enough to include any kind of solutions in Phase I. There are many many improvements that could be rolled out that would make use of existing roadways to handle future transportation needs in the western part of Hays County. Other parts of the county, the eastern part especially, are in much more dire need for dramatic solutions than 150/Elder Hill/1826.

In short, the necessity for severely diminishing Driftwood's unique natural beauty and scenic value to make an easier commute in to Austin for people further west has not been even close to proven up in our estimation.

We respectfully request that more time be given to the Phase I process if any changes or extensions to 150/Elder Hill Rd/1826 extension are to be included in it.

Thank you for your consideration.

David Puryear and Allison Allen

[REDACTED]

Driftwood, Texas 78659

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** J Reiss [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 07, 2015 9:39 AM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM150 Character Plan Feedback

My name is Jim Reiss and I own property at [REDACTED] Driftwood, TX 78619. We are new to the area, having made an initial investment in our property in La Ventana, with plans to make other land acquisitions in the immediate area. I offer the following feedback to what I have seen thus far:

1. The plans, as I saw them represented, seem very well conceived given their supposed early stage. The plans where 150 are concerned seem very straight-forward.
2. You are facing an ENORMOUS amount of resistance based on the way the open forum was handled at the Mansion at the recent meeting. Whatever your perception of the resistance, its probably 3-4x that. People are aligning and mounting to fight this prima facia even though obviously the plan, at least part of it, has real merit. To that end I think its important the Commissioners get out in the area and break the affected population down into meetings where people can be heard. The notion that people have to email and write has a wholesale dismissive about it that is going to wind up having various people lawyer-up, and that costs me as a Hays County taxpayer more money. If the taxpayers have to fund the County to fight our own landowners for this to happen, people are going to revolt against County government on more levels than just the FM150 plan.
3. The County needs to bring something other than a road expansion project to the Driftwood Community. If you want people to support this, put something on the table...an investment in enhancing Driftwood for the County. We don't consider a more efficient flow intriguing an enhancement: Better roads through here help those passing through, but doesn't immediately help those who are already able to get everything they need and want from the existing highway infrastructure. Whether it be a park or recreation area, or some other County funded investment, we want to see Hays County leverage Driftwood for the benefits of its citizens. As it stands, it looks like you are just trying to grow the highway system to help people more quickly get between Wimberley, Austin and Dripping Springs.
4. To the point regarding the portion of the plan that might affect expansion or bypassing of Elder Hill Road, this looks like an absolute waste of Hays County taxpayer money to me. I have not seen the traffic counts but I have driven these roads daily for nearly 6 months as we have scouted out property and more recently having traveled the roads living here. If the county really has the fiscal ability to fund development of either a bypass or improvement of Elder Hill, then either the county is overtaxing its citizens that it would have such surplus funding or the county is reaching to find speculative projects by with which to drive a future bond proposition. Or maybe both We have not lived here long but I could easily provide you with a list of places that money would be better spent to improve the road conditions in the county.

We have lived in the DFW and Houston suburbs since 1996 and have seen enormous suburban growth, including a number of similar highway expansion projects. Again, while the current draft FM150 plan does have some merit, it appears to be highly speculative to me when I compare the gravity of the construction to the rural state of the area. I do recognize that growth is coming to the area. Having lived in markets where the highway system did not keep up with the population growth I for one am not a big fan of highway congestion, especially given that we have to drive into Austin every day to work. But this highway proposal seems to overreach that growth by many years.

Some modest modifications to FM 150 and some even minor modifications to Elder Hill Road are a far better investment proposal for the taxpayers and landowners than what I've seen in the FM150 character development plan. To that end we do not support the plan as structured. Again, a more tactical level of face to face planning between the County and the affected citizens will be needed to gain support.

Respectfully,

Jim and Tammy Reiss



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Steve Gremillion <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 07, 2015 9:03 AM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com

I moved to Driftwood on Elderhill Rd 35 years ago. My two children were raised here and went to school in Hays County. Some times they would get off the school bus at the Driftwood store ,do their home work and wait for one of us to pick them up.. It was a store , post office ,place to meet to catch up on town news .The plans to by pass the store and Church would be great for us that don,t own land in it,s way. The plan to straiten Elder hill road would ruin it.The plan to widen 150 is completely a waste of money. The cost of these would pay for more law enforcement to get people to follow the rules and we would still have a nice place to live . Steve Gremillion P.S. Lets find other options [REDACTED]

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** flora68 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 11:56 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 West Character Plan

To Whom it May Concern:

We first moved to [REDACTED] Driftwood in early 1991, but at that point it was still called "Route 1, Box 9A".

Naturally, *many* things have changed since then, but WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE 150 EXPANDED. Driftwood has a unique, quiet, village-like quality, and carving a big highway through it so even MORE large trucks and traffic can barrel through would RUIN it. *Please don't do it!*

Thank you.

Cathey Thomas  
Joel Thomas-Shaw



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Denton Ragland [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 11:43 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** info@driftwoodhcs.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comments

Driftwood is more than a location on a road map. It is a community with a rich heritage. It represents some of the best in Texas culture and is what makes Texas, well Texas. It has been described by noted author Minnie Lea Rogers in her book "Driftwood Heritage, The History of Driftwood, Texas" as a lovely community established in the middle nineteenth century by God-fearing men and women who by precept and example passed their lofty ideals on to the present generation. For over 150 years it has been a gathering place for generations of rural Texans who embody the essence of what makes the Hill Country the special place that it is. The church, cemetery, community center, and the general store are the iconic symbols of this area where generations of Texans have lived and learned great life lessons about living in community and being good neighbors. It is where, "the Good Lord willing and the creek don't rise", people living in the community and along the FM 150 corridor and Elder Hill Road show up to worship, celebrate, and help each other. This sense of Driftwood as a community is not a by-gone era. It remains a viable community, with monthly gatherings at the Community Center, an active cemetery association, and commercial enterprise. It is a growing area where the rich heritage of the community and the scenic beauty of the land are cherished by both individuals and commerce. The challenge for the current generation of civic leaders and elected officials is to find the way to be good stewards of the rich heritage that belongs to Driftwood. Now is the time for our leaders define Hays County progress as balancing public needs in the way that respects and preserves the nature and character of a special community that embodies some of the best of what the Texas Hill Country has to offer to all for generations to come. Preserving the heritage of Driftwood is to preserve the rich heritage and culture of our great state. I appreciate that our County Commissioners have shown an interest in accomplishing these ends and urge them to continue those efforts, confident that the goal can be reached.

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Denton Ragland  
[REDACTED]



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 10:27 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com

Please preserve our history.f 'm 150 shouldn't be more important than the elder hill , f'm 150 area and history.  
Driftwood matters

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## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Polo Valdes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 9:26 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Don't touch Elder Hill Rd! Leave Driftwood alone.

Do not touch Elder Hill Road. Do not build more roads or, in the alternative, do not "fix" Elder Hill Road. It is perfect as it is. It is a piece of heaven in the Hill Country. Do not let it become victim to the sprawl that is encroaching all around us. Even New York City has Central Park.

Sincerely,

A very concerned resident of Hays County and owner of property on Elder Hill,  
Polo Valdes

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Greg Spence [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 6:24 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** 1826 expansion

I oppose the extension. Driftwood is a unique Texas area and should not be turned into a cluster of subdivisions. Improvements should be made to Elder Hill Road instead

J. Gregory Spence  
Attorney At Law  
[REDACTED]  
Bellaire, Texas 77401  
[REDACTED]





## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Erin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 8:47 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Elder hill rd

Lets keep the peaceful beautiful hill country with its wildflowers and curvy roads. Please no large highways on elder hill road!!

Sincerely,  
A Texan  
Erin Marshall md

Sent from my iPhone

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Shelby and Nica Eckols [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 5:45 PM  
**To:** Mike Pruitt  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Petition

I thought I had signed the petition but do not see my name on it. I want to go on record to confirm that I will not sell and am not in favor of any extension. Thank you.

Nica Eckols

Landowner and resident of Driftwood and voter

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 6, 2015, at 4:34 PM, Mike Pruitt <[mpruitt@swbell.net](mailto:mpruitt@swbell.net)> wrote:

Please see the attached Petition with 322 Signatures and 128 Comments submitted in connection with the FM 150 Study. Thank you.

J. Michael Pruitt

[REDACTED]  
Driftwood, TX 78619  
[REDACTED]

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## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Jacob Burnett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 5:38 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Driftwood Road System

To whom it may concern,

I strongly believe any expansion to Elder Hill Rd would not properly support current or future needs for travel systems through this area.

We are at 25% road capacity now and should not expect a four fold increase in residents or travelers in our lifetime. Ranch Rd 12 or others seem the most viable and logical options for us and the next generations.

Thank you for considering my opinion,

Jacob Burnett



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 3:17 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Driftwood, Texas preservation

In the last 2 or 3 months I have attended 2 meetings with county commissioners and consultants and 2 other meetings with concerned citizens that met separately from elected officials. I have also talked to numerous neighbors. I have also donated money to help with the Driftwood citizens group that is working together to submit informed on road issues. I ask that you continue to get input on the roads. I ask that you not try to straighten the curves on Elder Hill Road. I ask that you not create a new road at the T of 1826 and 150. All of the information I have read and heard about make me believe that these changes are not necessary. New Driftwood roads or so called enhancements would not alleviate traffic forecast for the future Hays County traffic issues> Please make hwy 290 bigger or FM 12 bigger or the north end of 1826 bigger or make the roads bigger near the new school on Darden Hill.

Thank you,  
Dale Burnett

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Jonathan Janek [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 5:25 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

Please do not add lanes to existing FM150 from RR12 to Hays City. Need to preserve the existing low water crossings.

Also, please do not alter Elder Hill Road.

Need to maintain the rural character offered by these roads by leaving as is and not encouraging more cars by widening, changing alignment, or making too many improvements to the existing pavement surface. Making changes to any of these three items will invariably lead to high speed accidents and the need for more law enforcement which we all know is futile.

Thank you.

Jonathan Janek

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Janice Daneman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 5:24 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Comments

You have done an excellent job of putting the materials and presentation together. I understand the concern over future growth in Hays County and the impact future growth would have on the roadways.

As we all recognize, people move to the Texas Hill Country for many reasons. The top three in my mind, for the nature and beauty, job, or get away from city congestion and way of life.

I moved to Hays County for the beauty, nature and get away for city congestion. I love the country roads and also that they have curves.

Here is my input for handling future growth and FM150 and 1826:

1. Place a 25 year moratorium on building future housing developments. This would definitely limit the number of people able to live in Hays County. Now certain areas could have this limit while towns such as Buda, Kyle and San Marcos could grow up but not out. this would negate the need to expand FR 150 to four lanes.

2. I see the need to keep the current roads operational during moderate rains/semi-high water over the low water crossings. For example, the low water crossing on 170 just east of RR 12 could have small bridge to raise the road level. This would allow for the water to pass under the road during moderate rains. Access to the 2 low water crossings on FM150, do need to be preserved. I love this part of the road where it gets hilly (reminds me of mountainous roads in Colorado) and I would like for the road to still be in the steeper part of the hills. I remember the concept of moving the road slightly to northeast (?) that might be an option to keep the road operational during moderate rains. But being able to get to the creek is very important. People like to explore or sit with their feet in the water. It adds value to peoples' lives.

3. I am against widening any part of FR150 to four lanes. I do see where some of the shoulders could be widened for safety. I would not be opposed to adding a left hand turn lane at 1826 and 150 for south bound traffic. And there is one other road between 1826 and Dripping Springs that could use a left hand turn lane. I do not know the name of it. This would make the current roadway safer.

4. Elder Hill Road By Pass- Because private land would have to be acquired and therefore, split someones current land into, I am opposed to this. People buy the land for a reason and having a public road constructed through it is not one of those reasons. Why would a land owner want to deal with traffic on both sides of their land? If this does in fact end up happening, I am opposed to hooking it into Elder Hill Road. The part of Elder Hill Road that is my most favorite is just east of RR12 up to the first housing development on the right and before it goes up the hill. The tree canopy on this section is magnificent. I use Elder Hill Road going to and from work every day. It starts my day off well and ends it well. It brings peace to my life.

5. Driftwood- Yes, I agree it needs to be preserved. In my opinion the only thing that will truly slow traffic down would be speed bumps. I am not in favor of speed bumps. A left turn lane onto Elder Hill Road would make it safer. I am opposed to a round-about and any traffic signals. I do like the idea of signage, be it overhead arch or Welcome to Driftwood monument signage, would be nice. A way of setting the tone for the type of community Driftwood is and what it represents.

I do think there is a perception of 'railroading' the citizens of Hays County into your Concepts and that this is going to happen with or without the citizens approval. I liken it to "Let's just wear them down little by



little. Let's spoon feed them." Most of us are too intelligent for that and can see through your current approach.

Thank for allowing input and I hope you listen to all of us.

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Janice Daneman

Woodcreek



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Donna Lee Burns [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 5:06 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Comments on FM 150 Character Plan

Thank you, Commissioners Conley and Whisenant, for taking time to meet with the community about this project. I am pleased that options being considered ruled out making FM 150 4 lanes all the way through beautiful Driftwood. I don't think sidewalks in the community's center (area near FM 150 at Elder Hill RD) would be in keeping with the character of Driftwood. It is the center of the community, but its character is rural; sidewalks would not be appropriate. Large shoulders on the road in this area also would be inappropriate and would ruin the beauty and rural character that is the essence of Driftwood. We must protect this area, please!

Traffic to the schools that will be built in the future should be directed onto the roads where the schools will be located rather than increasing traffic capacity (meaning more and larger roads) on other roads not near the schools. Peak school-related traffic will be very near the school locations, not the surrounding areas.

The phase 1 process should not be rushed, and we need more time to look at and create other options for FM 150 North and Elder Hill Road.

I sensed a growing need of stakeholders to have the opportunity to make comments and ask questions in person to the county and state representatives at the Character Plan meetings. I understand that this would take more time than was originally expected, but e-mailed and written only comments do not seem to satisfy the need to have meaningful input for all people.

Thank you,  
Donna Burns  
Driftwood, Texas

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Mike Pruitt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 4:34 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com; info@improvefm150.com  
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J. Michael Pruitt

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Petitioning Commissioner Will Conley and 4 others

# We will not sell our property for an unnecessary and unwanted road expansion

 **Mike Pruitt** Driftwood, TX

Hays County has commissioned a study of the road network around Driftwood, specifically a "character plan" of the FM 150 west corridor ([www.improveFM150.com](http://www.improveFM150.com)). In connection with this study, there have been discussions regarding an extension of FM 1826 beyond FM 150 and a reworking of Elder Hill Road. As part of the character plan, the county has invited area residents to share their suggestions and concerns. We are concerned that an expansion of the roadways will bring an increased amount of traffic zipping through but not stopping to appreciate the small town charm and natural beauty of the area. We are also concerned that expanded roadways may alter or destroy the essence and character of the Driftwood area. We are not trying to fight the inevitable growth of the region, but rather ensuring that these "improvements" do not harm the history and nature of our community.

We are thankful to Hays County for planning for the future and including citizen input on these plans. However, traffic studies indicate this is not an area of high growth. We need to take our time and thoroughly examine other routes. By signing this petition we are letting our county commissioners know that although the region is thriving, it is also important to conserve the details that make our area special. Therefore we will not be voluntarily selling our property for a road that is unnecessary and unwanted.


Thanks for your support!

Mike and Lisa Pruitt  
Alma, Gordon, and Ellen King  
Jim and Nancy Marroquin  
Gary Keller


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Shelby Eckols	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/14/2015
Annice Cook	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/14/2015
Pitts Wes	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/14/2015
Ellen King	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/14/2015
Karen Conrado	Austin	Texas	78749	10/14/2015
Sherman Eckols	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/14/2015
charlotte donoso	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/14/2015
Colby Eckols	Austin	Texas	78749	10/14/2015
Jonathan Janek	Austin	Texas	78736	10/14/2015
Alma King	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/14/2015
Kasey Mock	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/14/2015
Kindal Baker	Dripping SPings	Texas	78620	10/14/2015
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Pat Schiber	DRIFTWOOD	Texas	78619	10/14/2015
Alyson blake wilson	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/14/2015
Becki Smith	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/14/2015
Irene Biggins	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/14/2015
Lynn Fichtner	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/14/2015
Laura Tansey	Drifwood	Texas	78619	10/14/2015
Alicia Amezcua-Rodriguez	Round Rock	Texas	78665	10/14/2015
Kirsten Kears	Los Angeles	California	900263824	10/14/2015
Terence Allen II	Conroe	Texas	77302	10/14/2015
Jocelyn Peterson	Austin	Texas	78745	10/14/2015
Genevieve Frisch	Austin	Texas	78704	10/14/2015
María Valdés	Stgo			10/14/2015
Stephen Schiber	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/14/2015
Ryan Coons	Madison	Alabama	35758	10/14/2015
Glenda Tansey	Kingsville	Texas	78363	10/14/2015
Leopoldo Valdes	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/14/2015
loreña contreras	Austin	Texas	78737	10/14/2015
Ixchel Granada	Austin	Texas	78702	10/14/2015
Carol Mata	Austin	Texas	78749	10/14/2015
Mayra Radzinski	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/14/2015
ethan jones	Austin	Texas	78732	10/14/2015
Maureen Pierson	East Haddam	Connecticut	6423	10/14/2015
francisca valdés	Santiago			10/14/2015
Haley Avery	Evans	Colorado	80620	10/14/2015
Jennifer Giddings	Austin	Texas	78757	10/14/2015
Scott Burnett	Corpus Christi	Texas	78418	10/14/2015
Ignacio Massanes	Santiago			10/14/2015
Lisa Pruitt	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/14/2015
Valerie Anderson	San Marcos	Texas	78666	10/14/2015
Eric Orta	Austin	Texas	78745	10/14/2015
John Avery	Garland	Texas	75044	10/14/2015
Vicki Tucker	Austin	Texas	78749	10/14/2015
Meera Chandy	Austin	Texas	78745	10/14/2015
Jennifer Connor	Buda	Texas	78610	10/14/2015
Amanda Diaz	Austin	Texas	78745	10/14/2015
Rebekah Jentsch	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/14/2015
Yvonne MacNeill	San Marcos	Texas	78666	10/14/2015
Gretchen Bederman	Glendive	Montana	59330	10/14/2015
Janice Daneman	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/15/2015
Susan Fields	Corpus Christi	Texas	78411	10/15/2015

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Jennifer Escalante	Houston	Texas	77018	10/15/2015
McKenna Tansey	Corpus Christi	Texas	78412	10/15/2015
mark brough	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/15/2015
Sara Gowin	Austin	Texas	78735	10/15/2015
deena kalai	Austin	Texas	78722	10/15/2015
Kelley Brough	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/16/2015
Hanlon Skillman	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/16/2015
Pam Colvin	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/16/2015
Charles Craig	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/16/2015
Elizabeth G. Craig	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/16/2015
Susan Cook	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/16/2015
Steve Overby	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/16/2015
Denise Moody	Austin	Texas	78737	10/16/2015
Lee Mayer	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/16/2015
Casey Cutler	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/16/2015
Janice Ryals-Rogers	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/16/2015
Linda Fannin	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/16/2015
Bob Moody	Austin	Texas	78737	10/16/2015
Joan Harrison	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/16/2015
Cody Adams	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/16/2015
Trisha Vanek	Austin	Texas	78748	10/17/2015
Estelle Murchison	Austin	Texas	78749	10/17/2015
Whitney Saucedo	Evans	Colorado	80620	10/17/2015
Robert Cullen	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/17/2015
Richard Kidd	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/17/2015
Muriel Wyland	Willis	Texas	77378	10/17/2015
Ashlee MacGibbon	Leander	Texas	78641	10/17/2015
Rachael Eckols	Austin	Texas	78737	10/17/2015
Wendy Kava	Prescott	Arizona	86303	10/17/2015
Christy skeens	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/17/2015
Glenn Munford	Bulverde	Texas	78163	10/17/2015
Joni Avery	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/17/2015
Sara Hilgers	Austin	Texas	78705	10/17/2015
Pat Akin	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/18/2015
Straub Kim	Austin	Texas	78750	10/18/2015
Marroquin Sylvia	Austin	Texas	78702	10/18/2015
Gwen aparicio	Stephenville	Texas	76401	10/18/2015
Jeff Eichelberger	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/18/2015
Jerry Wright	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/18/2015
Mark Hartley	Austin	Texas	78748	10/18/2015
David Puryear	Austin	Texas	78759	10/18/2015
Robin Shaw	Coeur d'Alene	Idaho	83814	10/18/2015
Rebecca Kyle	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/18/2015
Judy Walker	Buda	Texas	78610	10/18/2015
Mary Jo Shaw	Kaneohe	Hawaii	96744	10/18/2015
Jill Winten	Parker	Colorado	80134	10/18/2015
Britt Bowen	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/18/2015
Christy Sanchez	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/18/2015
Cara Wyland	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/19/2015
Jacque Barclay	Austin	Texas	78737	10/19/2015
Jim Gillespie	La Grange	Texas	78945	10/19/2015
CYNTHIA SPANHEL	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/19/2015
Bodie Gillespie	Austin	Texas	78748	10/19/2015
Ron Patterson	Austin	Texas	78737	10/19/2015
Kim burgess	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/19/2015
Shaina Adams-El Guabli	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	19143	10/19/2015

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Mike Robinson	Houston	Texas	77027	10/19/2015
Terri Burroughs	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/19/2015
Laura Raley	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/20/2015
Thomas J Puryear	Austin	Texas	78739	10/20/2015
Evelyn Martin	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/20/2015
Andrea Grovner	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/20/2015
Janet Gillespie	La Grange	Texas	78945	10/20/2015
Bradley Capron	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/20/2015
Justine Kalb	West Hempstead	New York	11552	10/20/2015
Marsha Acock	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/20/2015
John McQuillen	Victoria	Texas	77904	10/20/2015
Jackie Reilly	Kyle	Texas	78640	10/20/2015
Todd Cearley	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/20/2015
Jane cullen	Round Rock	Texas	78681	10/20/2015
Mary Fernandez	Austin	Texas	78737	10/20/2015
jen sims	Austin	Texas	78737	10/20/2015
Lila Gillespie	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/21/2015
Michelle Horsey	Austin	Texas	78737	10/21/2015
Cynthia Marion	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/21/2015
Karolyn Tybor	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/21/2015
John Turner	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/21/2015
Marie Landon	Austin	Texas	78748	10/21/2015
David Weyman	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/21/2015
Aimee Mick	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/21/2015
Carol Chambers	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/21/2015
Michele turner	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/21/2015
Jamie Pettit	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/21/2015
Mitch Kolls	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/21/2015
Jan carlson	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/21/2015
Jack Townsend	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/21/2015
Leslie Damato	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/21/2015
Roberta Shoemaker-Beal	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/21/2015
Alyssa Bunday	Greeley	Colorado	80634	10/21/2015
Susan Noonan	Plano	Texas	75094	10/21/2015
March Williams	Anchorage	Alaska	99508	10/21/2015
Grace Townsend	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Angela Florez	Gilcrest	Colorado	80623	10/22/2015
veronica Benavides	Greeley	Colorado	80631	10/22/2015
Dane Eckols	Austin	Texas	78737	10/22/2015
Annette Spanhel	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
Tracy Beaumet	Greeley	Colorado	80634	10/22/2015
AR Walters	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
Meghan V	Greeley	Colorado	80634	10/22/2015
Gordon King	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Whitney Jarvis	Mesquite	Texas	75150	10/22/2015
Tony Ciccone	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
Keely Odell	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Amanda Carleton	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
Claudia Parker	Austin	Texas	78745	10/22/2015
Tracy Callow	Leesburg	Virginia	20176	10/22/2015
Tina Kuykendall	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/22/2015
Monica Pinarte	Wylie	Texas	75098	10/22/2015
Robert Shebesta	Spicewood	Texas	78669	10/22/2015
Robyn Kammerer	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
Nita Leinneweber	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/22/2015
john fuchs	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015

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Nancy Marroquin	Placerville	California	95667	10/22/2015
Andrea Larsen	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Debbue Greco	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Kate Bewick	Austin	Texas	78737	10/22/2015
Maya evans	Austin	Texas	78737	10/22/2015
Stephanie Whaley	Dallas	Texas	75244	10/22/2015
Anne Jones	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
Glenn Jones	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
Tina Brim	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Jennifer Chapman	Austin	Texas	78737	10/22/2015
Dee Bynum	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/22/2015
Amy Myhand	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
Paula Murray	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Aleasha Brandon	Austin	Texas	78737	10/22/2015
Sherry Anderson	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Melissa Baker	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
Nicole Harmon	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
sharon mickey	wimberley	Texas	78676	10/22/2015
Kathy Gabbart	Austin	Texas	78737	10/22/2015
Robert Cullen	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
John Miller	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
chrys Grummert	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/22/2015
Richard Bryant	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
Barbara Meyer Clayton	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/22/2015
Jessica Marie	Wimberley	Texas	78686	10/22/2015
Susan Henry	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/22/2015
James Presley	Decatur	Texas	76234	10/22/2015
Bill Rhea	Spicewood	Texas	78669	10/22/2015
Justin Bennett	Beaumont	Texas	77706	10/22/2015
Todd Sampsel	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/22/2015
James Marroquin	Austin	Texas	78731	10/22/2015
Shelby Henderson	Navarre	Florida	32566	10/22/2015
David Wilkinson	Austin	Texas	78703	10/22/2015
David Scurlock	San Antonio	Texas	78238	10/22/2015
Sandra Grome	Austin	Texas	78749	10/22/2015
MP Braunstein	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/22/2015
Doug Bynum	San Marcos	Texas	78666	10/22/2015
Chris Walling	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Clayton Walker	Springdale	Arkansas	72764	10/22/2015
Doris Catherine Capps	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Penny Reeves	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
Miles Elsey	San Marcos	Texas	78666	10/22/2015
Rick Harsch	Sugar Land	Texas	77479	10/22/2015
Rebecca Watts	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015
Christina Stanley	Austin	Texas	78727	10/22/2015
DorRae Stevens	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Patrick Berna	Houston	Texas	77027	10/22/2015
Larry Delagarza	Austin	Texas	78717	10/22/2015
Dr. Nancy Turner	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Tom Hanley	Fort Worth	Texas	76107	10/22/2015
Letty Webber	New Braunfels	Texas	78130	10/22/2015
Sarah DeLeon	Annapolis	Maryland	21409	10/22/2015
Rowan Smith	Houston	Texas	77084	10/22/2015
Emily Steele	Spicewood	Texas	78669	10/22/2015
Stephanie Vanek	West	Texas	76691	10/22/2015
Susan Dull	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/22/2015



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Dr. Troy Galow	Liberty Hill	Texas	78642	10/22/2015
Tina Brim	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Jacqui Galow	Liberty Hill	Texas	78642	10/22/2015
Isabella Marroquin	Austin	Texas	78750	10/22/2015
Elizabeth Satterfield	Austin	Texas	78750	10/22/2015
Mindy Webber	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/22/2015
Elaine Saulnier	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Laura Payne	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/22/2015
Denise Garner	Austin	Texas	78737	10/22/2015
Anna Finley	Austin	Texas	78737	10/23/2015
Kathleen Thomas	Austin	Texas	78737	10/23/2015
Joe Russell	Kyle	Texas	78640	10/23/2015
Marsha Oleson	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/23/2015
Janice Hooper	San Marcos	Texas	78666	10/23/2015
Jayne Cibik	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/23/2015
Martin Hill	Plantersville	Texas	77363	10/23/2015
Andrew Burnett	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/23/2015
Vicky Mayo	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/23/2015
Cynthia Payton	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/23/2015
Polly Glasse	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/23/2015
Jenna Churchwell	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/23/2015
Lisa Tansey	Austin	Texas	78748	10/23/2015
David Majors	Cypress	Texas	77433	10/23/2015
Cheryl Majors	Cypress	Texas	77433	10/23/2015
David Evans	Austin	Texas	78737	10/23/2015
Jeff Burroughs	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/23/2015
Steve O'Neill	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/23/2015
Bill Baskin	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/23/2015
Jeff Ketner	Austin	Texas	78731	10/23/2015
Angela Miller	Boston	Virginia	22713	10/23/2015
Richard Krouse	Houston	Texas	77063	10/23/2015
Molly Ketner	Austin	Texas	78731	10/23/2015
Elvis Saucier	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/23/2015
Andrew Hardin	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/23/2015
Pam Hendrikz	Woodcreek	Texas	78676	10/23/2015
Hays Atkins	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/23/2015
David Dinkins	Fischer	Texas	78623	10/23/2015
James Ward	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/23/2015
mary kelley	Milford	Michigan	48380	10/23/2015
Mary Englebert	Sachse	Texas	75048	10/23/2015
steven raich	Austin	Texas	78726	10/23/2015
Craig Glanville	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/24/2015
Cassie Ikels	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/24/2015
Mark Handley	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/24/2015
Jim Marroquin	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/25/2015
Lindsey Thomas	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/25/2015
Joshua Holley	Denison	Texas	75020	10/26/2015
Jane Capron	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/26/2015
Tanya Kasper	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/28/2015
Tim Leibrock	Wimberley	Texas	78676	10/28/2015
John Lichtenberger	Austin	Texas	78727	10/28/2015
Stan Johnson	Driftwood	Texas	78619	10/29/2015
elizabeth griffin	Fort Worth	Texas	76116	10/29/2015
Mark Oechsner	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	10/31/2015
Malla Brandenberger	Driftwood	Texas	78619	11/2/2015
Michael Kiley	Driftwood	Texas	78619	11/2/2015

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sue pirkle	Driftwood	Texas	78619	11/2/2015
Robert Lurvey	Driftwood	Texas	78619	11/2/2015
Barbara Johnson-McArthur	Driftwood	Texas	78619	11/3/2015
Aaron Conrado	Austin	Texas	78749	11/3/2015
Dana Seay	Austin	Texas	78737	11/3/2015
Kimberly Francom	Austin	Texas	78748	11/3/2015
melissa herweck	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	11/3/2015
angi nance	Austin	Texas	78732	11/4/2015
Gordon wilson	Driftwood	Texas	78619	11/4/2015
Jennifer Zavaleta	Wimberley	Texas	78676	11/4/2015
Cliff Sorrell	Buda	Texas	78610	11/4/2015
Melissa Russell	Kyle	Texas	78640	11/4/2015
Allison Allen	Driftwood	Texas	78619	11/4/2015
Emma Wise	Wimberley	Texas	78676	11/4/2015
Gregory Hargis	Carrollton	Texas	75006	11/5/2015
Dion Papafote	Austin	Texas	78737	11/5/2015
Dr Meacham	Austin	Texas	78704	11/5/2015
Susan F Davis	Driftwood	Texas	78619	11/5/2015
Larry S Davis	Driftwood	Texas	78619	11/5/2015
Dewayne Davis	Driftwood	Texas	78619	11/5/2015
Jessica love	Kyle	Texas	78640	11/5/2015
Melody Zisman	San Antonio	Texas	78240	11/5/2015
Joel Grimmett	Austin	Texas	78737	11/5/2015
Gary Keller	Austin	Texas	78746	11/5/2015
Mary Keller Pfluger	Austin	Texas	78746	11/5/2015
John Keller	Austin	Texas	78746	11/5/2015
Beuford Israel	Wimberley	Texas	78676	11/5/2015
Crystal Babington	Austin	Texas	78737	11/5/2015
Kristin Shrimplin	Buda	Texas	78610	11/5/2015
AJ Zisman	San Antonio	Texas	78240	11/5/2015
Robert Adam	Austin	Texas	78749	11/5/2015
James and Jackie Moreland	Austin	Texas	78738	11/5/2015
Scott Piland	austin	Texas	78748	11/5/2015
Cheryl Gembler	Rockport	Texas	78382	11/6/2015
Charles Ray	Driftwood	Texas	78619	11/6/2015
Cate Sitton	Wimberley	Texas	78676	11/6/2015
Adam garner	Austin	Texas	78704	11/6/2015
Markham Sayers	Austin	Texas	78746	11/6/2015
Carrie Hargis	Austin	Texas	78744	11/6/2015
Jennifer Brown	Austin	Texas	78734	11/6/2015
Laura Kirk	Dripping Springs	Texas	78620	11/6/2015
Sarah Ward	San Antonio	Texas	78230	11/6/2015

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Name	City	State	Zip	SignedOn	Comment
Karen Conrado	Austin	TX	78749	10/14/2015	I own land at 150 & 1826
charlotte donoso	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/14/2015	WILL NOT SELL
Alma King	Dripping Springs	TX	78620	10/14/2015	this road is not necessary
Alyson blake wilson	driftwood	TX		10/14/2015	I want to help maintain the authenticity of Driftwood for the historic significance it represents in Texas history.
Irene Biggins	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/14/2015	I will not sell my property! Under no circumstances. Especially not to change the Driftwood area.
Laura Tansey	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/14/2015	We chose Driftwood to raise our children because of the natural beauty, wildlife, serenity, and sense of community. We appreciate the fact that the County is planning for the future. We encourage those in power to be custodians of the area and preserve the gem that is Driftwood. Road expansion will destroy it.
Genevieve Frisch	Austin	TX	78704	10/14/2015	I want to protect the unique beauty and quiet of Driftwood. I believe that proper development improves access while also preserving the character and natural beauty of the community.
María José Valdés	Stgo			10/14/2015	Porque mi hermano con su familia vive en esa área
Stephen Schiber	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/14/2015	We don't need it this needs to stay rule not city
Leopoldo Valdes	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/14/2015	We need to take care of Driftwood with a visionary plan to preserve the meaning of living in the Hill Country with its charm and wildlife. If we do not take action (which in this case is inaction), Driftwood will turn into just another exit off the highway.
Francisca valdés	Santiago			10/14/2015	Firmo porque mi Hermano con su señora, después de mucho sacrificio se compraron un terreno en medio de la naturaleza, alejado de la ciudad y su ruido, se construyeron su casa y ahora quieren arruinar una zona preciosa, con su ecosistema desarrollado. Un lugar cuidado y querido, cómo pocos que van quedando.
Maureen Pierson	East Haddam	CT	6423	10/14/2015	My grandmother owns property in this area and she will not be selling.
Haley Avery	Evans	CO	80620	10/14/2015	I'm signing because my family has a ranch in Driftwood. I spent my childhood there and want my future children to spend time there and be able to appreciate the beauty and the small town. I don't want it to be ruined by expansion of unnecessary roadways.
Valerie Anderson	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/14/2015	While I feel the length of FM 150 from 1826 to Darden Hill Road should be made safer, I do not want it to be four lanes. Wider shoulders would be sufficient.
Amanda Diaz	Austin	TX	78745	10/14/2015	I am signing this because I have friends who would be very adversely affected by this unnecessary expansion. They made many sacrifices to live in the peaceful, beautiful home that they have had about 3 months now, only to find out that the county plans to put a road in their backyard. I am confident that they county wants the best for its residents and will reexamine this roadway plan.

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Rebekah Jentsch	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/14/2015	It's ridiculous, historical buildings. Not an issue. Just fix the road, it'll be washing out when it rains.
Gretchen Bederman	Glendive	MT	59330	10/14/2015	I love Driftwood. Please preserve a little bit of country!!!!
Janice Daneman	Wimberley	TX	78676	10/15/2015	I use Elder hill road every day and it is my most favorite part of my drive to and from Austin. There are already to many rock hauling and dump trucks on 1826. I agree we need to preserve what makes this area special. The roads are fine the way they are. Limit the housing development instead.
Susan Fields	Corpus Christi	TX	78411	10/15/2015	I love the area around Driftwood and it would be a real shame to see those acres ruined by a road.
Jennifer Escalante	Houston	TX	77018	10/15/2015	Need to preserve the area.
mark brough	Wimberley	TX	78676	10/15/2015	I have not seen any unbiased data that would lead me to believe elder hill road as a cut through is necessary all traffic comes virtually out of wimberley and there are several other routes that already exist that handle the traffic and foreseeable traffic handily. I live here and there are no traffic jams, not even close. Roads are are very expensive. We have a 19 trillion deficit due to someone's want, not need and we are responsible at the most base level.
Kelley Brough	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/16/2015	I don't want the beauty of elder hill road to be destroyed and I don't want more traffic.
Hanlon Skillman	Wimberley	TX	78676	10/16/2015	Leave as is
Charlie Craig	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/16/2015	As a 20 year resident of Driftwood, I do not support the expansion of FM 150 from Hays City Store to FM 1826. Quit trying to turn Hays County into another Williamson County.
Susan Cook	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/16/2015	I love our rural culture and the beauty and neccessity of our open spaces. We do not need to become little more than a bedroom community for Austin's surplus population.
Denise Moody	Austin	TX	78737	10/16/2015	Extension of 1826 will go through peoples yards.
Lee Mayer	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/16/2015	I live in the country and I want it to stay that way.
Linda Fannin	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/16/2015	Our area cannot sustain uncontrolled growth. Keep Driftwood natural. We don't want to become Kyle or Buda. Protect property owners' rights. No eminent domain seizures. Tell developers to go elsewhere.
Bob Moody	Austin	TX	78737	10/16/2015	Want to preserve Driftwood hill country
Joan Harrison	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/16/2015	I do NOT want the 150 West expanded creating noise, dirt and destroying the beautiful road for no reason other than for unwanted and un-needed development. Studying the water is more important than widening this road. It's also the true historical value which will also be destroyed. Please listen to the people who live on the road and take their views into consideration
Ashlee MacGibbon	Leander	TX	78641	10/17/2015	My family lives in Driftwood
Glenn Munford	Bulverde	TX	78163	10/17/2015	"I do not think an extension of FM 1826 is appropriate for the Driftwood Community"



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Joni Avery	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/17/2015	I grew up in Driftwood. That is my heritage. I don't want a highway to be built through our property and take that all away from me. We have a lot of history and natural resources that would be destroyed if the highway were to be built! There is alternative way, so lets put our heads together and figure it out!
Sara Hilgers	Austin	TX	78704	10/17/2015	Driftwood is a unique community, with historical significance. We need to preserve this beautiful, charming piece of natural beauty.
Pat Akin	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/18/2015	I oppose the extension from 1826 thru to 12.
Straub Kim	Austin	TX	78750	10/18/2015	My family is a long time landowner in Driftwood and my grandmother built the Driftwood Post Office, which we now own. I do not want to see what it would do to our charming little community to have 150 West expanded through "Downtown" Driftwood - as SO much about this historic area would change for the worse!
Mark Hartley	Austin	TX	78748	10/18/2015	I oppose this extension. Keep Driftwood the way it is. Don't turn it into an Oak Hill or Bee Caves. Roads will do this you know. Look around!
Robin Shaw	Coeur d'Alene	ID	83814	10/18/2015	I do not think an extension of FM 1826 is appropriate for the Driftwood Community
Rebecca Kyle	Dripping Springs	TX	78620	10/18/2015	You can't just destroy people's property like this.
Judy Walker	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/18/2015	We want to keep our area pristine. We do not want the hustle and bustle of a four lane highway.
Mary Jo Shaw	Kaneohe	HI	96744	10/18/2015	I do not think an extension of FM 1826 is appropriate for the Driftwood Community
Dennis Winten	Parker	CO	80134	10/18/2015	That is my families property and I do not want the highway going through it.
Cara Wyland	Lake Charles	LA	70611	10/19/2015	I'm signing because our family property, which we have held dear for years and intend to pass on to our children and grandchildren, is now in danger of being destroyed. This property has been the site of our coming together as family - many family celebrations, gatherings, disagreements and healings - it is where we have strengthened our bond and stood the test of time... to have this property basically "dissected-split-divided-rendered useless except as a passageway" rips at the very core of our family values. We stand together now in hopes that this possible expansion plan will find another way to accomplish its goal, while helping to preserve the distinct nature of the Driftwood community, and allow our family to continue to do our best to be good stewards of this land for generations to come.
Jacqueline Barclay	Austin	TX	78737	10/19/2015	I completely oppose the expansion. This is not what our community needs.
Laura Raley	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/20/2015	The road does not need to be 4 lanes. Just put some turn and passing areas in key spots. look at Hwy 80 out of San Marcos
Evelyn Martin	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/20/2015	The natural rural beauty of Driftwood needs to be saved. This is a chance to keep this special hill country countryside from looking like other cookie cutter ribbons of highways and concrete. The road expansion is not needed by people who live here.

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Bradley Capron	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/20/2015	I own property on elder hill frontage, recently purchased. I am a farmer, and any expansion would destroy my one and only pond/holding tank and deer fencing that protects my crops. I can't even begin to tell you how much I will literally freak out if this happens. If it does, I will assure all they get to drive by loads of ugly hatefull signs as penance for their greed to get to work a couple minutes earlier, not to mention ruin all the lovely ambiance all the moneyed tourists come out for. I will be laser focused on destroying Hays county reputation and the peace and quiet we all enjoy. Completely legally BTW.
Mary Fernandez	Austin	TX	78737	10/20/2015	Though I have an Austin address, I live in the area and appreciate the character of the 150/Elder Hill area just the way it is.
jen sims	Austin	TX	78737	10/20/2015	I love Driftwood as is. I do not believe the area needs wider roads
Lila Gillespie	Dripping Springs	TX	78620	10/21/2015	I do not think an extension of FM 1826 is appropriate for the Driftwood community. Thank you, Lila Gillespie
Karolyn Tybor	Wimberley	TX	78676	10/21/2015	I regularly drive FM 150 & FM 1826. I do not want to ruin the landscape of the drive through the beautiful hill country. Nor do I want a highway like HWY 290! Growth must be responsible and controlled. Otherwise we risk losing the very thing we all came here for.
David Weyman	Wimberley	TX	78676	10/21/2015	We don't need a big hwy!
Aimee Mick	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/21/2015	The extension of FM 1826 and reworking Elder Hill Road will have a negative impact upon the Driftwood community and the property I own and live on.
Michele turner	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/21/2015	I live in Driftwood and want to preserve the beauty and small town
Mitch Kolls	Dripping Springs	TX	78620	10/21/2015	This development is unnecessary and will sacrifice the rights and land of many people so a few wealthy developers and business owners can make an even larger profit. Weak.
Jack Townsend	Dripping Springs	TX	78620	10/21/2015	I oppose the 1826 extension
Roberta Shoemaker-Beal	Wimberley	TX	78676	10/21/2015	Thse roadways are to serve developers..... of course !!
March Williams	ANC	AK	99508	10/21/2015	I am strongly opposed to this Hwy going through our family's ranch and surrounding area ! This will disrupt a way of life for meny people!
Grace Townsend	Dripping Springs	TX	78620	10/22/2015	This area is pristine and beautiful and we want it to stay that way.
veronica Benavides	Greeley	CO	80631	10/22/2015	I believe in keeping landmarks and all around quality of land.
ar walters	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/22/2015	I want to prevent the Driftwood road plan as it is right now
Claudia Parker	Austin	TX	78745	10/22/2015	Just no,
Nancy Marroquin	Placerville	CA	95667	10/22/2015	I am signing this because I want to preserve the pristine nature of Driftwood and I do not want the 1826 extension west that would destroy the nature and disrupt the quality of life for Driftwood residents.

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Anne Jones	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/22/2015	I care about Driftwood and the people who live here.
Glenn Jones	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/22/2015	I am signing this petition because the proposed road expansions will destroy the environment that lead us to live in this area.
Dee bynum	Wimberley	TX	78676	10/22/2015	I'm signing because I don't believe there is any good reason to slice a road through people's homes and land. There are beautiful existing roadways- they are an important part of our life in rural Texas.
Sherry Anderson	DRIPPING SPRINGS	TX	7.9E+08	10/22/2015	I agree!
Barbara Meyer Clayton	Wimberley	TX	78676	10/22/2015	Change happens, but do not destroy history in the process.
Bill Rhea	Spicewood	TX	78669	10/22/2015	I do not think the extension is necessary and any extension serves no useful purpose.
Justin Bennett	Beaumont	TX	77706	10/22/2015	I am opposed to the expansion of roadways. It will erode the beauty and history of this area. There are better alternatives that the proposed expansion.
James Marroquin	Austin	TX	78731	10/22/2015	We should not build a highway through homeowners' property and should respect and honor our wildlife and heritage.
Doug Bynum	San Marcos	TX	78666	10/22/2015	I'm signing because I want to keep Austin out of my back yard.
Clayton Walker	Springdale	AR	72764	10/22/2015	I appreciate the small town charm and natural beauty of the area and wish to maintain the essence and character of the Driftwood area. Sincerely appreciate your time and thoughtful consideration of this important matter.
Cathie Capps	Dripping Springs	TX	78620	10/22/2015	This is unnecessary and will harm the Driftwood area which is so picturesque and home to much wildlife.
Rick Harsch	Sugar Land	TX	77479	10/22/2015	Please do not destroy this beautiful area by expanding FM 1826
Rebecca Watts	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/22/2015	This is not a high growth area. Protect the charm of Driftwood.
Patrick Berna	Houston	TX	77027	10/22/2015	I feel strongly that the proposed extension of 150 will negatively effect Driftwood
Dr. Nancy Turner	Dripping Springs	TX	78620	10/22/2015	There is no need to extend 1826. There are existing roads that just need to be improved.
Tom Hanley	Fort Worth	TX	76107	10/22/2015	I do not want this extension to be approved.. I like it the way it currently exists..
Letty Webber	New Braunfels	TX	78130	10/22/2015	I love the rustic life that Driftwood offers. They are going to take all of the wonderful slow paced life away for those who moved out into the country to get away from the rat race even Texas has.
Emily Steele	Spicewood	TX	78669	10/22/2015	I lived in Driftwood for a few years and I loved the beauty, the winery and the peacefulness of the area. We keep giving in to expansion and business interests and we are going to lose, forever, the reason this part of Texas is so special.
Stephanie Vanek	West	TX	76691	10/22/2015	Please don't destroy the rural road by increasing the number of lanes. Keeping the area simple is what makes for a beautiful drive.

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Susan Dull	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/22/2015	To simply help the plight of Jim & Nancy and the others that might lose their homes! Please help preserve the serene beauty of our special place we call home-Driftwood Texas!!! I can't imagine anyone would want this route to become a super highway!
Tina Brim	Dripping Springs	TX	78620	10/22/2015	Our family has lived in this area for 24 years. Please leave something for us to enjoy! We need to preserve our beautiful piece of natural beauty.
Laura Payne	Dripping Springs	TX	78620	10/22/2015	I want to preserve the charm of this hill country area.
Kathleen Thomas	Austin	TX	78737	10/23/2015	Most of us moved here, at least in part, for the charm of the countryside. It has already been removed from Nutty Brown area, please don't take it away from Elder Hill area, too.
Catherine Gustafson	Austin	TX	78739	10/23/2015	Coming out of my driveway.
Janice Hooper	San Marcos	TX	78666	10/23/2015	We don't need the road, we need the beauty!
Vicky Mayo	Wimberley	TX	78676	10/23/2015	Driftwood does not need to be modernized like Wimberleyville. I miss our small village, and despise the over-development that has occurred in the last 10 years.
Cynthia Payton	Wimberley	TX	78676	10/23/2015	There is no need to sell, expand and disgrace the history of the area.
Lisa Tansey	Austin	TX	78748	10/23/2015	I believe some areas around Austin need to remain as they are, too much has been built in and around Austin.
David Majors	Cypress	TX	77433	10/23/2015	The beauty of a small community is just that small, untouched and preserved. Not every community needs to be commercialized to the benefit of others.
David Evans	Austin	TX	78737	10/23/2015	Let's not pave over what we like best about living here.
Steve O'Neill	Wimberley	TX	78676	10/23/2015	The Driftwood area is unique, to alter Elder Hill Road in a way that would turn it into a major traffic corridor would be foolish and forever alter its natural beauty
Richard Krouse	Houston	TX	77063	10/23/2015	I have been to Driftwood and I don't want increased traffic to effect the charm and beauty of Driftwood.
David Dinkins	Fischer	TX	78623	10/23/2015	I live in nearby Fischer. Please do not clog up the countryside with more highways. This area is not overdeveloped and in no need of new roadways. Leave "happy" alone.
James Ward	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/23/2015	A four lane highway is not necessary. I would like to see improvements such as a turning lane at 1826 and shoulder improvements in high danger areas but a four lane highway is a fiscal waste, not to mention the unnecessary destruction of property.
Mary Englebert	Sachse	TX	75048	10/23/2015	DON'T DESTROY THE BEAUTY GOD GAVE US IN DRIFTWOOD
steven raich	Austin	TX	78726	10/23/2015	That place is way too awesome to be putting a major road through there. I've driven that road hundreds of times. it's a piece of Texas that is a treasure and that needs to remain as is. That old gas station is reason enough not to do this.
Cassie Ikels	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/24/2015	Save the culture and beauty that made this area desirable!



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Jim Marroquin	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/25/2015	Driftwood is a wonderful community. We desire for the character of the community to be conserved. The extension of 1826 at 150 west would negatively impact Driftwood,family homes and ranches, water quality, wildlife, environment, quality of life for all in the years ahead as there are alternatives other than this that would benefit all.
Lindsey Thomas	Wimberley	TX	78676	10/25/2015	I drive that drive every time I go into Austin, in yet I see no reason to expand it and to I encroach on someone's property. I'm just fine with going a half a mile down 150 to get to Elder Hill.
Jane Capron	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/26/2015	I urge Hays County to leave Elder Hill Rd as the rural road it was intended to be
Tim Leibrock	Wimberley	TX	78676	10/28/2015	Don't want to see elder hill rd widened.
Stan Johnson	Driftwood	TX	78619	10/29/2015	This is ridiculous and a waste of tax payers money. Widening current roads would be a better use of money. All the new Subdivisions that are being developed and future developers should have to pay into a fund to maintain the cost of improving or widening roads based on the size and projected population of the subdivision.
Michael Kiley	Driftwood	TX	78619	11/2/2015	I moved to Driftwood for the peace and quiet the area has. I searched for many months to locate an area like this.
Barbara Johnson-McArthur	Driftwood	TX	78619	11/3/2015	I want to see the beauty of the area preserved and the fragile nature of the creek saved.
Barbara Johnson-McArthur	Driftwood	TX	78619	11/3/2015	I bought this property for the beauty of the creek and for the two houses on it that I use as rental property. My renters have been there since 2012 and they love where they live. They do not plan on living anywhere else because of the beauty and the "country" atmosphere. They both moved out of Austin to be away from crowding and high prices. This is a long term investment for me and it could be easily ruined by expansion of this road. I might even lose one of the houses because it is so close to the road as it is. I am 71 and this rental income is VERY important to me. I also feel sorry for my neighbors who would be so impacted by this change in their homes and land. This is such a fragile area because of its proximity to the creek.
Dana Seay	Austin	TX	78737	11/3/2015	Please stop and think....this country must STOP destroying our history!!!
Melissa Russell	Kyle	TX	78640	11/4/2015	I drive this road often to dripping springs for work and I do not see why it would need to be widened. There is simply not enough traffic to worry about it. Its perfect the way it is! I absolutely love the view and the small town of Driftwood is awesome. Instead of messing up what's perfect, why not concentrate on roads that really need to be fixed...there's plenty if them.

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Allison Allen	Driftwood	TX	78619	11/4/2015	Driftwood's essential character is diffuse and rural with an abundance of natural beauty. It also has a strong sense of history and community. All qualities that are very special and which are rapidly being lost in the areas all around Austin and the hill country. I urge you to slow down and take time to thoughtfully and thoroughly examine ways to improve existing roadways to address traffic issues so as to preserve Driftwood's unique and precious character. There are already plenty of places where the hill country scenery has been overrun by a sea of rooftops. It would be a tragedy to have that happen to this community just because sufficient time wasn't taken to look at alternatives.
Emma Wise	Wimberley	TX	78676	11/4/2015	Whenever travelling between my home outside Wimberley and Austin, I will go out of my way and take the extra time to drive Elder Hill Road for the natural beauty and feel of the area. It would be devastating to see that charm lost to these improvements. That road in particular with the gas station and the turn is fantastic just the way it is!
Gregory Hargis	Carrollton	TX	75006	11/5/2015	I grew up right down the street from the Driftwood store and gas station.
Susan F Davis	Driftwood	TX	78619	11/5/2015	We do not need to widen this road. Other roads could be used beside 150.
Larry S Davis	Driftwood	TX	78619	11/5/2015	We don't need a wider road. It can be rerouted another way!
Jessica love	Kyle	TX	78640	11/5/2015	this road expansion would directly affect my dad and his property/well/septic. not to mention it is not needed. some areas may need a turn lane but just is certain areas
Melody Zisman	San Antonio	TX	78240	11/5/2015	My parents have lived on their property on 150 for over 30 years and your proposal would turn our beautiful front yard that I grew up playing tag and kickball on into an unneeded road. It is a primarily residential area and most traffic issues on that road (safety) could be solved by simply lowering the speed limit or adding a small bike lane
Joel Grimmett	Austin	TX	78737	11/5/2015	This just seems like plan to facilitate developers. Whose idea was this really?
Beuford Israel	Wimberley	TX	78676	11/5/2015	I am against changing RR 150 and Elder Hill Road
Crystal Babington	Austin	TX	78737	11/5/2015	I grew up around this area. We need the country to stay country. New bigger roads will not help FM 150.
Kristin Shrimplin	Buda	TX	78610	11/5/2015	This effects my parents property where I grew up! It is not necessary or needed.
Scott Piland	austin	TX	78748	11/5/2015	My family lives where you want land.
Charles Ray	Driftwood	TX	78619	11/6/2015	This plan is jumping the gun. Use funds in areas of Hays County's most rapid growth. "Improvements" such as this bypass would actually help speed up diminishing the "character" they say they want to protect.
Markham Sayers	Austin	TX	78746	11/6/2015	Keep the hill country, country
Carrie Hargis	Austin	TX	78744	11/6/2015	I grew up right down the street from there as well. Yes I am the sister of Gregory Hargis. I will always love Driftwood and go there to visit the grave where my mom is buried across from the old store. Most times I don't see any other cars on that road so it does not need to be expanded by any means!!!

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Jennifer Brown	Austin	TX	78734	11/6/2015	I grew up in this area and my parents still live here. This seems highly unnecessary and wasteful of tax payers money. Not too mention a large portion would be going through a flood plain that I have personally seen cover the road. Please be stewards of the land and mindful of the people that have lived here for many, many years.
Lauura Phelps	Austin	TX	78732	11/6/2015	We moved to Driftwood and away from Austin (RR620 traffic nightmare) to get away from the heavy development and traffic issues. Please don't destroy Driftwoods charm!

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Dale Burnett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 4:20 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Driftwood Road plans

Please give more time for "official" public input on the roads. We know that the county has to plan. We get that. However, we do not see how Driftwood is the solution for growth in other parts of the county. When I say "we", I mean every single person that I have talked to at several local meetings, at church, at the grocery store, and all the citizens on the CAP.

Please consider alternatives. Consider Darden Hill. Consider making hyw 290 bigger or better. Make FM 12 bigger. Please save a piece a heaven known as Driftwood and the 5 mile area around it.

I left the recent road meetings and drove home on Elder Hill Road. My wife and I laughed and cried. We had just been to meetings that talked about road needs and we only saw one car on our 4 mile drive home. The statistics do not show a need to enlarge roads in Driftwood in the next 20 years.

Thank you,  
Dale Ray Burnett



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** David Carlson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 4:09 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan

I am glad Commissioners Whisenant & Conley are making this an open process and continue to best serve the needs of the local community.

I have attended one of the open meetings and discussions regarding the proposed changes to FM 150 and CR 170. As a member of the Driftwood Historical Conservation Society i am asking that more research and discussion be made before any issue is decided. Statements have been made during the open meetings regarding the forecast increases in traffic. Since then i have learned current traffic is only about 300 cars per day. Forecasts are notoriously wrong (check the weather). But future increases could be 100-200% and still not require the magnitude of change being considered. The growth of Hays County will not all be in the immediate Driftwood area. Our special place needs more consideration and discussion to fully get the best solution.

Sincerely,

David Carlson  
[REDACTED]  
Driftwood, TX 78619  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 4:06 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** My future in Hays County

I am almost 18 years old. But I have grown up in Hays County. My parents have lived in Driftwood for 28 years. They are ready to retire in the home I grew up in. We have a beautiful year round creek on our property. I hope to have this property in the family as long as I live. My parents told me about the possible road changes in the Driftwood area. I asked why. They said they really don't know why. We understand the growth that is happening in Dripping Springs, Buda, Kyle, and San Marcos. None of us understand how that pertains to Driftwood. My parents have attended college. They have held high positions in government and private business. If they don't understand and can't explain it to me, then what am I to believe? Please do not destroy Driftwood. My dad reminded of a sad song we listen to sometimes. It is called Mr Peabodys Coal Train. Its basic message is eerily like the current situation.

Please do not put new roads or expand roads within 5 miles of Driftwood. Sure we have 5 or 6 cars stacked up around 7:00 and 5:00 at the T. So what ? the rest of the time the road use is minimal.

Thank you,  
Joshua Burnett

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 3:57 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Future Hays County Roads

I work in the Driftwood area. I attend the Camp Ben Reunion. I go the local wineries and restaurants. It is a peaceful place. It reminds me of what Oak Hill used to be like when I was growing up in the 60's, 70's and 80's. I have told my brother that without Driftwood, we might as well move to Johnson City.

Now I hear about big plans to put 4 lane roads or mega 2 roads or whatever they are called through Driftwood. I cannot imagine a need for such roads now or in the next 20 years. Comparing the Driftwood growth with Austin is not fair. At the recent so-called public meeting, we were told that Austin buried its head in the sand about problems. I agreed they did. I watched it. IH 35 should have been bigger. MoPac should have been bigger. Loop 360 should not have lights on it. Those decisions were poor. But expanding South Congress was not the answer. Expanding south first was not the answer. And expanding FM 150 or Elder Hill Road is not the answer to Hays County growth. Please expand HY 290 and RR12 and north end of FM 1826 or add to Darden Hill road if you must.

Leave Driftwood alone. We don't need plants on median in the middle of FM 150. Those pictures at the public meeting of those plants were ridiculous.

Thanks,  
David Burnett

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 3:48 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Driftwood Roads

I have attend 4 meetings in the last 3 months regarding the FM 150 and future Hays County roads. I appreciate the two meetings that the county commissioners and their engineers put on. However, the last so-called public meeting really missed the boat as related to neighbors expectations. Having a speaker like the engineer and small table time was fine. But no time for neighbors to get to talk to elected officials in a public forum? Made no sense to attendees. Intended or not, people felt pushed away.

Please don't do things to change Driftwood. We don't need or want curbs. We don't need or want bicycle lanes. We don't need 4 lane roads. Driftwood should not be viewed as the solution for Dripping Springs or Kyle or Wimberly traffic wishes. Expand FM 12 or hwy 290 or the Wimberly to Kyle Road. Please do not straighten the curves on Elder Hill Road. These serve to slow people down. I suggest that you ADD curves, not take them out. Elder Hill does not need to be Wimberly's speed way to Austin. Please do not make a new road at the T of FM 150 and FM 1826. It is not needed now or in the future.

Thank you,  
Dale Burnett



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Tomasz Johannsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 3:37 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** comment submission - is the projected FM150 traffic demand realistic?

The fundamental basis for the entire discussion is that there will be traffic demand on FM150. But it seems strange that there would be traffic between Kyle and Dripping when most Dripping residents work in Austin. Very little time has been spent on explaining where the FM150 traffic demand data came from. Who developed the demand data, what was the model and what assumptions did they use? In other words, how can everyone be sure that this is a problem in need of a solution rather than the other way around?

Tomasz  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 3:34 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Keep Driftwood heritage

I have attended 2 meetings regarding FM 150 and Hays county roads with my husband. One was with county commissioners and one was without county commissioners. I learned more from the one without county commissioners and the engineer. My neighbors and I were surprised and saddened to see that the so-called public meeting was just a meeting where the county consulting engineer talked and then we were asked not to ask questions as a group. Instead we were told to go to the back of the room and look at maps and talk only in small group. I don't have a problem with that being the setting for one meeting. Many of us have been to those type meetings. But at this point in the process it was important for all attending neighbors to hear from other attending neighbors. Many attendees were quite unhappy with the meeting. We were told to send an email instead of giving feedback at the meeting as a group.

One man in his late 70's told me that he did not "do email" so he intended to visit county commissioner in person. What an inefficient use of everyone's time. There was a man in his mid-40s that was a business owner and large property owner who had just heard of the road issues. He told my husband that the meeting setting was odd and it seemed like some information was missing.

Please take more time for "official" public input. Your engineer said there was no hurry.....things could take many years. Why not take more time for official input ? What are a few more months ?

Please do not destroy Driftwood and the surrounding area in the name of solving future Hays County traffic issues for Dripping Springs and Wimberly and Kyle. Driftwood is not the issue and it is not the solution.

Thank you,  
Patricia Burnett

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** TR [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 3:14 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

I do not want to see FM 150 turned into a 4-lane highway.

My property value, not to mention the noise, dirt, and view, will become worthless

A subway or high speed line would be better (better yet, put it on 290).  
Teach Texas that public transportation is better for the environment

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Todd Cearley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 2:58 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150

I do not believe that FM 150 needs to be 4 lanes between DS and Kyle.

I do not believe that 1826 needs to be extended thru to RR 12. Please reconsider these ideas and help us keep this area beautiful and not turn it into a major road. There are plenty of other routes to drive than these roads.

There were comments made at the planning meetings that said business's and winery's would be protected. My property is not developed and that is how I want it to remain. I believe that personal property should be protected also.

Thank you,  
Todd Cearley



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Jason Wisser [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 2:50 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 project

Hello - Are there any areas along 150 where I could use my metal detector to find anything old and potentially historical that could slow down the process of road widening?

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Joni Avery [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 1:58 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Opposition letter  
**Attachments:** Joni's Driftwood Letter - 2nd Letter.docx; Untitled attachment 00150.txt

November

5, 2015

Hays County Commissioners Court

Re: Comments to FM 150 Study/Potential Extension of FM 1826

Commissioners:

I am writing to respectfully ask that Phase I of the FM 150 Character Plan not include the recommendation of extending FM 1826.

I attended the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting regarding the Character Plan and was surprised to see that it sounds as if the extension of FM 1826 is being assumed as “the recommended solution” to the FM 150-Elder Hill Road issue.

I strongly disagree with this recommended solution, and strongly disagree that the extension of FM 1826 has even been discussed enough to consider it a “recommended solution” to the FM 150-Elder Hill Road issue.

I write now to request that the proposed extension of FM 1826 not be included as “the solution” for the FM 150-Elder Hill Road issue. Not only should it not be included as “the solution”, I propose it should not even be mentioned as a solution unless other alternative solutions are mentioned as well.

I do understand there has been an issue identified involving the traffic flow coming from Elder Hill Road onto FM 150.

However, I don't believe there has been enough creative focus on developing solutions to this problem to determine that the extension of FM 1826 is, in fact, the best solution to the problem.

I suggest that the identification of the problem is enough to include in Phase I, and that future Phases should include the same due diligence to find a workable solution as those solutions proposed in the part of the plan dealing with FM 150.

With all due respect, please give the people a chance to be involved in this part of the process, just as you have done in the part of the process that has dealt with FM 150. It is a good process. The citizens of Driftwood-proper deserve a chance to participate in the same way in something that impacts the character of “downtown Driftwood” so fully.

So I respectfully request that this “recommendation” not be included, and that if the extension of FM 1826 is referenced in the Phase I document, that it be talked about as “one possibility among several” to the resolution of the FM 150-Elder Hill Road issue.

Once again, we are grateful that you are asking for and considering community input on these issues.

You all are heroes for approaching issues of this magnitude in the way that you are.

Thank you again for allowing us to provide you with input. We look forward to working with you in this process.

Sincerely,

Joni Avery

A black rectangular redaction box covering the address line.

Driftwood, TX 78619

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Ed Viele [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 1:39 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Comments on Proposed Improvements of FM 150  
**Attachments:** FM 150.docx

Our letter and comments are attached.

Thank you,  
Arlene & Ed Viele  
Dog Camp  
[REDACTED]  
Driftwood



November 5, 2016

To: Arin Gray, Public Information Consultant

We are the owners of Dog Camp Pet Boarding and Grooming. We are located at [REDACTED], Driftwood. We began our business 15 years ago and pride ourselves in offering a safe, peaceful environment for our clients' pets – which can be up to 80-85 dogs! Our property (16.42 acres) runs on the northeast side of 150 between Hays County Recycle/Darden Hill and Onion Creek.

A survey plat was done in June 2000 before we began construction of Dog Camp. We used this survey along with the Hundred Year Flood Plane to help us in the placement of our buildings. Since 2000 flooding at the Onion Creek Bridge over 150 has occurred several times – twice this year (May and October). Since our buildings are located on an elevated area of our property above Onion Creek, the recent rise in water levels and flooding were well below where our buildings (and dogs) are located. However, we have concerns that proposed expansion of 150 may impact Onion Creek as it could redirect water flow towards these buildings should 150 be elevated above where it is today.

We're glad that one goal of this project is to "avoid a road that looks like 290"!!! Couldn't agree more! An emphasis on landscaping that will integrate with the natural beauty of the properties and trees along 150 would be appreciated and would be a benefit for our business, too. Preservation of trees and historical sites need to be protected as this is what makes the Hill Country area so unique and appealing!

Unfortunately, we were out of town for the March and October meetings. We have reviewed the website but I would like to speak with you further to get up to speed on these proposals as well as to discuss some of our questions. I left a message for you earlier today and look forward to talking with you .

Regards,

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[REDACTED]

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** susan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 12:38 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Comments for FM 150 Character Plan  
**Attachments:** 2015\_11\_05\_19\_40\_15.pdf

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Maria Hamburger <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** susan [REDACTED] characterplan <characterplan@improvefm150.com>  
**Sent:** Thu, Nov 5, 2015 7:57 pm  
**Subject:** Comments for FM 150 Character Plan

Susan, Can you please forward to the character-plan email? For some reason, it will not send from my email. ]  
Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Maria Hamburger [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 5, 2015 at 7:43:02 PM CST  
**To:** Maria Hamburger [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Comments FM 150 Character Plan

File name: RE: Concept # 9 - Comments for Character Plan

Sent from my iPad



## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: Kenneth R. Hamburger  
Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

RE: CONCEPT # 9

Comment: AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF GOVERNMENT OUT OF CONTROL.  
VERY POOR PRESENTATION OF A PROBLEM THAT DOESN'T  
EXIST EXCEPT IN THE MINDS OF A FEW DEVELOPERS AND AMBITIOUS  
COMMISSIONERS. NO TO ANY CHANGES TO HWYS 182 AND  
150. WE THE PEOPLE LOVE THE LOOKS OF THE TYPICAL HILL  
COUNTRY ROADS AND DON'T WANT 4 LANE STRAIGHT ROADS  
WITH THE HILLS REMOVED STOP TRYING TO RAM DISCUSSING  
OVER PRICED PROJECTS DOWN OUR THROATS! A PUBLIC  
MEETING SHOULD INCLUDE A CHANCE TO FIELD QUESTIONS AND  
ANSWER WHY<sup>DO</sup> TURN LANES AND REPAIRS ARE ONE THING  
SUPER HIGHWAYS THRU THE PRISTINE HILL COUNTRY ARE ANOTHER,  
THAT<sup>DO</sup> WE WILL HAVE NO TOLERANCE FOR<sup>DO</sup> AS WE TOLD YOU  
FOUR YEARS AGO LEAVE US ALONE<sup>DO</sup> GET OUT AND  
STAY OUT!

Comments and questions may also be emailed or mailed to the project team at:

- [characterplan@improvefm150.com](mailto:characterplan@improvefm150.com)
- FM 150 Character Plan, PO Box 5459, Austin, TX 78763

While comments and questions are accepted at any time, they must be received by **November 6, 2015** to be included in the public meeting report.





## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: MARIA LOURDES HAMBURGER

Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

RE: Concept # 9

Comment: See attached

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[www.improvefm150.com/nature-character-study/](http://www.improvefm150.com/nature-character-study/)

Maria Lourdes Hamburger

RE: Concept # 9

This type of power and land grab is a typical example of our local government run amok while taking notes from the corrupt government up the ladder and not caring what the people who pay their salaries want. It is unbelievable that what the owners of the land you will take, the people who moved here for the serene and peaceful beauty of the hill country are of no consequence. Why is that? Is it because you in the Commissioners Court feel so important that you feel that you want to leave a legacy that will show that you were so smart? But if you do this, maybe your legacy will be to get defeated or maybe even recalled. Do not count that out.

I drive Elder Hill Road to RR 12 round trip mostly during rush hour to my ranch in Wimberley. Rush hour? Yes, if you want to call no more than about 6 cars in both directions a laughable rush hour. Just for more information, that beautiful, curvy and hilly road which brings peace to probably most who meander through the tree covered and tree lined asphalt roadway is the reason why most of chose this location. It makes you slow down, have thoughts of nature and take in the beauty that so rarely has been saved in other parts. It literally lowers your blood pressure.

Now, you want to make it faster, flatter, wider and noisier. Doing this will not be safer due the fact that people will drive faster, kill more wildlife and you will destroy more trees and wildflowers in the process. This is just not acceptable!

We, the taxpaying public will not let you destroy this beautiful piece of "hill country" heaven to satisfy your desire to please developers and other thieving corporations for the sake of more taxes for your pleasure and salaries. This is truly an unholy alliance between Hays Count officials, developers, corporations and we must not forget, all those expensive consultants. What are these Hays county officials being offered?

We will fight you in the courts or by defeating you in elections.



## Improve FM150

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**From:** Valerie Anderson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 12:08 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FM 150 Improvement Plan-Comments  
**Attachments:** FM-150-West-Xanadu Curve.pdf

My comments specifically address the section of FM 150 from the intersection of 1826 to the intersection of Darden Hill.

It seems to me this section needs more study. The three slides from the presentation (attached) are confusing—in one, this section is called a community zone, in another a transition zone, and in the third, rural highway character. I would think the number of businesses and long-time residents would qualify it for a community zone (in which the speed limits are lower than in the rural highway zone). Maybe I don't understand, but I do think it could be more clearly defined.

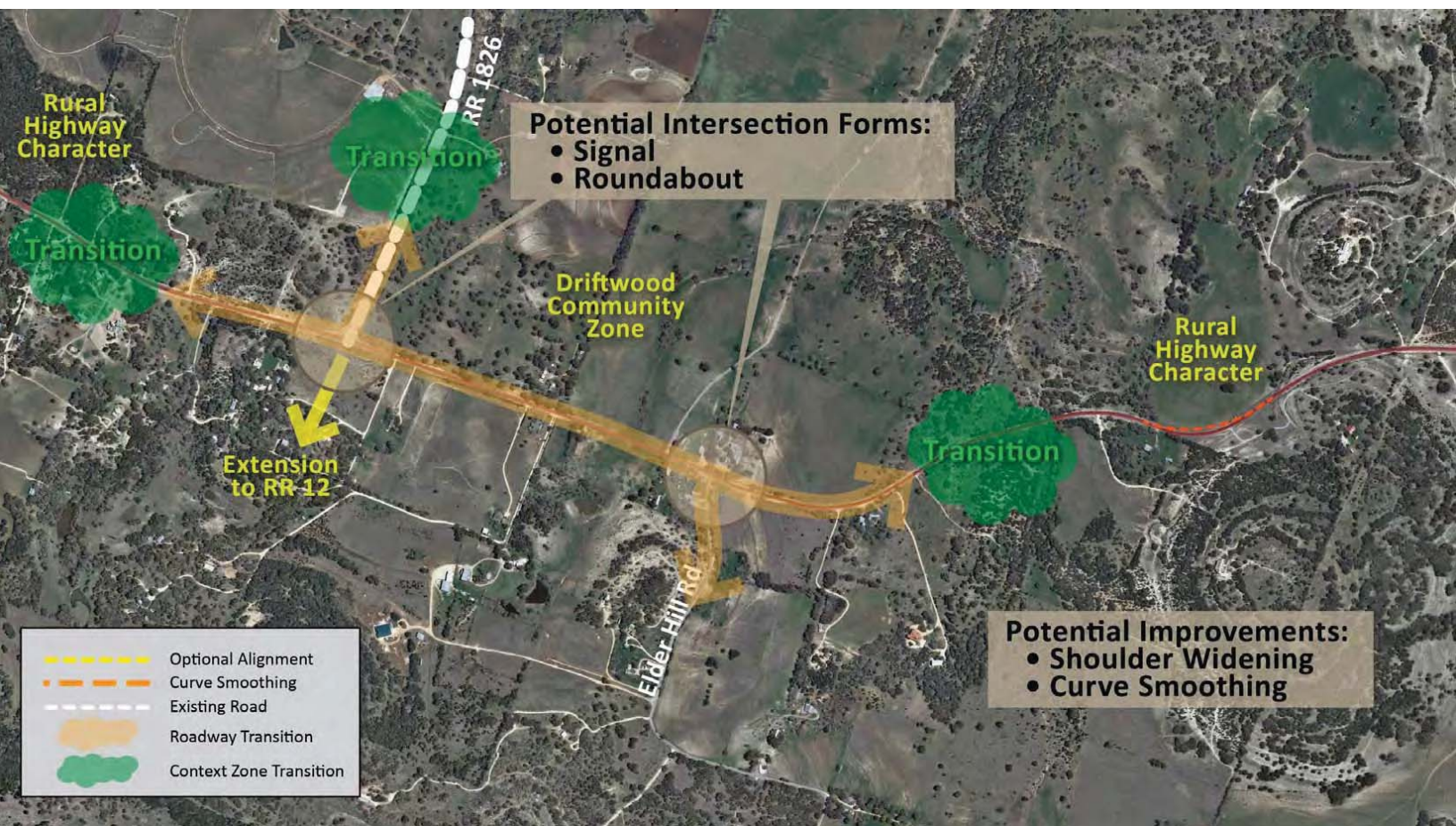
In particular, I want to point out issues with the sharp curve a mile north of the 1826 intersection. My property fronts this curve, with my driveway exiting out onto the section where there's minimal visibility in either direction. This is a dangerous curve, I admit. I've lived here 18 years, and some of my neighbors have lived here their entire lives. We've discussed the need for more safety on this curve, however, some of the options that have been proposed seem too disruptive and very expensive. The curve is where it is because it goes around a hill. If you look on the satellite view, there are at least 7 homes on this hill on the southwest side of 150—to straighten the curve would require the county to purchase some parts or all of the properties, including some of the homes. Additionally, there are a number of businesses that would need compensation. That's a lot of money. And it would require expensive excavation to cut through or go over the hill. It would pretty much destroy the rural character of this stretch. I submit that there are other, less expensive options that should be looked at before taking such drastic action. Wider shoulders and the addition of turn lanes would be a step in the right direction. So would lowering the speed limit—a lot of accidents have occurred on this curve due to speeding.

Recent flooding in this area should draw attention to the runoff issues we already have, and adding more impervious cover in the form of roads and housing developments could create more flooding and damages, costing homeowners, the county and the state.

I realize growth will happen—when my husband and I moved here in 1997, there were no lights across the valley, and now there are dozens. But if we can find a way to manage growth so we can sustain the people who live here and not ruin the character of the area, wouldn't that be in everyone's interest? The Onion Creek Valley has a long history—some of my neighbors are the descendants of the first settlers to this area, and have planned to leave their land to their children. The beauty and serenity of our community should be preserved for future generations.

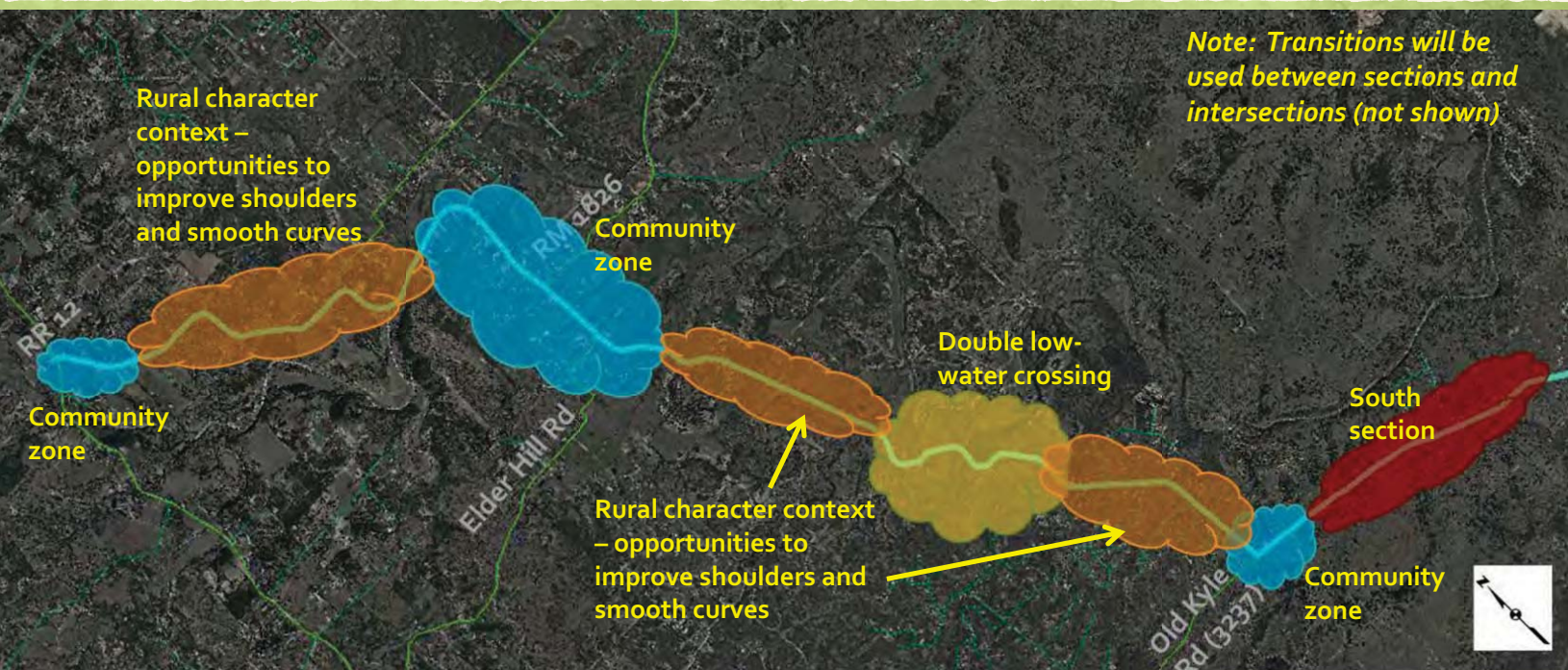
I appreciate that the commissioners are taking the time to listen to our concerns before blindly giving in to developers and others who would ruin our rural character. This process can work, if we all work together. Thank you.

Valerie Anderson

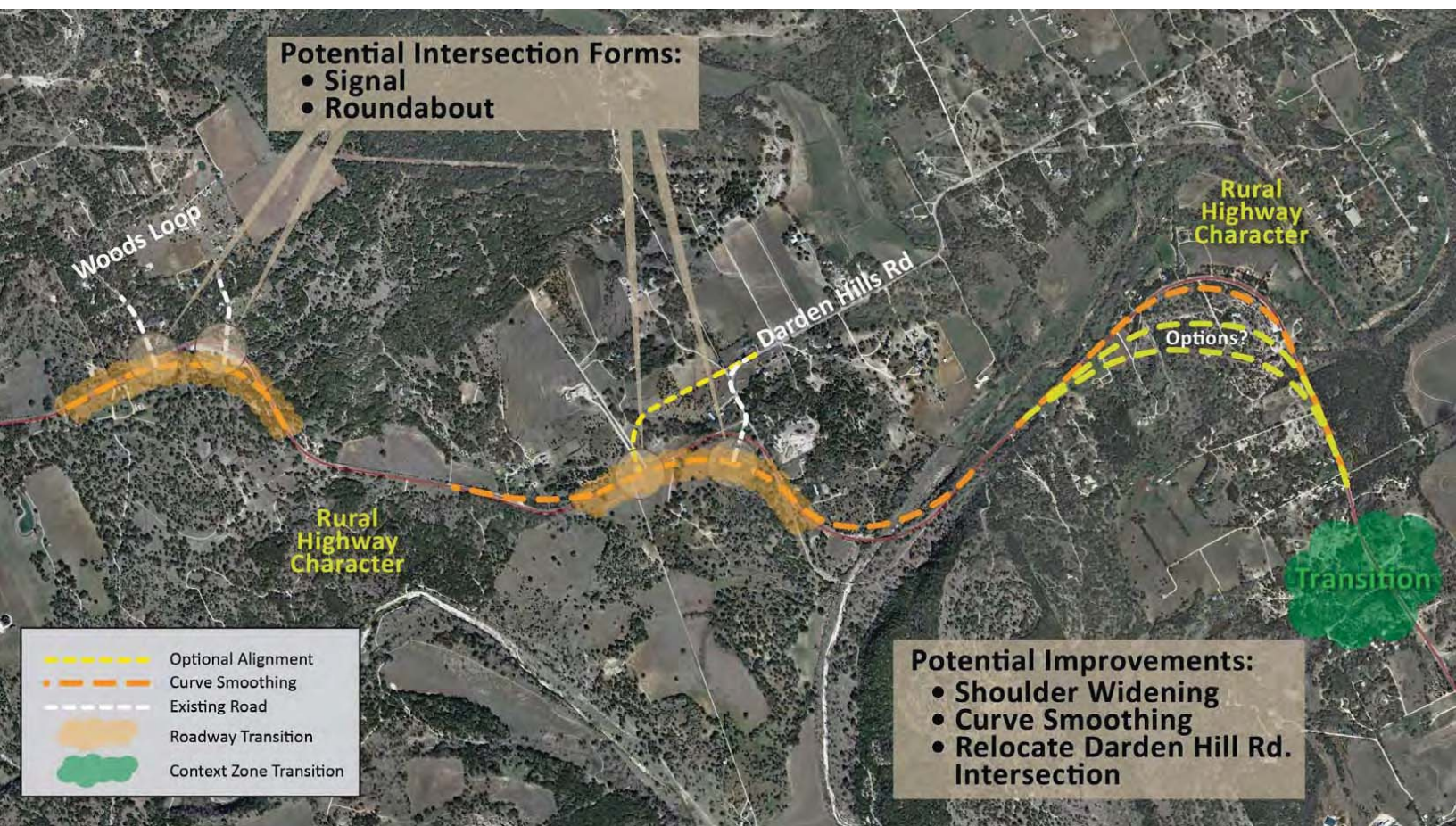




## Phase I Findings: FM 150 has Context Zones







## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Jan Carlson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 12:02 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** PLEASE POST BY Nov. 6 FM 150 plans  
  
**Importance:** High

We are longtime residents of Driftwood Texas and active in our community. We wish to continue to reside here for the remainder of our lives. We moved here for the peaceful historical charm and to be away from the city , traffic, etc. We wholeheartedly wish to preserve the beauty and history of Driftwood.

We ask you to please give more time to this consideration and NOT include FM 150 in Driftwood in your recommendation for phase I.

Thank you,  
Jan & David Carlson



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Dane Eckols [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 10:25 AM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Comments Regarding Planned FM150 Improvements

I was in attendance at the Public Meeting #3 for the Hays County FM150 West Character Plan. I am a resident of Hays County in the area being impacted by this proposed plan and am sending this email to provide my comments.

- 1) I believe that the purported need to expand the capacity or throughput of traffic through FM 150 to meet future expected growth, is inaccurate.
  - a. In fact, I believe that it is actually a self-fulfilling prophecy, where, if you build it, they will come. Rather than being built to meet expected growth needs, I believe that this is intended to drive growth in the areas around FM150.
  - b. The existing major roads (FM1826, RR12, FM967, HWY290, and IH35) currently are and should continue to be the major transit routes through this section of the county. The expansion of FM150 between RR12 and Darden Hill road is likely needed to address the known increase in traffic that will occur with the new Elementary/Middle School being built on Sawyer Ranch Road and the future High School on Darden Hill road.
    - i. It seems that expansion of Darden Hill road and Sawyer Ranch road, as well as better development of the Darden Hill road intersections at FM1826 and FM150 are needed.
    - ii. As much of the area past Driftwood is not zoned for DSISD, it does not follow that traffic from that area would significantly impacted by those schools being built and not necessitating significant changes to FM150 in that area
- 2) FM150 has immense historical, cultural and aesthetic value to the people of Hays County. The curves, hills, and picturesque areas around the low water crossings epitomize the character of the Texas Hill Country.
  - a. If the premise is accepted that FM150 will be the route to handle a significant amount of traffic resulting from future growth, then it is also true that episodic interruption of traffic on that roadway or closure of that road way would be unacceptable to the users of that roadway.
    - i. Because of the low water crossings on FM150, other traffic routes currently have to be available and used in the event of heavy rains and flashfloods.
    - ii. If FM150 is developed to handle this future use along its current path, there would be no options but to address the low water crossings with elevated bridges.
      1. Doing so would destroy the Hill Country character of those areas
      2. Doing so would disrupt the natural flow of Onion Creek and have a significantly negative effect on the ecosystems in those areas.
      3. Doing so would significantly affect the local property owners in those areas
  - b. Many of the businesses and communities within the current FM150 corridor depend upon the current character of the roadway and the intrinsic Hill Country escape that it provides. Significantly changing the roadway and it's character would be damaging to those interests.
- 3) The proposed bypass route from FM1826 to Elder Hill Road continuing to RR12 really makes no sense.
  - i. It does not address any traffic flow problems that would not already be addressed by the improvements to FM150 between RR12 and FM1826
  - ii. It would result in significant disruption to property owners in the area, and change the long established character of the community.
- 4) Of the existing plans proposed, I believe that the only feasible option is the bypass route from FM967 to the existing alignment of FM150.
  - a. FM1826 and FM967 are already well established roadways that are undergoing rework, or would easily be able to handle additional rework to increase capacity
    - i. They connect with areas that are already developing higher population densities. Tapping into FM967 would be an efficient continuation of established traffic flow.

- ii. This route avoids the issues along Onion Cree (low water crossings, and environmental)
- iii. This route allows FM150 to remain relatively the same along the majority of its path thus maintaining its historical, environmental and cultural place in the community and also allow it to provide the Hill Country character to residents and visitors in this part of Hays County.

Thank you,

Dane Eckols

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## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Gloria Binder [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 8:50 AM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** No to improvement

I have lived out hear for 43 years and I do not want this improvement.

Gloria

Sent from my iPhone

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 8:32 AM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM150 Public Meeting Comments

Regarding concept numbers 1, 2, 3 and 8 of the FM150 Character Plan:

I travel to Dripping Springs from Goldenwood West 3 times per week. The route includes RM1826 from Crystal Hill to FM150, FM150 from RM1826 to Driftwood Post Office, and FM150 from Driftwood to RM12. Over the past 16 years I have witnessed at least 10-fold increase in road traffic, especially on RM1826. Traffic is always much heavier on RM1826. My family and I have experienced significant injuries and property losses due to the poor road conditions and obsolete roadway construction.

At minimum all these roadways must have shoulders to help drivers evade surprise traffic changes including deer, bicyclists, accident blockages and distracted oncoming drivers. Also, pull outs should accommodate law enforcement for speeding drivers. In addition, pavement drop offs along the road sides are too steep; they are extremely dangerous and should be immediately brought to code conformance. All low water crossings should also be raised.

We should first improve the safety of our existing roads, before launching off into grand new road projects. Furthermore, RM1826 improvements should be addressed before widening FM150.

Sincerely,  
Michael A. Hill

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Charles Ray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 11:53 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

I was unaware of how far along these ideas had been planned until I attended the meeting at Thurman's Mansion on October 22. I found out about the meeting because I happened to see a sign next to the road by the Driftwood Post Office earlier that day; not well publicized. It seemed very suspicious that the meeting was scheduled for the same date and time as the Dripping Springs City Council Open House (which I had originally planned to attend). I am glad I chose to attend the meeting and find out what is being attempted / proposed.

I would like to register my objections to the plan presented as it is unnecessary at this time.

While parts of Hays County are experiencing tremendous growth and expect to continue this trend, our part of the county (that in the "character plan") is not in the highest growth area. I feel the expressed expected development in the near future is overstated.

In this era of tightening budgets and rampant conservatism, we should be applying the funds available for improvements to the most rapidly growing areas of the county. Areas along the I-35 corridor such as Kyle and Buda, as well as the California-style sprawl of Caliterra in Dripping Springs are much busier and in need of more attention.

Just as one example, Ranch Road 12 south of Dripping Springs needs a lot more attention / improvement for the hundreds more vehicles that are being added to the roads due to Caliterra. It will soon be a very real, ugly congestion problem.

In fact, I believe this plan would do more to encourage rampant unchecked growth and development along FM 150, rather than to "preserve it's character."

There is also the matter of obtaining lands by means of "eminent domain" or otherwise to pursue such projects as the connector from FM 1826 at 150 over to the intersection of Elder Hill Road and RR 12. It seems like more of a land grab than a real solution for an overblown "problem." This is especially concerning when there are other routes / plans that can be considered which would not involve the immediate taking of some families' life long history and properties. Let's consider their "character" as part of the community we love.

The bottom line here is that I feel:

- 1) Things are being pushed along too rapidly and too soon.
- 2) Some projections, expectations and figures are being overstated.
- 3) This is an attempt to change the character of the FM 150 corridor to possibly benefit certain portions of the area residents; certainly not all.
- 4) County funds and improvement projects should be focused towards the areas of the highest growth and projected growth, rather than along FM 150 at this time.
- 5) Something smells "fishy" around here...

Sincerely,

Charles Ray  
[REDACTED]  
Driftwood, TX 78619  
[REDACTED]



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Ashley Duke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 11:04 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Expansion

In regards to the potential expansion of FM 150 in Driftwood, NO, I'm against it. I do not want to forfeit my property line just to widen the road to allow for the increase of overdevelopment in our area. We did not buy a house in the country to watch it give way to the ongoing development of residential communities. Stop trying to develop an area that didn't ask to be exploited. Create an alternate route through the country and leave well enough alone. We all like where we live for a reason. Where we live is quite and tranquil mixed with just the right amount of peaceful and beautiful.

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Laura Tansey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 11:01 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Do not touch Elder Hill Rd!

Dear Commissioners:

I commend you on your efforts for being proactive and planning for the future of the area. The most wonderful thing about the timing of your pursuit is that there still is time...time for real community input and time to imagine what we want the area to be like in the next, say, 100 years, for our children and their children. This is a time to prioritize - we are not playing catch-up. I am sure that you have heard by now how valued this beautiful area of Texas is to both the community of Driftwood and to our friends near and far. Driftwood is something special. It is why, after over a year of actively looking for land, we decided to raise our children here. It is why people from Austin, the state, and even the world come to enjoy the beautiful scenery and a glass of Texas wine, an industry that is growing and putting Texas on the map for oenophiles. Please value this unique treasure and do not destroy it with concrete. Yes, Hays county is growing... in Kyle, in Buda, in San Marcos. However, there is not uniform growth throughout the county. Please fulfill your duty as a civil servant and listen to the people. Wider roads, more roads is the path of least resistance, the path of the cheap dollar. It is acquiescing to the mundane, the path of destruction, the path of short-sightedness. Driftwood can be an economic engine in the region - for tourism, wineries, seeing the stars at night. Please keep some things sacred. You are civil servants - listen to the people and be custodians of this beautiful country that we have the incredible fortune to call home. I thank God every day for what we have. Please. Do not destroy our land. Do not touch Elder Hill Road.

Best regards,

Laura Tansey  
[REDACTED]

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Laura L. Tansey  
Attorney at Law  
tel: [REDACTED]  
fax: [REDACTED]

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## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 10:56 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Driftwood, TX - Plans

To Whom It May Concern,

As far as your potential plans for FM 150 in Driftwood to expand it to 4 lanes is not acceptable. We just moved out to Driftwood 4 months ago to get away from the bad traffic as well as to have some peace and quiet. Being that our house is directly beside 150 ... We are NOT OK with having more traffic than there already is and we are NOT OK with you possibly intruding on our property to make a 4 lane road. Due to the potential traffic volume increase and the improachment on our property line, we also don't want to end up with cars in our yard from possible wrecks that come over our fence due to the road being so close to our property. Not to mention, the traffic will be so much louder so our peace and quiet that we moved to Driftwood to find will be gone. Please stop trying to fix what isn't broken and stop trying to take the beauty/serenity out of our area.

Instead, you need to build a new road on an alternative route that is East of the existing FM 150.

If you are going to have to build/rebuild a road then you might as well make a new one and keep the congestion away from our community. If we wanted to live in a high traffic congested area then we would have bought and stayed in downtown Austin! Driftwood is called the country for a reason and we want to keep it that way!! Nice, quiet and peaceful wine country...

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Shelby and Nica Eckols [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 9:59 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Phase 1 Comment

Phase 1 of the FM 150 Character Plan should not include the extension of FM 1826 at FM 150 and the connection to Elder Hill Road. I do not believe local residents have accepted the need for this expansion, and my understanding is that it was not a part of the original expansion of the FM 150 corridor plan presented to the CAP. We need more time and study and community involvement for a decision on extension of FM 150 at FM 1826 and/or alterations to Elder Hill Road. I am particularly concerned with loss of wildlife habitat and family land, as well as insensitivity to Driftwood community and Hays County values with a hasty inclusion of these two projects without community input as prescribed by our county commissioners.

Nica Eckols  
Sent from my iPad

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Shelby and Nica Eckols [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 9:24 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Comments on FM 150 Corridor Plan

The FM 150 Corridor Plan study has been a success because it provided the community an opportunity to provide comment and the County has recognized the comments and made adjustments to the initial plan for FM 150. However, concepts for extending FM 1826 and improvements on Elder Hill road were included at the last minute without providing adequate time for citizen response and suggestions. For these reasons, I respectfully request the following.

1. Please do not include any comment on the extension of FM 1826 or improvements to Elder Hill in the FM 150 Corridor report because no time has been provided for citizen input and these improvements have not been given the amount of time allotted to the FM 150 improvements.
2. Please do not include any statement about FM 150 north of the intersection with FM 1826 because again adequate time and thought has not been given to this section of roadway in the FM 150 Corridor study to date.

The concept implemented by Hays County for the FM 150 Corridor is working and thank the County for doing so, however, please provide adequate time for this same process to be applied to these other sections of roadway. As defined by your own population projections and current road capacities, there appears to be adequate time to perform the considerations mentioned above.

Thank you,

Shelby Eckols

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** James Marroquin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 8:19 PM  
**To:** Nancy Marroquin  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: FM 150 character study comment

Mike and Lisa,  
Thank you for your great words!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 5, 2015, at 5:35 PM, Nancy Marroquin [REDACTED] wrote:  
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> The traffic flow in regards to "FM 150/Elder Hill issue" that Joe Cantalupo spoke about at the Oct 22 meeting, and his suggested solution of an extension of 1826, is not only premature, there is no clarity of purpose or need at this point.  
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> More study and input is essential. Please do not include an extension of 1826 in phase one.  
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> The act of taking this out for further study would remove a perception that "more than meets the public eye" is going on concerning this plan.  
>  
> I am confident that is not a perception our public servants desire or intend.  
>  
> Let's take time to study this issue and encourage public participation instead of simply bundling such a potentially dramatic change to the character of Driftwood in phase one  
>  
> Nancy Marroquin  
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>  
> Sent from my iPhone



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Nancy Marroquin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 5:35 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FM 150 character study comment

The traffic flow in regards to "FM 150/Elder Hill issue" that Joe Cantalupo spoke about at the Oct 22 meeting, and his suggested solution of an extension of 1826, is not only premature, there is no clarity of purpose or need at this point.

More study and input is essential. Please do not include an extension of 1826 in phase one.

The act of taking this out for further study would remove a perception that "more than meets the public eye" is going on concerning this plan.

I am confident that is not a perception our public servants desire or intend.

Let's take time to study this issue and encourage public participation instead of simply bundling such a potentially dramatic change to the character of Driftwood in phase one

Nancy Marroquin

Sent from my iPhone

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Kasey Mock [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 3:22 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan

Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Whisenant,

THANK YOU for your efforts to involve the citizens in this complicated process. I appreciate the progress that has been made as a result of these combined efforts, and recognize your intent to preserve the heritage of our community, while finding a safe solution to move traffic.

I strongly believe the Phase 1 process needs more time to adequately study the best solutions for North FM150 from 1826 to RR12, and Edler Hill Road. Landowners are fearful that the land they have struggled to conserve will now be jeopardized by 4 lane roads.

Thank you again for your consideration and your work. Lets leave a legacy that makes our children proud.

Go get em!

**Kasey Mock**  
Director, KW Farm & Ranch  
Realtor Partner, Plateau Land Group



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## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Mike Pruitt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 2:01 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FM 150/Elder Hill Road

All, at the October 22 meeting, Joe Cantalupo made it clear that he believes there is an “issue” regarding the flow of traffic beginning at the intersection of FM 150 and Elder Hill Road and continuing along FM 150 to the intersection with FM 1826 (the “FM 150/Elder Hill Issue”). By including any extension of FM 1826 in the Phase I Study of FM 150, you are making a determination that the solution to the FM 150/Elder Hill Issue is an extension of FM 1826. There has not yet been sufficient studies or input to make this determination at this time. There are other possibilities to the FM 150/Elder Hill Issue and these need to be studied and explored. Input to the FM/Elder Hill Issue should be provided from the community. You should not include any extension of FM 1826 in the Phase I Study of FM 150.

Also, Joe Cantalupo, Commissioner Whisenant and Commissioner Conley have each told me no one has any idea where any extension of FM 1826 would be located, even if it were ever to be built, yet at the October 22 meeting, there were maps showing the location of the extension. Joe had previously told me that the presentation October 22 would not show a definite line, but would show a broad, wide area where an extension could possibly be located. Joe told me at the October 22 meeting that failing to make the change was an oversight on his part. Has this been corrected? If the extension of FM 1826 is included in the Phase I Study of FM 150 (which I believe is wrong for the reasons stated above), the location of any possible extension should be a broad, wide area showing the connection to RR 12 as being possible anywhere from Elder Hill Road to at least the point where the connection would be located if FM 1826 were extended directly, in a straight line, from the FM 150/FM 1826 intersection to RR 12.

Thank you for your consideration. Mike and Lisa.

J. Michael Pruitt

[REDACTED]  
Driftwood, TX 78619  
[REDACTED]

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## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Capron Jane [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 1:32 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Comments regarding proposed improvements to FM150  
**Attachments:** Scan 10.pdf; Untitled attachment 00159.htm

**Subject:** Comments re FM 150 project

**Date:** Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 2:37:24 PM Central Standard Time

**From:** Phil Capron

**To:** characterplan@improve150.com

**CC:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I am a Driftwood resident on Elder Hill Road. I would like to add my comments for your consideration for the proposed changes for FM 150 to RR 12. These are in keeping with your group's frequently stated intention of "letting the character of community and environment define the location and design of the roadway". I have been on the Board of Directors for the local Urban Land Institute for many years which is a national land use educational group dedicated to "best practices" and not political advocacy of any kind.

**1. CONNECTION ROUTE BETWEEN FM 1826 and RR12:**

Elder Hill Road shares the same characteristics as FM 150 in terms of "country beauty". Perhaps even more so because of its low housing density along FM 170 from RR12 to FM 150 at the FM 1826 intersection. Most people moved out to this area for the "country setting" and not to simply convert the few scenic roadways that exist in the area to become "citified". Connecting FM 1826 on a relatively straight line to meet up with County Road 193 (Branson Road) does not ruin an already existing pleasant stretch of road.. It is also a more simple and logical solution.

Where a proposed connection point into Elder Hill Road is shown in the initial plan is at a particularly curvy and beautiful road area and all it accomplishes is cutting off a small corner versus going north a bit further to the existing County Road 193 to extend over to FM 1826. FM 170 would undoubtedly become a heavily trafficked speedway in very little time just to save a few minutes of drive time.

**2. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

There is simply no practical way to avoid substantial environmental and habitat destruction along FM 170 that would come with widening and rebuilding an existing roadway, not to mention the significant traffic disruption that would occur versus an entirely new route as suggested above by many other people. We already have serious water resource issues that might even suggest "why is such a new road appropriate in this small area in the first place". Normally new roads are constructed to encourage more density and in spite of recent rains, we are still looking at the probability of a continued drought trend that will have to be contended with for a long time. My wife and I raise honeybees on our property that are so badly needed these days and they would surely disappear quickly with a new busy road nearby.

**3. ECONOMIC ISSUES:**

There is no doubt that acquisition of land would be dramatically more time consuming and expensive along the existing FM 170. With the current tax mood that exists it is incumbent upon all governmental entities to be extremely cognizant of maximum efficiency of limited public tax dollars available. Careful smart growth approaches to any new road can strike a better win-win from both an economic and scenic balance that I believe most people that already live in the area strongly prefer. This is not a growth versus no growth issue, but rather one of best balancing the Rubick's cube of challenges that any new road might create. That is accomplished by much more than any road engineer's input dominating the discussion.

**4. THE GROWING WINERY AND MICROBREWERY BUSINESSES FOR TOURISM:**

This specific area is seeing a substantial growth of these kinds of agrarian and tourist activities. One of the appeals of that kind of development is that folks spend their money with our costing government entities but minimal costs such as school construction, etc. These are some of the best "net positive tax revenues" that local governmental entities can ever hope for in the quest to squeeze required services costs from limited property and sales tax sources. One of the important components of that growth is to maintain the "country roadway" feel along a road like FM 170 and nearby rather than create a much faster speedway cut-off for commuters trying to get to a job in Austin. It is very much a symbiotic net tax revenue issue that combines a win – win for both economic AND environmental

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Susan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 12:50 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Widening of 150

When is the next meeting for 150 widening proposal? We have been unable to attend and want to speak out.

Susan & Larry



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Rob Baxter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 12:29 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FM 150 Plan

Hello Ray,

Rob Baxter here. Unfortunately, my travels for work have prevented me from making these FM 150 meetings. However, now that I see the alternative maps I have to say there is a glaring omission that I am very curious about.

When looking at a skyview map of the region it becomes apparent that the more obvious choice (and far less intrusive into the heart of rural Driftwood) for this routing to connect Kyle to Dripping would be to improve Lone Man Mountain Road (CR183) from 3237 to RR12. It is far less distance of major improvements than the huge diagonal being planned from Hays City to Dripping. The distance from Hays City to RR12 along 3237 is far less than the diagonal route. RR12 has to improve anyway and is partially four lane already at the Elder Hill intersection. Also, RR12 becoming four lane to Winter's Mill from Dripping only makes sense and is inevitable....so why are we not making use of that improvement rather than tearing up FM150 from Hays City through Driftwood?

This more logical route is not in the considered plans...why not? Rather than opening up empty lands through Rutherford Ranch or destroying the stretch of 150 from 3237 to RR12, which is arguably one of the prettiest roads in the county, if not state. Traffic on 150 is simply not a major issue now or should be in the future, but it will be if either of these present plans (Rutherford Bypass or 150 Route) goes through. This is a crying shame, especially when there is a viable alternative that could better service the needs of Kyle, Dripping and Wimberley in one fell swoop and far better without disrupting the status quo on FM 150 through Driftwood.

Sadly, the website is woefully mis-named "ImproveFM150" when it proposes no such thing.

Please let us all know why CR183 is not being considered here.

Thank you.

Rob Baxter  
Driftwood, TX  
[REDACTED]

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Laura Raley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 11:58 AM  
**To:** FM 150 Character Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Comment Period Reminder

Thank you for taking comments. I have driven from Houston to Driftwood for 16 years, sometimes weekly. Highway 80 from I 35 to I 10 has gone down to a two lane road with no apparant issues, and it is not primarily a residential area. Keep FM 150 two lanes, with some turn and passing lanes where needed.

I cannot conceive there are more people trying to go from Dripping Springs to San Marcos area than from I 10 to San Marcos at any given time.

Laura Raley

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**From:** FM 150 Character Plan <characterplan@improvefm150.com>  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 3, 2015 12:59 PM  
**Subject:** Comment Period Reminder



Good Afternoon,

This is a friendly reminder, to submit comments by **November 6, 2015** to be included in the FM 150 Character Plan - October 22 Meeting Report! While comments and questions are always accepted, they must be received by this deadline for the report. Please send comment to the project team using one of the following methods:

- Email: [characterplan@improvefm150.com](mailto:characterplan@improvefm150.com)
- Mail: FM 150 Character Plan, P.O. Box 5459, Austin, TX 78763

All meeting materials have been posted on the project webpage:

<http://improvefm150.com/nature-character-study/>

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Theresa Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 8:07 AM  
**To:** Characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Opposed to four laning FM 150

I am writing to express my opposition to the four-laning of FM 150 between FM 1826 and RR 12. This stretch of 150 is quiet and residential with some small commercial activities. We do not need to risk turning it into an expressway from Dripping Springs to Austin.

Nature follows a path of least resistance. If 150 is widened from RR 12 to FM 1826, the opportunities to bypass 290 and possibly tolls in Oak Hill and to drive fast with more ability to pass slower traffic will encourage more traffic to detour from 290 to 1826. History suggests increased traffic will result in increased commercial growth, changing the character in an undesirable direction. The increase in commercial development will increase the amount of impermeable cover which will affect the drainage into Onion Creek, increasing the potential for flooding, as well as environmental contamination. Part of that increase in traffic will be more trucks zipping through into Austin rather than taking 290 into Oak Hill.

The rationale for widening the road presented at the meeting I attended at the Driftwood Community Center (I was out of town Oct. 22) was to accommodate traffic to the new high school on Sawyer Ranch Road. Assuming that the school traffic uses the road an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon, five days a week, for nine months of the year, we would be widening that road for heavier usage occurring less than 5% of the time. That's a lot of tax money for little use. Looking at the intersection of 150 and Darden Hill, there appears to be plenty of undeveloped space to accommodate some turn lanes and other improvements to help with school-related congestion. Remember too that those anticipated trucks taking advantage of this wider road will be creating dangers for the students driving to school.

I commute from Driftwood to San Marcos. I have learned the backroads to avoid flooding, wrecks and other road closures. Many of these alternative routes are subject to flooding. Rather than put all our eggs in one basket with a few wider roadways to carry large amounts of traffic, we need to look at improving more 2-lane roads to share some of the load as well as to provide alternative routes during road closures. For instance, adding some passing opportunities on 12 between San Marcos and Wimberley. FM 150 is subject to flooding from Onion Creek - the more traffic using it, the bigger the disaster if and when it floods.

[REDACTED] The Reeves/Reaves cemetery is on our property along with other historical reminders. FM 150 is the road through my quiet little neighborhood here on "the big curve." The proposal presents options (dashed lines) for increasing the radius of curvature on the big curve which will potentially displace some of my neighbors, and certainly impact all of us in the neighborhood with noise, wildlife disruption, and dust. This sharp curve occurs because the road is circling around a hill which would have to be blasted off to accommodate a four lane highway. I have concerns that the dust and pollutants from the construction of these roads, as well as the increased traffic, will impact our ability to use our rainwater collection system for potable water. These options also dangerously limit the visibility for those of us who turn out onto FM 150 from Reaves Road. I am very opposed to these options to modify FM 150. These dashed lines on the map are also misleading since they are much narrower than the actual road would be.

I realize that traffic is going to increase in the area and we need to make smart decisions now, and that as the population grows, the value system of what is important to the majority of the citizenry will change, making our decisions now even more important to protect what we, the citizens who have been here awhile, value. But we don't need to create problems that don't have to exist. I would like to see the county think about adding more passing and turn lanes on existing roads and improving smaller roads to take on part of the load before jumping in and four-laning FM 150 from FM 1826 to RR 12.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Diane Spicer [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 11:38 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

Dear caretakers,

I am so greatfull that you are gathering our feelings in the case of road expansion on 150. I really think that the expansion/extension of 1826 toward hwy 12 is premature and should not be on this plan. This is still a wildlife area, essentially undeveloped.

I understand that 150 between Darden Hill and 12 could be improved as traffic from schools overloads that area. We have lived in Driftwood for over 30 years. We are here for the quiet and beauty, which is getting more difficult to see. That is the worth of the area. Please preserve what you can.

Thank you,  
Diane Spicer

[REDACTED]  
Driftwood, Tx  
78619

Sent from my iPad



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Robin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 8:49 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

Comment:

I do not see the sense of having the FM 1826 extension feed into Elder Hill Road. That road is hilly, small, curvy (and pristine and scenic)!from the proposed tie-in to RR12. I believe if you extended FM1826 straight across to RR12 further north then the Dripping Springs traffic would use that FM826 extension and eliminate the need to make FM150 into 4 lanes (from the intersection of RR12/FM150 to intersection of FM150/FM1826) at all.

Carpe Diem...Seize the Day!

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Cara Wyland [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 8:34 PM  
**To:** FM 150 Character Plan  
**Cc:** Cara Wyland; Mike Pruitt  
**Subject:** Request that the Extention of FM 1826 Not be Mentioned in Phase I  
**Attachments:** Cara's Driftwood Letter - 2nd Letter.docx

Please see the attached.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks so much for your help.

Best - Cara  
Cara Wyland [REDACTED]

November

3, 2015

Hays County Commissioners Court

Re: Comments to FM 150 Study/Potential Extension of FM 1826

Commissioners:

I am writing to respectfully request that the extension of FM 1826 not be mentioned in Phase I of the FM 150 Character Plan, and that if reference is made to the extension of FM 1826 in Phase I, that it be downgraded to “one possibility among several” potential solutions to the “FM 150/Elder Hill Road issue” rather than a “recommendation”.

I have written and submitted a letter previously – before attending the October meeting at Thurman’s Mansion.

Now, in light of the content shared during, and conversations had after, the presentation at that meeting, I am submitting a second letter coming from a different perspective than my first. I appreciate you considering both of my letters as valid input.

The content shared during that meeting strongly implied that a “recommendation” would be included in Phase I of the FM 150 Character Plan to extend FM 1826. It was made clear that the exact location of that extension is still unknown, but the recommendation to extend it was being strongly considered to be included in Phase I.

I respectfully request that this “recommendation” not be included, and that if reference is made to the extension of FM 1826, that the reference be downgraded to “one possibility among several” to the resolution of the issue.

During the development of the FM 150 plan for modifications, the process has been very inclusive and open, a clear give-and-take process that has taken into account the long-range goals and challenges of our community as well as individual concerns about how these goals and challenges are addressed.

I respectfully submit that this has not been the case on the proposed extension of FM 1826.

I understand a problem has been identified involving the traffic flow between Elder Hill Road and FM 1826.

It now seems it is being assumed that the only solution to this problem is the extension of FM 1826.

I disagree. While this may be one possible solution, I do not believe it is prudent to assume it

is the only solution.

There are really smart people involved in this process, and really smart people who have a personal interest in the outcome. I have no doubt that if the same energy and brain power that went into the FM 150 plan development were put to the resolution of the “FM 150/Elder Hill Road issue”, that alternative solutions could be developed and discussed and a reasonable plan of action laid out.

With all due respect, I submit that, at this point, this kind of process has not been adhered to. I believe any extension of FM 1826 would affect the core of Driftwood, and therefore, warrants further community conversation and consideration than it has been given up until now.

Therefore, I request that rather than include the extension of FM 1826 as a ‘recommendation’ in Phase I, that it not be mentioned at all, or at the least, that it be referenced to as “one possibility among several” to the resolution of the “FM 150/Elder Hill Road issue”.

Once again, my family and I commend you for seeking and accepting community input on these issues. I still would not want to be in your shoes.

I appreciate that you are, and that you are willing to listen to your constituents on decisions of this magnitude.

Thank you again for allowing us to provide you with input. It is greatly appreciated. We look forward to working with you in this process.

Sincerely,

Cara Wyland

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Driftwood, TX 78619

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** R Ray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 6:04 PM  
**To:** FM150 Character Plan  
**Subject:** Concept Number 9  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

RE: Concept number #9

We have lived in the area for many years and would like Driftwood to remain a small, quiet community. Proceeding with the extension of Elder Hill Road over to FM 1826 could cause long term environmental issues that will impact our property. According to the maps we have seen, this extension will encompass several acres at the back corner and down one side of our property line. It would be devastating to see large oak trees removed and the destruction of a large rock tank, believed to be more than 100 years old, destroyed in the name of IMPROVEMENT.

Raymond Ray

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Jim Marroquin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 3:05 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** will.conley@co.hays.tx.us; ray.whisenant@co.hays.tx.us  
**Subject:** Re: A Comment to be submitted before November 6, 2015 on the FM 150 Character Plan

I appreciate the opportunity to submit comments to the 150 character plan and commissioners.  
The Character Plan should not close with any recommendations about extending 1826 west with a new road to the back part of elder hill road or about widening FM 150 to 4 lanes north of FM 1826. We need more time to look at other options.

Sincerely,  
Jim Marroquin



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Marsha Acock [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 1:41 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

I am a landowner on Elder Hill Road. I am very opposed to the portion of the proposed "Driftwood Bypass" that would connect FM 1826 to Elder Hill Road with a 4-lane divided highway. The identical reasoning that was the foundation of the creation of the southern portion of the Bypass applies equally to anything that should be considered along the northern section of FM 150. A 4-lane divided highway here is utterly out of character and would never have been considered remotely possible to those of us who have purchased property and/or developed low impact businesses in this area in the last 20 years. Elder Hill Road down its entire length is tranquil, beautiful, multi-acre properties of a rural nature. This is quiet country estate, horse farm, vineyard, bed and breakfast, and wedding venue country. The road itself feels like it is out of some other long ago time. The people who have invested here along with the multi-generational landowners love it that way, and feel that our input has not been heard or considered. I urge you to extend this phase of the project to allow for additional input from those of us who live on or have great concern for the Elder Hill Road portion of the Driftwood Bypass. This will provide the opportunity to hear from all potentially affected constituencies, and for thoughtful minds to generate the same type of creative thinking that resulted in the solutions in the southern portion of the Bypass.

Marsha L. Acock  
[REDACTED]

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** james wernli [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 11:18 AM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

Is it still in the plans to come from FM 1826 west thru pasture land and rejoin Elder hill Road about where entrance to PANTHER CREEK SUBDISION IS? Was haed to see if that was still in the plan. If so, then you are screwing all the residents along that stretch of Elder Hill Road. Just past where the proposed tie in occurs is a sharp blind curve. Folks coming on to Elder Hill from the Bypass are going to come around it to fast and many wrecks are going to happen. Not to mention , the fact that folks are going to have a hell of a hard time getting out on Elder Hill from side roads. You folks need to rethink this tie in point. you might be in for some lawsuits from injured parties, as a result of POOR PLANNING.

Respectfully,

James Wernli

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** TR Bendall [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 8:40 AM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Comments

Thanks for putting on the public meetings. I think doing the 7 bypass (from the map) is much better than doing anything to the low water crossings. They will carry much less traffic and are so unique, as is Driftwood. Enlarge 8 with the 1826 project and do the 4 lanes at both ends of 150 as well as the 7 bypass. Do the 9 bypass, but bring it in to 12 closer to Gatlin Crk. Don't mess with any of the existing 170, except to finish the surfacing and stripping. It is not safe in front of La Ventana since you covered up the turn lane stripes 2 years ago. 12 & Hamilton Pool really needs to be 4 lane all the way from 71 to 35, with a bypass around Wimberely.

Regards, Thomas Bendall

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** [REDACTED] 2015 7:57 AM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character comments

Thank you to the Commissioners and all parties for engaging in this discussion. From the myriad comments heard at the last meeting there is obviously a significant amount of discussion to be had still, and I hope this Phase One is accorded the proper amount of time to fully explore these issues.

My comments include:

Is expansion of 150 to 4 lanes between 1826 and 12 truly the only option? I am leery of that as it will impact the entire feel of that stretch.

Adding lanes to Darden Hill is also extremely undesirable and detrimental to the rural character of that entire area. 2 low water crossings alone on Darden should not be disturbed

Expanding these roads only encourages further development in the areas that today retain only with difficulty their rural character and makes our area so special. 4 lanes on 150 or Darden Hill will wipe all that away.

Other alternatives need to be explored and I hope there will be further input and engagement on these issues. Just accepting that "development is here and is unstoppable" is not necessarily the best tack.

Thank you  
Hal Harkavy

H Harkavy  
Anyone know where I can get me some Cilantro?  
A man, a plan, a canal, Panama

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Deborah Herczog [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 11:57 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

I respectfully request that my objections to the proposal to widen FM 150 West be noted and considered.

Onion Creek Valley in Driftwood is an exceptional & unique part of Hays County.

This area can & should be protected because it has:

- a long history of early colonization by indigenous people and pioneers -cultural significance related to that history - critical environmental importance for native species of plants/trees/wildflowers/mammals/birds/reptiles-amphibians/insects
- beautiful scenic views & interesting geology

Onion Creek Valley also offers:

- benefit to the whole county (pride associated with an irreplaceable area that has highly significant longterm potential as a major tourist draw) -ever increasing monetary value in terms of those visitor "ecotourism" dollars -value as a historic cruise (whether by motor vehicle, inner tube or kayak!) for Texans as well as out of state visitors -lovely unspoiled habitat -peaceful quiet living for a close community of rural residents

High roadway speeds and recurrent problematic natural weather events (like the Oct 2013, May 2015, Oct 2015 heavy rains) suggest and predict that road expansion in this area is very likely to critically endanger automobile drivers, their passengers, and our county road crews. Expanded roads create additional water run off which leads to measurably increased flooding with associated risks. An additional very real logistical concern is that proposed FM 150 road expansion, particularly in the portion west from 1826 to Darden Hill, would require enormously increased construction costs and frequent major highway repairs due to alarmingly high water level challenges.

Please explore and evaluate alternative roadway expansion options, especially those that offer less expense & risk while preserving pristine, historic and beautiful areas like the Onion Creek Valley for present and future generations of Hays County residents.

Thank you,

Deborah Herczog  
[REDACTED]  
Driftwood, Tx 78619

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Jeff Eichelberger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 11:28 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

Just wanted to make a comment for the record regarding the corridor plan.

It seems to me that the growth along Sawyer Ranch Road, especially the new schools, will greatly increase traffic along Elder Hill Rd. (how the county is going to deal with the dog legs, I don't know) The increased traffic on EHR will have a major impact on the north section of FM 150 from 1826 north to 12. Since one school is under construction, the need to address the issue is immediate.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Eichelberger



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Richard McClaskey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 10:27 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

Please consider less invasive options to the widening of FM 150 to four lanes, such as widening to four lanes only at major turns, in front of subdivisions, etc. A decision to do a wholesale widening of the length of 150 might be unnecessary, for years to come, if effective, but lesser impact, measures to mitigate traffic are taken.

My hope is that traffic growth can be managed with low impact measures. We understand that growth is inevitable but please consider less impact vs. greater impact measures to accommodate this growth. My wife and I moved to Driftwood to escape Dallas. We cherish this area and appreciate your effort to minimize the changes and maximize the character that we loved and moved here for.

Thanks

Richard McClaskey  
[REDACTED]

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Regards,

**Richard McClaskey**  
[REDACTED]

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** George Hansen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 7:46 PM  
**To:** FM150 Project Team; Ray Whisenant; Will Conley  
**Subject:** Comments to FM150 Character Plan - Public Forum of 22 October 2015  
**Attachments:** HCTP - FM 150 Character Study.pdf

Commissioners Conley and Whisenant, and the Project Team,

First off, thank you for holding this latest public meeting, and the meetings preceding, and for providing the open forum for public comment for long range road planning. All too often, we drivers complain - while stuck in road construction - that "Gov" never gets ahead of population growth and demand for road improvements. Always after the fact - a day late and a dollar short. You all should be commended for being proactive, painful as it seems to be at times.

I'm happy to submit my comments, and hope you will find them to be thoughtful and constructive.

Regards,

George Hansen

Resident of La Ventana, Driftwood  
[REDACTED]

## Comments regarding the FM 150 Character Plan Study, as presented in public forum on 22 October, 2015

Submitted by: George Hansen

Email: [REDACTED]

### Key points extracted from the Hays County Transportation Plan (HCTP)

- Forecasted growth in Hays county will occur primarily along the I-35 corridor
- Growth in the rural areas of Hays County will be limited, by both commuting for employment, and by limitations to aquifer water supplies from private or community well systems. **The real impact of aquifer water supplies limiting residential growth has not been adequately explored.**
- Growth in rural areas of the county will occur along RR12 near Dripping Springs and FM 1826, i.e Rim Rock and north, where home buyers determine commuting distances to Austin are reasonable

### Observations and opinions regarding the HCTP

- The largest growth in traffic will impact I-35 - commuters traveling daily for employment in Austin, San Antonio, San Marcos and New Braunfels
- Secondly, commuters will continue to use RR12/290 and FM1826 to access employment in Austin
- **How and where population growth can occur in the county will be largely determined by the availability of water supplies. Until this subject is properly studied and factored into growth projections, all CAMPO growth projections are subject to serious question. If the growth projections, either in gross number or by location, are flawed then road planning will be flawed as well.**
- Much less traffic growth will be imposed on FM 150, and even less on FM 170 (Elder Hill Road). Traffic growth on FM 150 will primarily be from FM 3237 to FM 1826 ( tofrom Austin), not from 1826 to RR12 (Dripping Springs) **(Concepts 2 and 9)**
- Improvements to increase traffic capacity on RR12 and FM 1826 will be necessary. Perhaps not 4 lanes, but with addition of passing zones, either 4 lane or 3 lane. As a note, I have not seen the addition of passing zones identified as a potential improvement in any of the presentation/plan materials.
- The consultant's presentation on 22 October several times showed RR12 improvements as examples of what could be possible for FM 150. I travel RR12 from Wimberley to San Marcos weekly. There are very limited permitted passing sections on the current 2 lane road, and the normal on-coming traffic volume usually prevents any opportunity to pass slower traffic. It seems that passing zones, either 3 or 4 lanes, would go a long way to solving this problem. A perfect example of a 4 lane passing zone is RR 12 at FM 170.

### Response to the FM 150 Character Study

- The unique character of FM 150 from Driftwood to FM 3237 should not be changed. No substantial changes to the double low water crossings. The number of times each year that the crossings are impassable due to high water flow is minimal and acceptable. **(Concept 4)**
- The alternative to construct a new FM 150 corridor from 3237 to FM 967 would be preferred. **(Concept 7)**
- Similarly, the unique character of FM 170 should not be changed. If higher capacity is really need in the future, a completely new route from FM 1826 to RR12 should be utilized. **(Concept 9)**. Whether more capacity will be needed is very questionable in my mind.
- Better flow control of traffic at intersections; FM 1826 at FM 150, FM 150 at FM 3237 and FM 150 at RR12 would help alleviate backups. The current condition of a single stop sign with no control of through traffic is inadequate. **(Concepts 1 and 5)**

### **Conclusions and summary opinions**

- RR 12 from San Marcos to Dripping Springs, and FM 1826 from Driftwood to HWY 290 need immediate attention. The lack of passing on both roads results in regular stack up of traffic trying to drive the posted speed limit.  
With all the investment on RR 12 improvements from San Marcos to Wimberley over the past couple of years it may be a safer road, but none of the investment has increased capacity one bit.
- “Perhaps”, FM 150 from FM 1826 to RR 12 will need improvement. Currently, in my driving experience, the traffic volume is far below the 2 lane road capacity. **(Concept 2)**
- Upgrading capacity on FM 150 from FM 1826 to FM 3237, and upgrading capacity on FM 170 will largely act to attract more traffic – build it and they will come

### **Immediate rehabilitative road work is required**

- FM 170 (Elder Hill Rd) from La Ventana’s entrance, east to FM 150 needs to be repaved, shoulders cleared of vegetation, and centerline restriped. Damaged shoulders, minimum as they are, need to be reestablished to avoid pavement breakage, and lane limit striping added.
- Better signage on FM 150, indicating the intersection with FM 170 would be helpful
- Trimming of vegetation on the shoulders of FM 170 from RR 12 to La Ventana entrance

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Sherron Abernethy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 7:35 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

Why the rush to make a decision? Take your time to study. The FM 150 S plan between 1826 and 3237 is great. I felt that last meeting at Thurman Mansion was a joke. No questions from the floor until moderator was booed. It seemed a decision was already made. Why build 1826 extension when other roads already exist ? Don't let big money have too much influence (Salt Lick).I think their future plans are great but don't think we need to build roads to accommodate just them.

Sherron Abernethy  
[REDACTED]  
Driftwood Tx 78619

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Sherron  
[REDACTED]

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Sherron Abernethy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 7:20 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Driftwood

We appreciate the time and study of the 1826, 150, and Elder Hill . We urge the commissioners to not rush into any decisions.

Don't be swayed by big investors. Let's make Driftwood the Napa or Sonoma of Texas and Hays county. They don't have highways running through the wineries.

What is main objective? A wide road connecting 12 and 1826 ? Use existing roads- maybe Darden Hill? Don't make an 1826 extension of a new road. Where it joins Elder Hill, there are low water crossings and dangerous curves.

We appreciate your willingness to make a difference.

Sherron Abernethy  
[REDACTED]  
Driftwood Tx 78619

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Sherron  
[REDACTED]



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Eddie [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 09 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

Why not bring mopac through to ranch road 12 between Sam Marcos and wimberley . A lot of the land is already been bought by tax payers ! Put it right along the hike and bike trail that will let a lot of the traffic use the roads we already have to get to a major through fare

Thank a property owner along 150.

Eddie Odell

*Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID*

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Harkavy, Hal [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 6:34 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comments

Thank you to the Comissioners and all parties for engaging in this discussion. From the myriad comments heard at the last meeting there is obviously a significant amount of discussion to be had still, and I hope this Phase One is accorded the proper amount of time to fully explore these issues.

My comments include:

Is expansion of 150 to 4 lanes between 1826 and 12 truly the only option? I am leery of that as it will impact the feel of that stretch.

Adding lanes to Darden Hill is also extremely undesirable and detrimental to the rural character of that entire area.

Expanding these roads only encourages further development in the areas that today retain their rural character and makes our area so special. 4 lanes on 150 or Darden Hill will wipe all that away.

Other alternatives need to be explored

Thank you  
Hal Harkavy

conceived, composed and transcribed on an untethered portable instrument using only the finest all-natural 100% organic mobile consonants and vowels.



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**From:** Bonnie Rose [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 5:28 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

**Bonnie Rose**, REALTOR, GRI, GREEN  
TEXAS AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPECIALIST  
Rose Real Estate

Texas 78620

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## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Barbara Gremillion [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 4:32 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

I'm curious to know, if 1826 is to be extended, why it wouldn't just go straight across to 12. If it comes in to Elder Hill Rd at the proposed location, there is a steep hill and a couple of low water crossings on the way to 12.

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***Barbara Gremillion***

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## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Gord and Ally <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 4:03 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** RE: Public Meeting – October 22, 2015

Good Morning.

I wish to add the following comments in regards to this last meeting.

Leave the existing corridor as it is until improvements directly affect the property owners. Using taxpayer funds to support poorly planned growth of a few communities while forever changing the character of the area for the entire state negatively, is unacceptable.

Regarding 2 lane sections , leave them as is and lower speed limits . Straightening or calming corners will only increase speeds while damaging the scenic drive that is FM150.

The road is only at a fraction of its design capacity. Focus improvements on intersections and areas as needed only. Safety issues should be dealt with using speed limits and enforcement.

Launch a specific independent economic impact study on the effects of altering this road. No one wants a 4 lane wine trail.

Develop a plan to revise the original transportation plan so that it is more sustainable regarding growth as it relates to water availability, sewage treatment, environmental and economic impact to the region.

Leave low water crossings as they are and repair as needed until the affected residents as a whole ask for changes. A small inconvenience a couple times per year is preferable to a costly major reconstruction. The vast majority of residents will agree.

Separate out and plans to extend fm1826 through to rr12 as it's own project.

Thank You.

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Camille Hudson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 3:39 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

My name is Camille Hudson. [REDACTED] I strongly endorse the character plan that was presented at the last town hall meeting. I thinking a new two way road through the the Rutherford Ranch would preserve Driftwood and the two crossings at Onion Creek.

I thank the citizens committee for coming up with this common sense solution.

Camille Hudson

Sent from my iPhone



## Improve FM150

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**From:** glenda tansey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 3:17 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 study

Please reconsider the extension of a highway into the beautiful Driftwood area. I oppose anything wider than two lanes.

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** John Ledbetter at Corridor Title <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 2:20 PM  
**To:** 'characterplan@improvefm150.com'  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your deliberate, comprehensive and early consideration of the expansion of FM150. Our family's property in Driftwood means more to us than we could convey in any forum. It is incumbent upon us to voice our strong opposition to one particular aspect of the FM150 expansion presentation.

It should be considered that the "Potential Bypass Route" which extends 1826 to RR12 by stealing mileage from Elder Hill Road would do nothing to accomplish the goals of this important project. Elder Hill Road is narrow, prone to flooding and curves drastically. Elder Hill Road can never sustain the kind of traffic this project hopes to accommodate (either in lane width or number of travelers). La Ventana and other multi-family and rental development sites on this road have pushed Elder Hill Road far enough. The disruption of both farms and families along this route to increase capacity and make the connection from 1826 to RR12 would be devastating not only to my own family and our treasured home, but to the dozens of us who have shared this space for decades.

This bypass route additionally fails to utilize the space that currently exists along FM150 for expansion. There are characteristics along much of FM150 which no doubt account for the County's decision to identify FM150 for expansion in the first place. It should not be bypassed at the great expense of Elder Hill Road and to the waste of FM150's own untapped potential. The "community zone" that you have rightly identified as such around Elder Hill Road doesn't stop at the intersection with FM150. It extends all the way to the Driftwood Winery. Elder Hill Road contributes mightily to the heart of this community.

It should lastly be added that this bypass route will unleash travelers on a flood-prone portion of RR12 that is undergoing unprecedented growth of its own and remains a two lane road all the way to Dripping Springs. Relocating a bottleneck from 1826/FM 150 to this portion of RR12 will not achieve this project's goals. Lights at 1826/FM150 and/or at FM150/Elder Hill Road are improvements—the bypass route is a tremendous waste. As someone who knows first hand from three clerkships with the Texas Attorney General's transportation division, the number and severity of takings that would have to happen would expend more time, resources and community sentiment than could possibly be budgeted for this project. The funds that are ultimately approved for this improvement should be put towards building a safe and appropriate expansion of FM150.

I and my family thank you for your careful consideration of these and our neighbors' comments on Elder Hill Road as you develop this project. Driftwood is homestead and family to us. Please do not take from Elder Hill Road.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Will Conley <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 2:16 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Ray Whisenant  
**Subject:** RE: Opposition to Hwy 150 Expansion

Mr. Ward,

Thank you for your email and thoughts. They are very much appreciated. I would like to speak to a couple of your comments so that you and Ms. Ward fully understand what is taking place.

We aren't proposing any formal solution and have no intentions of building any added capacity in this area for the foreseeable future. In fact, we are in full agreement about the priorities of intersections and safety improvements you described below. In addition, to identifying where we can improve our safety we are interested in trying our best to plan for a distant future. We feel like if we plan early that it will allow us an opportunity to address potential needs in the future, while maintaining a lot of the special things we love about this area as a community. When we look at future projections it tells us that at some point in time we will need additional capacity. If this holds true we want to have plans ready to address these issues. If this information doesn't come to fruition then no improvements are necessary beyond what you described. Again we are just sharing information and trying to plan properly.

As for the flooding issues you described, if this project was to ever be built, then a formal process would be created and those type of issues would be addressed in great detail.

I hope this helps you and your family understand what we are trying to do and our prospective on the issues. Thank you again for your input and please feel free to continue to give us information. It will help us make better decisions as we move forward.

Sincerely,  
Will

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 1:57 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Ray Whisenant; Will Conley  
**Subject:** Opposition to Hwy 150 Expansion

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is James Ward and I am sending this email in order to express my opposition to the proposed lane expansion of FM 150. My wife and I have resided at [REDACTED] for the last 24 years.

My property lies on the south side of the half mile (approximately) stretch of 150 that runs parallel to Onion Creek. This section of highway passes through the flood plane and would need to be elevated by at least 5 feet (likely more) above the existing road in order to ensure safe passage during flooding, as recently observed. This then becomes, basically, a levee that forces water the majority of the water onto the north side of the creek, changing the flood plain, and impacting those residents who are now out of the flood plain. Also, water is likely to be trapped on the south side, with no clear return egress, which would then put my home at risk of flooding. In essence, I am concerned that a higher elevated road will severely change the flood plain in an area that is already prone to flooding (again, as recently witnessed). Has there been any serious thought given to this matter?

Also, I question the real need for a new four lane highway. This section of road is generally dead after 8 PM and does not start moving until about 6 AM. That is a least 10 hours per day with very, very few cars using the road. During a normal business day, there are two periods of increased traffic. These periods are between 6 AM and 9 AM and then from 3:30 PM to 8 PM. Please note that during these periods there is absolutely no congestion and very few accidents. Traffic flow is NOT impacted as a result of the current two lane configuration. In general, the taxpayers would be funding a multi-million dollar road that does not reduce congestion or improve safety. Have any real traffic surveys been conducted?

My wife and I do support some changes to the road that improve current safety risks. The intersections at Darden Hill Road, FM 1826, and Elder Hill Road immediately come to mind. Turn lanes may be appropriate at these intersections. Also, shoulder expansion and improvements are needed in many sections, especially on certain turns.

In closing, it is my hope that the road improvements and expansion, as currently proposed, are not approved. I do not believe that proper due diligence has been given to the impact or the need for such. Please do not support this waste of our very important tax payer dollars.

Kind Regards,

James Ward  
Hays County Resident, Voter, and Taxpayer

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** ray.whisenant@co.hays.tx.us; will.conley@co.hays.tx.us  
**Subject:** Opposition to Hwy 150 Expansion

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Kind Regards,

James Ward  
Hays County Resident, Voter, and Taxpayer

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Kevin Harris [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 1:37 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Sue Fleischaker  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

Regarding the possible 4-lane section of Hwy 150 leading to Ranch to Market Road 12:

- Wait until a 4 lane road from Dripping Springs to 150 is constructed (on RM12). It would serve no purpose to have 4 lanes on 150 if there are not 4 lanes to Dripping Springs (meaning the corner of 12 and 290). Earn interest on your money while you wait for the 4 lanes on RM 12 to be constructed.
- Include bike lanes. There will be families from Caliterra, Howard Ranch, and Springwood sub-divisions who will want to bike from RM12 to Charro Ranch and perhaps beyond.
- Impose speed limit of 40 mph to reduce tire and engine noise, and to increase safety (minimize braking distances).
- Prohibit the use of engine brakes to reduce noise to the neighborhoods.
- Construct pedestrian/bike overpasses to join Howard Ranch to Springwood sub-divisions, and to join Springwood and Caliterra sub-divisions. See here for reference: <http://santaclaritacitybriefs.com/tag/pedestrian-bridge/>. This will create a greater sense of community.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Harris



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Evie Martin [REDACTED]  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** citizen comment for Character 150 Plan Report

To whom it may concern:

WOW! "Weekend Getaways-recharge and explore the state at these eight great destinations." That is how the **front cover** reads for the October 2015, *Austin Monthly*. Flipping through the pages takes the reader to an article entitled "Natural Instinct". There in is described a 25 mile destination from the hustle of Austin- to a place called Oola Bean on Elder Hill Road, Driftwood, TX. This is described as an 85 acre "retreat". The aesthetic was designed to "create a slow pace and environment to commune with the self, nature, and loved ones". My neighbors supply the local farm produce used to prepare the meals. Midway down the road, and again next to the community center, venues for weddings for people who seek just such a destination that are getting harder and harder to find. The scenic drive to this special place is valued, providing the special anticipation of arrival that the current unique country road provides. The corner Post Office serves the residents of Driftwood- what would happen to this historic spot if people moved because of the highway? The photographer who preserved the old store and old gas station, would no longer have the quite work spot to inspire his award winning photos. Rarely does anyone pass the station that there are no families, lovers, or cyclists posed on the porch for a photo, newly weds posing beside antique cars to capture the spirit of the Texas past.

I located on Elder Hill Road in order to retire to this same peaceful environment in the rural hill country away from street lights, traffic, and noise. A place to teach grandchildren about the Texas Hill Country and ranch life. This character should be respected or before we know it, there will will no longer be any such "getaways" left. Please do not build a 4 lane highway along Elder Hill Road in Driftwood, connecting 12 to 150. Please decide to keep the God given country of fields, streams, giant trees, star filled skies, native flora and fauna that can not ever be created by man. *Wouldn't it be better to be able to say-* I was part of the committee that honored and preserved this small slice of unique rural Texas, rather than adding a highway of concrete only to race heavy dangerous trunks and autos for speeding commuters that have many other options?

*Thank you for your consideration.*

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Arin Gray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 02, 2015 2:21 PM  
**To:** Ray Whisenant; 'LD Hansen '  
**Cc:** Joe Cantalupo; Linda Kinney; FM 150 Character Plan  
**Subject:** RE: Comments on the West 150 Character Plans For Your Review

Hello Mr. Hanson,

Thank you for the input on the FM 150 Character Plan project. I am following up to confirm we have received your comments. I also checked and confirmed that you are in our project database to receive all future updates on the project.

Please let us know if you have any additional comments or questions and thanks again!

Sincerely,

Arin Gray  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Ray Whisenant [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2015 9:19 AM  
**To:** 'LD Hansen ' [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Joe Cantalupo [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** RE: Comments on the West 150 Character Plans For Your Review

Mr. Hanson,

Thanks you for your comments. I appreciate your input and concern. I am copying these to the consultant team so that they can be added to other comments.

Respectfully,

***Ray Whisenant, Jr.***  
**Commissioner, Pct. 4**

[REDACTED]

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**From:** LD Hansen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 02, 2015 9:06 AM  
**To:** Ray Whisenant  
**Subject:** Comments on the West 150 Character Plans For Your Review

Good Morning Ray:

I attended the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting at Thurman's Mansion and the meeting was very well done.

Thank you for reviewing my comments below:

FM 150 Low Water Crossing:

Please no changes to the 2 low water crossings on 150 since they are a scenic treasure.

(ie. no curve or elevation changes – leave them as is.)

The number of times the crossings are closed each year due to high water are minimal.

Elder Hill Road:

No changes to Elder Hill Rd – since this is a very scenic road. (repaving only)

If 1826 is extended West to RR 12 – please do not connect this extension to any point on Elder Hill Road.

Thanks very much for considering Driftwood's concerns and recommendations. We have a beautiful scenic area for residents and tourists - - that needs to be preserved for both historic and scenic purposes.

Sincerely,

Lad Hansen



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## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Arin Gray [REDACTED]  
**To:** Ray Whisenant; 'Deborah Herczog'; Will Conley  
**Cc:** Joe Cantalupo; Linda Kinney; FM 150 Character Plan  
**Subject:** RE: Signage along FM 150 West in Driftwood

Hello Ms. Herczog,

Thank you for your interest in the FM 150 Character Plan project. I have added you to our project database to receive all email updates on the project and I am going to forward you the last update sent next. Also, below is the project website. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments and we will get right back to you. Thanks much.

Project website: <http://improvefm150.com/>

Sincerely,

Arin Gray  
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ray Whisenant [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2015 9:15 AM  
**To:** 'Deborah Herczog' [REDACTED]; Will Conley [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Joe Cantalupo [REDACTED]; Arin Gray [REDACTED]; Linda Kinney [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Signage along FM 150 West in Driftwood

Ms. Herczog,

I am aware of the signs and the organization. Commissioner Conley and I are meeting with one of the member/organizers this pm. Commissioner Conley and I have been directly involved with the group on an almost weekly basis. The program that Hays County has undertaken with the entire FM150 Corridor has a specific goal of providing added safety, traffic capacity and attention to the character and heritage of the route.

I have copied the Consultant Group in the persons of Joe Cantalupo and Arin Gray. They will provide you with information on how and where to find current information on the project.

Respectfully,

Ray Whisenant, Jr.  
Commissioner, Pct. 4  
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Deborah Herczog [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, November 01, 2015 9:02 PM  
To: Ray Whisenant; Will Conley  
Subject: Signage along FM 150 West in Driftwood

Dear Commissioners:

Last Thursday I noticed new signs posted in a couple places on FM 150 West. Do you know anything about this organization and if so, do you support preserving the heritage of the Driftwood area?

Thank you for your response,

Deborah Herczog

  
Driftwood, TX 78619

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## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Will Conley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 02, 2015 11:36 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]; characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Ray Whisenant  
**Subject:** RE: Comment Character FM150 plan

Ms. Marroquin,

Thank you for your email. We share the same concerns and this is why we setup this type of process up. It is just beginning and we look forward to continued conversation. The only decisions we have made is that we should plan early for forecasted changes in our community because it will give us a great opportunity to meet the needs of tomorrow while protecting what we love and enjoy as well. It can be done but it takes time and planning. Thanks again  
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**From:** nancy marroquin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2015 1:37 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Will Conley; Ray Whisenant  
**Subject:** Comment Character FM150 plan

We have been residents of Driftwood for over ten years. We are concerned about the potential extension westward of FM1826. The potential negative impact such an extension would have involve water quality, wildlife, endangered species, historic sites, as well the devastating effects on family ranches and homesteads. Many people, ourselves included, have made a life long investment of resources, time and heart with a plan to live here the rest of our days enjoying the pristine beauty of Driftwood, Texas.

Since this issue has very recently come to the forefront at the CAP meetings, there needs to be sufficient time for public input and more broad

study of how a potential extension might affect the above mentioned concerns. This further study should include consideration of alternatives that would preserve the character of all of Driftwood. Please remove this extension from the plan so that further study can be done and and public input be considered.

Nancy and Jim Marroquin



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** LD Hansen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 02, 2015 8:59 AM  
**To:** FM 150 Character Plan  
**Subject:** Comments on the West 150 Character Plan

I attended the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting at Thurman's Mansion and here are my comments for review:

### FM 150 Low Water Crossing:

Please no changes to the 2 low water crossings on 150 since they are a scenic treasure.

(ie. no curve or elevation changes – leave them as is.)

The number of times the crossings are closed each year due to high water are minimal.

### Elder Hill Road:

No changes to Elder Hill Rd – since this is a very scenic road. (repaving only)

If 1826 is extended West to RR 12 – please do not connect this extension to any point on Elder Hill Road.

Thanks very much for considering Driftwood's concerns and recommendations. We have a beautiful scenic area for residents and tourists - - that needs to be preserved for both historic and scenic purposes.

Sincerely,

Lad Hansen

[REDACTED] Subdivision  
Driftwood

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Becki Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 02, 2015 5:40 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RR 150

I appreciate that there is an option for public opinion on the road expansion. I only found out about this option right before the final scheduled public meeting in phase 1, and I am a concerned citizen living and paying taxes in Hayes county, on Elder Hill Road.

I do not believe there has been enough public notice or time to gather input for phase 1 of this expansion. The images on the website are completely unclear, unreadable, and I am only able to respond to what I remember from the very crowded standing room only meeting where it collapsed into mayhem at the end. We were told that maps would be on the website. I do not see the maps on the website. When I went to the website, the map was crooked, the font was unreadable, and I couldn't even explain to my husband what had been said. In the back of the room, I could barely hear or see. With a project of this magnitude, why are the maps not VERY CLEARLY DISPLAYED ON THE WEBSITE WITH THE SAME INFORMATION THAT WAS PRESENTED AT THE MEETING? PEOPLE COULD NOT SEE OR HEAR OR RESPOND AT THE OVERCROWDED VENUE!

I did appreciate that 150 from 1826 to Hays City Store **could** remain 2 lanes-thank you for that! I did gather that Elder Hill Road **could** remain 2 lanes-thank you for that! Those are HUGE concerns of mine.

The recent floods are a concern with many area roadways having been damaged, and I applaud the attention to planning for projected growth in the area, for safety concerns, for realizing that Driftwood indeed matters! I personally would like to see safer roads (curve adjusting on highly traveled areas, 3 lanes only for turning areas, not removing trees or widening the corridor wherever possible, no media landscaping or corridor widening-and using

other areas for increased traffic than the area immediately surrounding Driftwood.

Thank you for being willing to listen to community concerns and opinions.

My mother died 2 days ago and I will be traveling to another state for her funeral, but I will be sending letters to the editors of all local papers in regard to this situation.

Becki Smith

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Nancy Marroquin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2015 9:48 PM  
**To:** FM 150 Character Plan  
**Subject:** Regarding fm 150 plan

We ask the commissioners to remove the FM 1826 west extension to Elder Hill Rd from phase one. Further study in regard to traffic need, environmental, private property concerns as well as the lack of public input is needed. This was added to phase one at the last minute. Let's consider alternatives that will not destroy the character of Driftwood Texas.  
Nancy Marroquin

Sent from my iPhone

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** KCD [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2015 6:51 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** suggestion for 1826 extension

Hello,

I have reviewed the proposed 1826 extension to RR12, and am wondering if your Project Team considered extending 1826 straight west from FM150 to meet up with CR 193 / Brownson Ln, instead of Elder Hill Rd. This would be a shorter and straighter route to RR12 than the Elder Hill Rd option, and would provide residents of Dripping Springs AND Wimberley a shorter safer route to their respective cities, while potentially saving taxpayers money due to its shorter and straighter route. As a resident of north Driftwood who travels the RR12-FM150-1826 route every workday, I would much prefer extending 1826 straight across FM 150 to CR 193 to RR12 as an option, than having to travel FM 150 with its dangerous curves whether 4 lanes or not.

Sincerely,  
KC Dingle

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Diane Hayden [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2015 3:10 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment UPDATES

Thank You.

I've been in this area for over 45 yrs and I'm just at AWW\_ About that is going on.

THANK YOU  
DIANE HAYDEN

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** nancy marroquin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2015 1:37 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Comment Character FM150 plan

We have been residents of Driftwood for over ten years. We are concerned about the potential extension westward of FM1826. The potential negative impact such an extension would have involve water quality, wildlife, endangered species, historic sites, as well the devastating effects on family ranches and homesteads. Many people, ourselves included, have made a life long investment of resources, time and heart with a plan to live here the rest of our days enjoying the pristine beauty of Driftwood, Texas.

Since this issue has very recently come to the forefront at the CAP meetings, there needs to be sufficient time for public input and more broad study of how a potential extension might affect the above mentioned concerns. This further study should include consideration of alternatives that would preserve the character of all of Driftwood.



Please remove this extension from the plan so that further study can be done and and public input be considered.

Nancy and Jim Marroquin

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Joan Harrison [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2015 8:21 PM  
**To:** FM 150 Character Plan  
**Subject:** 150 West

I came to the meeting at Thurman's Mansion and on hearing everything that was said and looking at the plans - I am even more against the plans for the development of the road.

I will do everything in my power to vote against and to stop this development.

It serves no purpose at all other than to maybe put in the concealed pipeline for the water.

Joan Harrison

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Becki Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2015 3:06 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** 150

I am extremely concerned about the road expansion being planned. I did attend the public meeting in October. NOT ENOUGH OPPORTUNITY FOR QUESTION AND ANSWER, NO FEEDBACK ALLOWED-FELT MANIPULATED AND MANY LEFT VERY ANGRY.

I do appreciate that safety and future growth are concerns of everyone. Increased traffic is a given in this rapidly growing area.

The map online is sideways and impossible to read with the too small lettering vertically presented.

Elder Hill Road is in horrible repair currently-**REPAIR THE ROADS WE DO HAVE. WE DO NOT WANT 4 LANE ROADS, BRIDGES, STRAIGHTENED CURVES SO BIG TRUCKS CAN RUSH DOWN OUR ROADS!!!** Expand the I35 nightmare, which is always overcrowded. Don't make these alternate routes which are quiet and beautiful residential areas that pay exorbitant taxes a noisy transportation corridor. Just use what is there already a nightmare of trucks day and night.

**Leave 150 and Elder Hill Road as they are, but in good repair. Removing "greenery" and making walkways so people can breathe in exhaust is a lousy tradeoff. The presentation did not sell me on the ideas at all. I can't read your online maps! Surely you can do a better job of informing and LISTENING TO PUBLIC input that this miserable unreadable map and overcrowded NO FEEDBACK INCONVENIENT NIGHT AND TIME "OPPORTUNITY??!**

**Becki and Jon Smith, taxpayer residents**

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Richard Stegall <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2015 7:36 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** I oppose an extension of FM 1826

Please let Driftwood remain the way it is. I oppose an extension of FM 1826.

Thanks,

**Richard Stegall**

[REDACTED]

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** delbertbassett [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] October 29, 2015 10:13 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Comments on Character Plan

### 1. Attended presentation of Character Plan of 22 October 2015 given at Thurman Mansion.

At the end of that meeting, it was stated that all the comments given by members of the community in attendance would be shared on "improvefm150" website. And that comments submitted via email, such as mine, would also be available for interested parties to read. I have not been able to locate the page which contains those comments on the website. I would like to read all comments made by members of the community.

#### Comments:

A. During the presentation, the main premise for wanting to make changes to FM 150 was that some entity determined that a four-lane corridor was required to handle vehicular traffic at some undefined date. It seems fuzzy logic was employed to create a requirement for four-lane traffic and some fuzzy date based on an unverified population growth profile. Ever since 2000, Texas politicians have cited various population-growth profiles in attempts to plan for the future. I agree that planning for the future is a wise activity for government. However, about every two years the growth numbers change considerably from the previous set of numbers. Sometimes the growth rate is greater and other times it is less. The cost of implementing the character plan will be very expensive and should be based on more reliable data and forecasts.

B. There are numerous transportation studies that have been conducted in the United States and around the world that show the sort of planning proposed does not solve transportation traffic congestion but increases it at a faster rate than would have occurred had the improvement not been made.

C. The cost of this infrastructure fantasy will have to be borne by the existing tax payers who are already satisfied with the current road structure. Otherwise they would not have moved and built their homes here. The people who will benefit will arrive one to twenty years after the plan has been implemented and will not pay anything. There are numerous studies that have verified the validity of this tax argument. The only ones that ignore the studies are politicians and land developers.

D. The character plan suggests, instead of a four-lane road along present day FM150 between intersection of FM1826/FM150 and intersection of FM150/FM3237, that FM 150 remain a two-lane road and an additional parallel route be created from FM 967 to FM 150 east of its intersection with FM3237. Two two-lane roads will not carry the same traffic load as a single four-lane road. The traffic problem is further exacerbated by the fact that the newly created road will open up a vast interior of land for housing development and thus more vehicular traffic. Numerous comments have already been made to keep this segment of FM 150 as rural as possible to retain its unique hill country flavor. With the exception of some minor work to the double crossing of Onion Creek, FM 150 should be left as is. Any new parallel bypass road should be a four-lane parkway road to handle the proposed increased traffic load.

E. It should become the policy of Hays County that the junction of two or more roads be controlled using roundabouts instead of stop signs or stoplights. Anyone who has driven for any length of time in Britain will know that roundabouts are a far more efficient means of handling traffic at road junctions, and they are cheaper and safer. They have no power outages or other electrical problems common to stop-light systems.

Respectfully submitted,  
Delbert and Marie Bassett  
Precinct 4 residents

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Linda Fannin [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] October 29, 2015 8:52 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** 150

We are in opposition to 150 being developed to accommodate out of control development which benefits speculators. Our area does not have the natural resources to support plans that are being considered.

We do not want noise pollution

We do not want light pollution

We do not want property owners to be subject to Eminent Domain We do not support dumping effluent/treated wastewater into our waterways.

We do not want water pipelines to be laid in along 150

We support NO ACTION regarding plans being considered. Other than fixing roads when needed, the road does not need "character" improvement or assistance. It is a jewel pf Central Texas.

Leave it alone.

John and Linda Fannin

[REDACTED]  
Driftwood

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Greg Hudson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2015 3:16 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan  
**Attachments:** Character Plan.docx

Dear Project Team,

Attached are the comments from Judge Bob Shannon, a member of the CAP, to the character plan

Thanks

Greg Hudson  
[REDACTED]



Comments Re: FM 150 Character Plan

Bob Shannon

- (1) Proposed route north of Onion Creek through Rutherford Ranch connecting with FM 967.

This is an excellent solution to preserve the integrity and character of the Driftwood community.

- (2) Extension of 1826 west to 12.

Elder Hill Road is a country lane. Up until 20 years ago, one could drive from Driftwood turn without even meeting another car. Twenty years or so ago the Wimberley commuters “discovered” Elder Hill Road, and now use it as a short cut to drive to Austin. Now it is jammed in early mornings and late afternoons. The extension of 1826 to 12, as now proposed, works a great hardship on many Driftwood residents who live on small acreages. I believe that the proposed route north of Onion Creek connecting with 967 would draw off from Elder Hill Road a large part of the Wimberley traffic. From 967, the Wimberley traffic would then flow onto the extended 45 and on to Austin. This development would largely obviate the need for an extension of 1826 to 12.

- (3) Miscellaneous comments

(a) There needs to be an improvement of the connection of Darden Hill Road with 150.

(b) There needs to be some character of traffic control on the intersection of 1826 and 150.

(c) Before the steep hill on 150 dropping down to the first (or eastern?) crossing of Onion Creek there needs to be a warning to motorists that a steep hill is just around the corner. A number of accidents have happened here because the motorists have not reduced speed and going down the steep decline, have lost control of their cars.

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Tomasz Johannsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2015 2:23 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** OCt 22 meeting feedback.

First of all, thank you to the commissioners for having the meeting. The concept is good.

Second, here is some feedback (I'm a local landowner).

- About 70% of the meeting was about the process, how great it is and how the County is listening. You made everyone very suspicious by going on and on about the process so long. The idea can be summed up in a 1 minute sentence. Please do not waste people's time like this in the future.
- The meeting should have been 10% presentation, 90% public feedback. Let people read the presentation beforehand. It felt like 1st grade, as if both presenters intentionally were trying to drag on the meeting to avoid public feedback. What is so scary about feedback? Turns out most people didn't have much to say (I didn't).
- The core idea, also 1-2 minutes, is that the capacity of 4 lanes can/will be split up. Great idea.
- Keeping character of Driftwood: nice, but for those that don't live in it, not such a big deal. Its the countryside that provides the character, I'm not so sure about Driftwood.
- Low water crossings being preserved?? Fine, but build a bridge next to them so those who want to drive in a storm can do so.

Thanks for listening.  
Tomasz  
[REDACTED]

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Will Conley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 11:35 AM  
**To:** 'Capron Jane'; characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Debbie Ingalsbe; Ray Whisenant; Mark Jones  
**Subject:** RE: Comments re FM150 project

Ms. Capron,

Thank you for your well throughout comments. We really appreciate your feedback and know it will led to better decisions for our community as a whole.

Thanks again,  
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**From:** Capron Jane [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 11:07 AM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Debbie Ingalsbe; Will Conley; Ray Whisenant; Mark Jones  
**Subject:** Comments re FM150 project

Regarding ImproveFM150:

I am a Driftwood area property owner, residing on Elder Hill Road. I would like to add these comments regarding the proposed changes for FM150 to RR12. These comments are relevant to your oft-stated intention to let “the character of community and environment define the location and design of the roadway”.

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2. Protecting the winery/microbrewery infrastructure and resultant revenue. Maintaining 150 and Elder Hill in their current state, with minor adjustments for safety, enhances the character of what has become a destination for people seeking an escape to the backroads in order to visit local wineries and microbreweries. Part of their success is attributable to their scenic settings.
3. Environmental protection. No matter what the promises might be, there is simply no way to avoid stress on resources, habitat destruction and long term habitat loss by expanding the road system in this area, not only from road construction, but from the resulting increase in residential, retail and other development. We are already restricted in our water use, and this would just add additional stress on that precious and limited resource.
4. Appropriate allocation of resources. There is no question that certain rapidly growing areas of the county such as Kyle and Dripping Springs will require continued expansion of infrastructure. Monies should be concentrated in those areas to make them as livable as possible without infringing on the character, environment, and citizens of the rural areas in the county that they are surrounded by. Careful planning here can create balanced communities and prevent the bland urban sprawl that will destroy the soul of this very special place in Texas.

Thanks for your consideration of important citizen input!

Jane Capron

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Jane Capron

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## FM 150 Character Plan

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Thanks for your consideration of important citizen input!

Jane Capron

[REDACTED]

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## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Robert Lurvey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2015 6:40 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Comments From Public Meeting on October 22, 2015

For consideration:

1. No to 4 lanes on Elder Hill Road
2. No to 4 lanes on FM1826
3. No to 4 lanes on FM150
4. As the presentation suggested, widening the 2 lanes and adding paved shoulders for FM150 and FM1826 should suffice
5. The bypass for both Elder Hill and FM150 are viable options although we believe they require a lot more discussion
6. Preserving the double low water crossings on FM150 as they now are

Thank You

Robert and Luanne Lurvey



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Beverly Ray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2015 5:18 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

We moved to this area from the busy Houston/Spring busy traffic life. We wanted a country type quiet life. We love living in [REDACTED] because of the low traffic country life. So we do NOT want a 4 lane road here. We love to go along the road and cross the beautiful low water bridges so we do NOT want those made into a commercial type crossing. Find an alternate route please and leave our country life like it is. Thank you.

Bev Ray of [REDACTED]



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Greg Hudson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2015 3:25 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** public comment

Hays County ImproveFM150 representatives:

Please accept this email in lieu of a comment card regarding the concept plan presented at the public meeting on October 22, 2015.

In short, I applaud the concept plan as it preserves historic Driftwood from being burdened by a four lane pass-through thoroughfare. In addition, the views from the Onion Creek crossings and surrounding ranchland are preserved, which is an absolute necessity given this area is the most diverse and attractive topography and ranchland in Hays County.

As County population growth increases the demand for travel from Kyle and IH-35 to Dripping Springs, the proposed bypass from 3237 to 1826 (features 7 and 8) through the Rutherford Ranch if properly designed and constructed should provide a less time-consuming route as opposed to concentrating that traffic on existing FM 150 from its intersection with 3237 west to Driftwood, which by its features (both curvy and with hills) limits the speed for safe travel. (Notwithstanding the proposed bypass, I endorse the proposed improvements to the low water crossings - as the roadway heading west down 150 to the first of the Onion Creek crossings as currently constructed is dangerous. The accident statistics presented at the first meeting bear this out.)

I have every expectation that with the passage of time, the Driftwood community will experience growth, both residential and commercial. If managed properly so as to retain its rustic hill country beauty the area will continue to flourish (as has already been proven by the Salt Lick, the vineyards and winery and Mandola's Trattoria Lisina) as a Central Texas destination location, given its proximity to existing population centers, namely Austin and San Marcos. But its attraction lies in its rural beauty- framed by beautiful ranches and diverse topography, accentuated with views of Onion Creek.

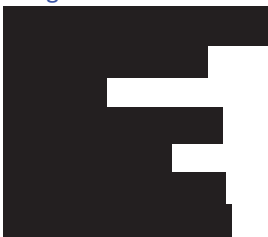
It would be a shame to diminish these public assets by replacing a meandering two lane FM 150 - wonderful for a Sunday head-clearing drive - with an improved higher-speed four lane thoroughfare of traffic from Kyle to Dripping Springs.

I appreciate the work of the County, including Commissioners Conley and Whisenant, as well as the CAP committee from giving this project the forethought and careful planning that it deserves. And I support the concept plain laid out at the meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

thanks

Greg Hudson

Greg Hudson



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**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:**

[REDACTED] AM  
characterplan@improvefm150.com  
Mark Oechsner  
RR 12 & FM 150

There is unamously opposition to your plan for 4 lanes of traffic between Darden Hill and RR 12, amongst the 65 or so property owners in Howard Ranch. There are multiple residential neighborhoods affected by the increase in both traffic and noise this design will encourage. The bypass route to the South is more logical. The existing 80' ROW is sufficient to allow for a center turn lane and shoulders, more than adequate for serving our community at large. Further, your proposed design at the corner will only promote big box development, and disrupt the existing plan of development. The existing corner can be adjusted in the existing ROW and signalized, to provide a safe efficient intersection.

Please register our comments.

Howard Ranch Property Owners Association.

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Charlie Lauer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 25, 2015 3:43 PM  
**To:** Characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Comment on 4 lane Elder Hill Rd. Idea.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Charlie Lauer [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 25, 2015 at 3:34:30 PM CDT  
**To:** [characterplan@improvement150.com](mailto:characterplan@improvement150.com)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Elder Hill Rd. Idea.

To: Hays County Transportation Dept.

A 4 lane highway on Elder Hill does not make sense to me.  
If the reason is use, the numbers aren't there. The last time the county counted traffic was about 5 years ago. Why not a new count?

If the reason is safety, the county has not shown the slightest interest in years. Two years ago a one man truck spread some gravel and tar in a half hearted attempt to help the road from 150 to La Ventana. It didn't help, but obliterated the center line even further. It been completely gone on 5 of the curves and is a real safety and liability issue for the county.

If the reason is to connect 150 to 12, there must be a less costly and more efficient way than the hilly, costly right of way, and property value lessening effect of this plan.

Note also that if this project is involved in any way in Use of any funds requiring an Environmental Impact Statement, some citizens will insist on an adequate Statement before the project can start.

Sincerely, Charles Lauer, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Karen Love [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 25, 2015 6:40 AM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Rich Love  
**Subject:** Email Updates

Please include me on your informational email updates list.

My husband and I were the first residents of La Ventana (in 2000) and are very much in favor of the plans for the four-lane improvements to 150, Elder Hill Road and 1826 (expect to see all of 1826 as four lanes eventually). All of these roads are dangerously beyond their capacity, which will only get worse rapidly.

Thank you,

Rich and Karen Love

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Woody [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 24, 2015 9:59 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

My residence and property butts up to [REDACTED]. One of my main concerns is losing my property to build four lanes of road with up to 150' of right of way. Plus this will start to encroach on my existing water well and pump and propane tank. Not to mention the noise factor which can already be loud at times with just two lanes of travel. Will the few houses that will lose property be justly paid for their loss of land? Will a wall be built to shield my property from an expanded FM 150?

My biggest concern is that I will soon have a teen driver. Pulling from Merganser St onto FM 150 with four lanes of traffic is twice as dangerous than crossing two lanes. Will there be some sort of traffic control device, i.e. a traffic signal light?

I really wish I had known this was a possibility before I purchased this house which as you know from the appraisal district was not cheap.

I attended the meeting in spring but was not able to attend this last meeting.

Shane Woodward  
[REDACTED]

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Andrew Backus <a[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 24, 2015 11:07 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Links to Traffic Demand Analysis

Hi Arin,

Please provide links to the reports detailing the traffic demand analysis supporting this project.

Thanks very much,

Andrew Backus  
[REDACTED]

Hays County Resident, 78737 area



## Improve FM150

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2015 5:54 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Road Expansion Plans

We are opposed to the proposed plans to widen the roads around Driftwood. We moved here to stay away from Austin and its suburbs. Widening the roads to four lane will just promote more housing developments, making Driftwood a far flung suburb of Austin. Please leave Driftwood alone. We travel into Austin weekly and have never faced any traffic that warrants additional lanes on Elder Hill, FM 150 and even FM1826.

Margaret and Donald Hasse

[REDACTED]  
Driftwood, TX 78619

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** susan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2015 5:52 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 Character Plan Comment

Last night's meeting was a travesty. And an abuse of taxpayer money.

What was billed as a "public meeting" was actually a carefully controlled lecture format where the public had to endure a long, boring presentation and then were not allowed to participate in a normal "Q&A" which was the language used by Commissioner Whisenant to describe what would follow.

That meeting was carefully designed to NOT allow the public to speak or voice their concerns.

The opportunity to hear and BE HEARD was why many of those in attendance were there, and using the controlled format was a disgraceful way to limit, not encourage public comment or to allow people to hear what their neighbors and fellow citizens were concerned about. People attended your meeting to voice their opinions to their local Commissioners, not to their assistants, waiting at map boards, where their voices were muted and and pacified.

That meeting was a waste of time, although, the people I have since spoken to about it, were enraged that there were no real questions and answers from the presenters or the Commissioners present.

If outrage was your goal, then it was a success.

If mollifying those citizens whose lands and lives you are endangering with these new roads was your goal: not so much.

This entire plan to change, alter and gentrify the Driftwood community of Hays County, working as you are with land speculators, developers, water pipeline purveyors and road engineering firms to bring thousands upon thousands of new residents into the area is not what any of us wants. I suspect none of your lives here or loves this area, you are simply "doing your job." Well, your job is hurting and worrying local residents.

Creating this big loop that connects the breweries and wineries, how interesting of you. And your proposed extension of 1826 and that huge northern loop, opening up acres upon acres of open spaces to residential development, plowing right through so many local lands and homes, well, no way local citizens are interested in that, either.

Not amused and wishing I had not wasted my time last night. Well, not exactly, it was gratifying to meet so many new anti-development activists. Activists you created last night.

Susan Cook  
Driftwood

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** sandyruston <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2015 5:19 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com

Good meeting last night. I didn't hear much about bicycle lanes or shoulders wide enough for bike riding. Also will there be passing lanes especially on the 2 lane stretches.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® 6 edge, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Rudy Villarreal [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2015 1:31 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Comments on Study

Gentlemen:

Recognizing that there has been significant growth in Hays, appears the growth has been primarily along the I35 corridor. That being said I believe providing a 4 lane corridor from I 35 to US 290 in Dripping Springs seems to be an extravagance that is not warranted. We've urged Commissioner Whisenant to complete the repaving that was done a couple of years ago on Elder Hill Rd. Paving was done on the road in Precinct 3 and was stopped in Whisenant's Precinct 4 supposedly for lack of funds (a distance of about 1 mile). If the county doesn't have funding to do a simple 1 mile repaving of a 2 lane road, it is ridiculous to contemplate this project.

As a long time resident and homeowner in Hays County, **I strongly object to the widening of FM 150 , Elder Hill Rd, or FM 1826.**

Rudy Villarreal

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Leopoldo Valdes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2015 12:01 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Driftwood Community

Definite, I do not see appropriate an extension of FM 1826 for the Driftwood Community and I oppose. That area is beautiful and should be keep and preserved as it is today which it is admirable by any visitor. Please reject that extension which it is a big mistake.

Felipe Valdés

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Cheryl [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2015 6:29 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** 1826

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the extension of 1826 in the driftwood community. This community is a quite, peaceful and unique area. This extension would ruin the beauty of the community.

Respectfully,  
Cheryl Majors

Sent from my iPad

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Cheryl [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2015 6:22 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** 1826

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the extension of 1826 and do not think it is beneficial to the driftwood community.

Respectfully,  
Cheryl Majors

Sent from my iPad



## Improve FM150

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**From:** Andy Burnett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 9:32 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Driftwood Road Planning

I am writing this email as a concerned citizen of Driftwood, TX. Please tap the brakes a bit with regards to the road expansion plans as it pertains to FM 150, FM 1826 and the city of Driftwood. I, for one, do not think they are necessary and would severely diminish the overall scenic beauty of our area. We are not Dripping Springs – nor do we want to be. We do not need to widen/expand our local roads so others can cut their commute times to Austin. They chose to live where they live – we shouldn't have to alter our area to make their lives better.

Thank you  
Andy Burnett

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Charlie Reinhardt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 5:51 PM  
**To:** Characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Charlie Reinhardt; My Love  
**Subject:** Hwy 150 & Elder Hill Road - No Way

To Whom it May Concern :

I am writing this email in protest of adding lanes / widening these highways. Driftwood area is a historical area that should be left alone and not used for those wanting purely financial gain. The uniqueness of Driftwood is what makes it special and adding more roads is only going to take away from that.

Please note that I am firmly against this proposition to add to these roads, Elder Hill and FM 150.

Local resident

[REDACTED]  
Driftwood, TX 78619

Regards,

Charlie Reinhardt

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Troy Galow [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 5:08 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Opposition to road extension

To whom it may concern:

I am highly opposed to an extension of FM 1826 through the Driftwood community. This extension is detrimental to the setting, environment, and viability of the area for which it known and utilized. As a person who spends a considerable amount of time and money in the area, I would like my voice and input to be heard and considered. I repeat: an extension of FM 1826 is not appropriate for the Driftwood Community.

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Jon [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 30 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Four Lane Expansion FM150

As a resident of the Driftwood area, I am disappointed to learn that Hays County and the State of Texas are contemplating a re-route and conversion of FM 150 to a 4-lane highway. I question any justification as being "for public good" that jeopardizes the eco system of the pristine Onion Creek Valley. The Driftwood has a sense of magic and is rich in Texas history.

I intend to use my voice, my pen and my treasury to help make sure that the decision makers involved in this contempt-able idea rethinks it on the basis of its lack of merit.

Jon M. Smith

[REDACTED]  
Driftwood

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Patty Akin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 4:18 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Mike Pruitt; Cara Wyland; Joni Avery  
**Subject:** Please Let Driftwood Be  
**Attachments:** John David's Driftwood Letter.docx

Please see the attached letter - Please Let Driftwood Be!

Thank you -

John David Avery  
[REDACTED]  
Driftwood, TX 78619

October 22, 2015

Hays County Commissioners Court

Re: Comments to FM 150 Study/Potential Extension of FM 1826

Commissioners:

Please Let Driftwood Be.

Let me tell you a little something about a little cozy niche called Driftwood, Texas's beauty mark.

The people of this place thrive on a lifestyle that is comprised of solitude with nature. Driftwood may appear as a getaway for some people; for others, its home. The wildlife that lives on these grounds have a great distance from largely populated human civilization, which is needed for these animals to live their natural lives.

If population grew here in Driftwood, most of the wildlife would die out. Driftwood would be no longer. Most of the people you want to attract would be attracted to live in such a peaceful settlement. Soon, Driftwood would turn into a city, a nightmare to the current residents here.

Now, I know your intention is not to expand Driftwood, specifically, but you must understand how this expansion of FM 1826 will truly destroy the lives here. People will just use this town as a drive by. It will take away from all the small piece of beauty Texas has left. Grandchildren will not understand true Texas land and beauty, because it was destroyed through the process of expanding FN 1826. If we keep growing, we will lose all our roots to nature. Let Driftwood be.

Sincerely,

John David Avery

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Driftwood, TX 78619

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Patty Akin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 4:16 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Mike Pruitt; Cara Wyland; Joni Avery  
**Subject:** From Dr. Charles Akin - Objections to Expansion for FM 1826  
**Attachments:** Papa's Driftwood Letter.docx

Please see the attached letter describing our objections to the proposed expansion of FM 1826.

Thank you.

Dr. Charles Akin

[REDACTED]  
Driftwood, TX 7861 [REDACTED]



October 22, 2015

Hays County Commissioners Court

Re: Comments to FM 150 Study/Potential Extension of FM 1826

Commissioners:

My name is Dr. Charles Akin and my family and I have been Driftwood residents for almost 40 years.

I am writing to respectfully say that we are against any road expansion in the Driftwood Community, especially the proposed extension of FM 1826 and the expansion of FM 150.

We own about 110 acres just west and south of the intersection of FM 150 and FM 1826.

While I'm sure many people are writing to you about the "logical" reasons why not to do this, and the "heartfelt" reasons why not to do this, I thought I would focus your attention on the "historical" reasons why not to do this.

You may not know that this property includes a small home built over 100 years ago. It was actually built when the brave Texans were defending the Alamo. We have remodeled it several times, and still actively use this home, a living piece of history.

Also, there is a cemetery on this property from that same era, where a Texas Ranger and his family are buried. The Ranger's extended family have come to visit this cemetery and help to care for it. For them, it is a living piece of history as well.

There is a massive underground cave system on this property, running northwest from Onion Creek southeast to connect to Onion Creek again. At various times of the year, you can see

thousands of granddaddy long-leg spiders in this cave. It is a true natural wonder.

Our kids and grandkids have been raised to love Driftwood. It is a value we have instilled them. Our children and our grandchildren – all of them – talk about moving here someday to retire or raise their own kids. It is a hope and dream for all of them.

The history here is astounding, the memories here are irreplaceable.

I realize you have a hard job, and appreciate the opportunity to speak out. Please, find another way to reach your goal. Leave our property as it is.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles Akin

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Driftwood, TX 78619

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Patty Akin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 4:14 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Mike Pruitt; Cara Wyland; Joni Avery  
**Subject:** From Patsy Akin - We Do NOT Want FM 1826 Expansion  
**Attachments:** Mema's Driftwood Letter.docx

Please see the attached letter in reference to our objections to the proposed FM 1826.

October 20, 2015

Hays County Commissioners Court

Re: Comments to FM 150 Study/Potential Extension of FM 1826

Commissioners:

I am writing to respectfully express my opposition to any extension of FM 1826. Our family owns about 110 acres just west and south of the intersection of FM 150 and FM 1826. This property has been a part of our family for almost 40 years, when my mother and step-father established our family home there. They still live on this property, as does my brother and his wife, who have built an extraordinary home on this property – what they like to refer to as their “dream home.” While neither my sister nor I currently live on this property, we have always fully intended to move back when life circumstances allow, and certainly to spend our retirement years there. We intend now, and have always intended, to keep this property in our family for generations to come.

My family chose Driftwood because it is a unique community, with an unparalleled character that allows for both peace and community involvement. We are all deeply concerned that the road expansions that are currently being discussed as possibilities will dramatically change this character, and therefore, will certainly impact the families who have chosen this as **Home**.

We do understand Hays County is growing and we truly appreciate you accepting comments and input on the proposed expansion plans.

I have read and strongly agree with the “logical” reasons for objecting to any extension of FM 1826, and I will share those later in my letter. *However, my loudest objections to the proposed expansion are from my heart:*

- This is my family’s home. We have built our foundation here. This is where we laugh together, play together, cook and give thanks together. This is where we celebrate Christmas and Easter and family birthdays. The proposed expansion would in many ways take this away from us all: no more privacy, no more safety, no more peaceful, walkable mornings or evenings. I cannot imagine retiring to a “country home” with a “multi-lane roadway” less than 100 yards away. It is not my dream, nor would it be something I would want to look forward to in my “golden years.” It would change everything.
- We have always intended this property would be in our family for generations to come. Our children have always known “this would somebody be theirs.” We have intended this to be a gift of peace and solitude, beauty and nature. This gift would be rendered useless in my eyes if the discussed expansion of 1826 were to come into existence.
- We have been good stewards to our land, and have truly taken care of the land God has

blessed us with. We have nurtured it and the inhabitants of it. We have learned how to take care of it and be mindful of the cycle of life that takes place on it. There is evidence all over our property that animals are welcome here. Proposed expansion would take away all of that. The animals that did survive dodging traffic would no longer have a peaceful habitat in which to live. Fewer and fewer wildlife would choose this as home, and in turn, the landscape become barren. This is not at all what I want for this community.

As for the logical arguments, I recap them here:

- County funds need to be allocated to high priority road projects, especially in those areas that are the most rapidly growing. While we certainly understand that Driftwood faces growth, the projections for this area are not near what San Marcos, Kyle, Buda and Dripping Springs are expecting. Therefore spend the money where the growth is.
- Planning larger roads than are needed will surely attract growth to the area that otherwise would not come.
- Having a four-lane "highway" serve as the extension of any of our local roads is completely out of character for this community. Look around – there is nothing that is consistent with road construction of this magnitude.
- The environmental impacts this kind of intrusion would have on local wildlife population and habitat is unimaginable. The danger to local wildlife is just the beginning. Infringement on habitat would be extensive. This is simply not consistent with the values and beliefs of this community.

Please be clear: We respectfully object to any expansion of FM 1826. My family and I commend you for seeking and accepting community input on these issues. I, frankly, would not want to be in your shoes. I appreciate that you are, and that you are willing to listen to your constituents on decisions of this magnitude.

Thank you again for allowing us to provide you with input. It is greatly appreciated. We look forward to working with you in this process.

Sincerely,

Cara Wyland

A black rectangular redaction box covering the address line.

Driftwood, TX 78619

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Rick Harsch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 2:59 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Extension of FM 1826

I do not believe an extension of FM 1826 is appropriate for the Driftwood Community. I visit the area often and this extension will be detrimental to the area. We need to preserve some of our natural beautiful areas and ensure a quality of life for its area residents and for others to enjoy. Everything is not about mobility.

Best Regards, Rick

**Rick Harsch**  
[REDACTED]

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Joni Avery [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 2:51 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Opposition of Extension of FM 1826  
**Attachments:** Driftwood.docx

**October 20, 2015**

**Hays County Commissioners Court**

**Re: Comments to FM 150 Study/Potential Extension of FM 1826**

**Commissioners:**

**Our family owns approximately 110 acres just west and south of the intersection of FM 150 and FM 1826. I grew up on this property and attended school in the Hays County School District. Driftwood is my “roots”. Most of my life was spent in Driftwood, even when I went off to college. I tried living away from home, in San Marcos, but the traffic and noise was crazy. I was used to the peace and quiet in Driftwood. This very small community has a huge impact on all of us that call it “home”. I have such wonderful memories of the Driftwood Store, where I would catch the bus to go to school. Even though the store is no longer open, the property is still intact and I enjoy telling my children about it. My grandparents are buried in the cemetery in Driftwood and our family has plots there. My brother was married in the Driftwood Church and my sister was married there as well. I was actually married at my parent’s home on our property in Driftwood. I have fond memories of the Driftwood reunion and Camp Ben. We would attend every year and meet up with all of our friends and swim in the creek, eat great food, and attend the dance! Driftwood is a historical place and can’t be ruined by a major highway!.**

**On our property we have wildlife that have built their habitats and also call this place their “home”. We have a cemetery on the property where a few Texas Rangers are buried. There is a book written about “Driftwood”, and has our property mentioned in the book and the people buried there. We have 2 caves on our property as well. People used to explore those caves, but they have now been taken over by wildlife to use as their habitat.**

**I am VERY much OPPOSED to the expansion of FM 1826! It would ruin Driftwood and our property. We wouldn’t be able to have our family “get together”, celebrate anniversaries, or any other holiday. Our “home” would be ruined. My brother has worked all his life to build his “dream home” and this highway would destroy it! You just can’t do that to people. It’s not right. My**



heritage is in Driftwood and I won't allow anyone to destroy it. This place is like a "little slice of heaven" and I can't imagine anybody wanting to tear that apart. My children LOVE Driftwood and will eventually move here. They grew up learning about living in the country and how to take care of the land and respect the wildlife here. My sister and her husband had the opportunity to live there and raise her daughter there for several years. People don't realize how fortunate that experience is. My grandparents lived on the property as well. When I was young I could walk over and visit them anytime. I would go fishing with my grandpa and cook with my grandmother. Most of all, I cherish just sitting on the porch and visiting, just spending time together.

I am asking you to please consider other options of expanding the roadways and not include Driftwood or our property! I don't want my heritage, my memories, or my future destroyed!!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Joni M. Avery D.D.S.

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Clayton Walker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 2:36 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Improve FM 150

I appreciate the small town charm and natural beauty of the area, and wish to maintain the essence and character of the Driftwood area. I want to ensure that these “improvements” do not harm the history and nature of our community.

Thank you for your time and careful attention to this important matter.

Clayton Walker  
A friend of Driftwood

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Duke Gatlin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 1:05 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Opposed to Extension or Expansion!

I believe that an extension of FM1826 would seriously undermine the natural environment, require an enormous expense and cost dearly in lost tourist revenues as well as diminish the quality of life for the current residents!

I vote no to an extension or expansion!

Duke Gatlin

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## Improve FM150

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**From:** Bill Rhea <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 12:58 PM

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I do not think an extension of FM 1826 is appropriate for the Driftwood Community, nor is it necessary.

All the best,

Bill Rhea  
Petroleum Engineering  
& Exploration Consulting

## Improve FM150

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**From:** J C [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 12:55 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** No need for improvement

I am from this area and travel thru this area a lot. I believe at this time there is no reason to improve these roads. There are areas in Hayes county that need to be looked at and studied and fixed. Thank you, Juanita carson Sent from my iPad

## Improve FM150

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**From:** nancy marroquin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 9:29 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 character study

I am against the extension of 1826 west at 150 as it would negatively impact the character and ambiance of Driftwood as well as disrupting the quality of life for Driftwood residents. I am also not in favor of expanding 150 to be a 4 lane highway. This also would destroy the character of Driftwood.  
Nancy Marroquin

Sent from my iPhone

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## Improve FM150

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**From:** Jim Marroquin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 9:28 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150 character study

I am against the extension of 1826 west at 150 as it would negatively impact the character of Driftwood as well as the quality of life for driftwood residents.

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Karen Archer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 8:55 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** 150 "improvements"

You are forcing a rural area, one of great natural beauty, to become an urban area. Have you no insight to what you are jeopardizing? I have lived here all of my life, I am 5th generation Texan and I have watched precious history and natural areas be destroyed-and often regretted- but you can not bring back what you destroy. And interestingly enough, this is not what the majority wants to happen, yet you blindly push through.

Build the roads and they will come is NOT what needs to happen in one of the most pristine of environments. Run off will pollute a beautiful creek and further expansion will follow into those areas which are already at war for water! Why is the science of all of this so ignored? \$\$\$\$\$ which comes at a great cost.

I will leave Hays county if this happens. This is not LA but it appears that you are trying your dead level best to make it that way.

Long time resident of Texas,

Mrs Karen E Archer



## Improve FM150

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**From:** Deborah Herczog [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 7:59 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Comments for the meeting on FM 150 expansion plan

To Arin Gray:

I live at [REDACTED] and will not be able to attend the meeting on the FM 150 expansion as I will be attending the Dripping Springs City Council meeting about that town's proposal to discharge treated wastewater into Onion Creek.

It is disconcerting and a bit alarming that 2 important meetings for those of us concerned about protecting Driftwood have been scheduled simultaneously as that makes participation & representation at both get together impossible. Please make sure this is noted at the meeting tomorrow night at Thurman's place.

The incredibly beautiful unique Driftwood area has been my home (and homestead) for over 20 years. It is essential that it be protected for native wildlife and future generations of people. Road expansion of 150 would destroy countless gorgeous old trees in addition to a huge amount of the natural habitat and the many species that depend on this special environment. Golden cheek warbler habitat is on the slope above Onion Creek bridge, which means that endangered species are potentially threatened if road expansion occurs in this vicinity. The direct proximity of some sections of FM 150 to Onion Creek (and the other low water creek crossings) would make for additional costly and complicated construction; an expanded FM 150 is at high risk of extensive damage during heavy rains and could jeopardize human lives during major flooding (and add to long term repair & maintenance expenses). I hope that serious consideration of alternative plans continues and that preservation of this extraordinary region is a priority.

Thank you for your time and consideration of homeowner and other Hays County residents' concerns, as well as those of in-state and out of state visitors who come here to appreciate this extraordinary part of Texas.

Deborah Herczog

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Mike Pruitt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 4:14 PM  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Comment to FM 150 Study/Potential Extension of FM 1826  
**Attachments:** CAPLtr1Final0001.pdf

Attached is a letter with our comments to the FM 150 Study/Potential Extension of FM 1826. Thank you for your consideration. Mike and Lisa.

J. Michael Pruitt  
[REDACTED]  
Driftwood, TX 78619  
[REDACTED]

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**J. MICHAEL PRUITT  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
[REDACTED]  
DRIFTWOOD, TEXAS 78619**

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October 18, 2015

Hays County Commissioners Court

Re: Comments to FM 150 Study/Potential Extension of FM 1826

Commissioners:

Our family owns approximately 110 acres just west and south of the intersection of FM [REDACTED] My Mother and Step-Father have lived on the property for almost 40 years. We have now moved to the property and built our "Dream Home". We all plan on living on the property until the end. I also expect my two sisters and their families to return to live on the property again at some point. We are concerned that the contemplated road expansions may drastically change the character of the area and the lives of the people who live in the area. **We strongly oppose any extension of FM 1826. We feel any road improvements should be done to existing roads or in areas where the property owners are in agreement to build the improvements.** We understand Hays County is growing and we commend you for accepting comments on these issues. Although you may not agree with or like some of our comments, they are submitted with the utmost respect for you and the job you are charged with. We will provide COMMENTS SPECIFIC TO OUR PROPERTY AND LIVES and GENERAL COMMENTS below.

**COMMENTS SPECIFIC TO OUR PROPERTY AND LIVES**

As you already know, our family has been here for many years. We have built substantial improvements on our property and have worked to make our property a "special place". **It is not reasonable or prudent for Hays County to attempt to take and pay for our property and/or improvements to enable an extension of FM 1826. We will not voluntarily sell our property to Hays County.**

There is a [REDACTED] on our property where William Marshall Perry (1800-1883), his [REDACTED] and his daughter, Elizabeth Tyson (1820-1883), are buried. Perry fought with Houston at Gonzales and San Jacinto. He fought in many battles with Indians and was a Texas Ranger who served under Captain Samuel Highsmith and Captain H.E.



McCulloch. He lived his last few years on our property in a house that still exists. One of Perry's sons was Cicero Rufas Perry, a legendary soldier, Indian fighter, scout and Captain in the Texas Rangers. Attached as Exhibit "A" to this letter is information regarding the lives of the Perry Family and their contribution to the history of the State of Texas.

**There is a cave system located through our property.** It is our understanding this cave system goes from at least the Browning Ranch through our property and all the way to Onion Creek. The stories include accounts of local residents who would start a fire at one end of the cave system and go to Onion Creek to watch the smoke come out of the cave. In the 1970's, we had people want to come explore the caves, but we eventually disallowed visitors.

Our family has worked hard to live the life we live in Driftwood. As we have told some of you, we feel we are "Living the Dream". We wake up every day thinking "We won". We have neighbors who feel the same way. Some tell us they are selling their property because of the proposed extension of FM 1826. That is not right. **People should not have their lives and dreams destroyed by new roadways that are unnecessary and unwanted.**

We went through extensive planning with regard to many issues before building our "Dream Home". Never in our wildest dreams did we anticipate a new road being located through our property near our home. The worst we ever imagined was that a widening of Elder Hill Road may move our property line to the north and take our gate, which can be replaced.

If there is an extension of FM 1826 such that our home may be seen from the new road, **we will not feel that our lives or property are safe.**

Our property and improvements are awesome, a "little piece of Heaven". **We should not have to spend time and expense at our age to hire lawyers and fight something like this, but we will if we have to.**

**Hays County should not want to send the message** that if you come to Hays County and live the "American Dream" (borrowed from Will Conley) and build your "Dream Home", a new road may be built over you to accommodate others in the County.

### GENERAL COMMENTS

**Funds designated for road improvements should be spent in the higher growth areas.** While we understand it is likely Hays County will experience significant growth in the coming years, we feel that the growth in the Driftwood area will not be nearly as significant as the growth in the San Marcos, Kyle, Buda and Dripping Springs areas. For many reasons, Driftwood will likely never see the growth of rooftops as will be seen in the San Marcos, Kyle, Buda and Dripping Springs areas. The money should be spent in these areas, not Driftwood.



**Four lane roadways are not appropriate for the Driftwood area.** Driftwood is a charming rural area abundant with historical significance, wineries and gorgeous ranches. Two lane roads with turn lanes and other features are more appropriate for this area.

**“If you build it they will come.” Building any extension of FM 1826 will only promote the building of residential rooftops and commercial development that otherwise would not occur.** This is not the vision of the current Driftwood area residents. Driftwood area residents are here because they do not want the noise, traffic or neighborhood issues associated with such development.

**Driftwood area residents should not be made to sacrifice by having an extension of FM 1826 built through some of the prime Driftwood area properties for the benefit of other areas of Hays County.** If people want to get from one side of the county to the other, they should be made to use existing roadways with appropriate improvements. Our area should not be responsible for providing transportation routes primarily benefitting others.

**The Transportation Plan should be changed.** If the existing Transportation Plan for Hays County shows an extension of FM 1826, there should be further study done to obtain community input and evaluate whether it will be needed and what alternatives are available.

The only reason there is not more voiced opposition to the potential extension of FM 1826 is because many people are not aware of the potential plan. We have not heard any comments in favor of the FM 1826 extension. Not one.

We are aware of reports questioning the assumptions and data used by Hays County to project transportation needs. We are no experts regarding the collection of this data, but **surely Hays County will only plan and build road improvements based on correct assumptions and data that confirms with certainty the need for such improvements.**

Any road improvements will clearly have an impact on the local environment. This is a pristine, natural area full of wildlife. Any improvements should be done in a manner to limit damage to the local environment and wildlife habitat.

**Any plans for the extension of FM 1826 need more time to be evaluated and reappraised.** Studies show that area roadways are nowhere near their capacities at this time, so we need to take the appropriate amount of time to plan this and get it right.

The Driftwood economy is made up of wineries, tourism, ranching, wedding venues, etc. These operations exist here because this is a beautiful, unspoiled, historically significant piece of the world. Although roadway improvements would better enable people to access these operations, they would also alter the very reason these operations are here, which could destroy the livelihood of the people who own these operations. Building roadways in new areas will only change the character of the land and properties in this area, a change that likely can not be

reversed.

In summary, Driftwood is a wonderful, unique area full of history, beautiful ranches and laid back residents who love being here. **Any proposed road improvements should accommodate area residents and be done in a manner to cause the least destruction possible to the lives they have built. This can be done by improving existing roadways, not building new roadways such as an extension of FM 1826.** As one lady said at a recent CAP Meeting when discussing any potential harm that may occur to the Driftwood Store, the Driftwood Post Office and other structures at the FM 150/Elder Hill Road intersection due to the proposed roadway improvements, **"If you build the 1826 extension, you won't have to worry about the store, the post office or anything else Driftwood because there will no longer be a Driftwood. Driftwood is the people, the properties and the character of the area and that will be destroyed."** We could not agree more.

Thank you again for allowing people like us to provide you with input. It is greatly appreciated. We look forward to working with you in this process.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike".

J. Michael Pruitt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa".

Lisa Pruitt

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Haley Avery [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 3:45 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Letter concerning FM 150 and FM 1826  
**Attachments:** October 21.docx

Thank you for your time

-Haley Avery

October 21, 2015

Hays County Commissioners Court

Re: Comments to FM 150 Study/Potential Extension of FM 1826

Commissioners:

I am writing to let you know that, with all respect, I deeply disagree with any extension of FM 1826.

Our family owns 110 acres just west and south of the intersection of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

My grandparents live there; as well as my uncle and aunt. This property has been a part of our family for almost 40 years. We call it the [REDACTED]

I grew up spending my summers and weekends at my family's ranch. This is the place I took my first steps, caught my first fish, and shot my first buck; the amount of memories this ranch holds is priceless.

The [REDACTED] isn't just a piece of property; it is so much more than that. This land is a place we call home; I may not live there, but it is where my heart is.

There is so much history that lies within our ranch. There is a cemetery on part of the property where some of the Texas Rangers are buried from when the Texas Rangers and the Indians fought. We have had people come and pay their respects to their ancestors who are buried there.

We have two caves on the property and the Edwards aquifer runs through the land as well. We have an abundance of wildlife that habitat on our property. We have put every effort to keep the wildlife thriving. We have hung owl boxes, bat boxes, have multiple deer feeding stands, and multiple types of bird feeders.

If the road expansion were to happen, everything would change. All the history, natural beauty, and wildlife would be destroyed. The place we can call home would be ruined.

I am twenty-two years old. I am married and we want to have children in the future. I want my children to be able to experience everything I was able to as a child on the ranch. I want them to be able to appreciate all the history, natural beauty, and wildlife. I want them to be able to learn how to take care of the land and be able to pass on the traditions to their children.

My family has a pact that we will never sell the land, but to continue to pass it down to our children and keep this beautiful place alive.



I want to be able to retire and return to the [REDACTED] and be able to enjoy the peace and quiet. I lived in Dallas and don't enjoy the traffic and noises the city projects. I want to live in the country. I don't care if I have to travel farther to get into town. That is part of living in the country and personally I believe it is worth it.

Everyone who chose to live and build their life and homes out here know the sacrifice of driving farther to places, and we all have accepted it. It is worth it to everyone. If people don't think the roads are easily accessible and it takes time to get to places, they can take time and think. They need to think about how they would feel if a major road were going right through their dream home and land they worked hard to achieve.

I don't believe this is fair or right.

Do you think destroying people's homes, history of land, wildlife habitats, and small city charm is right?

I don't think anyone with a conscience could believe in doing such a thing.

I hope you can make the right decision and be a hero, not a destroyer. We have too much being destroyed in this world as it is. Please help and keep what is left of this beautiful world alive and thriving for generations to come. Even though this is a small town, it makes a big impact!

Thank you for allowing me to put in my input and listening.

Sincerely,

Haley Avery

[REDACTED]

Driftwood, TX 78619

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Cara Wyland [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 7:11 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Cara Wyland  
**Subject:** Please Dont Extend FM 1826  
**Attachments:** Taylor's Driftwood Letter.docx

Please see the attached.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks so much for your help.

Best - Taylor

[REDACTED]

October 20, 2015

Hays County Commissioners Court

Re: Comments to FM 150 Study/Potential Extension of FM 1826

Commissioners:

I am writing to ask that you please say “No” to any extension of FM 1826.

Our family owns 110 acres just west and south of the intersection of [REDACTED]

My Grandparents live there. So do my uncle and my aunt. This property has been a part of our family for almost 40 years.

I am eighteen years old now. I lived on this property for three years with my mom and stepdad. I hope someday to live there again.

My family is so proud of this property. All of my life I have heard what a special place it is, and how important it is for us to take good care of it.

One of the things that makes this place so special is the peace and quiet. When I lived there, I would bring my friends there and they all would be so surprised at how beautiful and quiet it is there, and how much fun it was just to mess around at a place like this.

I live in the city now, in Houston, and I can’t tell you how much I miss living in Driftwood. I miss my family, but I miss the land too. Living in the country grows on you – it becomes a way of life. And, I really do hope to live there again someday.

This land is special in a lot of ways. It is where our family gathers. We go there on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have parties there. We go there to get down-time. We just go there to be together.

If this road expansion were to happen, all of this would change. I don’t want to live next to a major road. I live next to a lot of them right now in Houston and it really isn’t that great. If a major road were going right through our property, I doubt very seriously if we would really want to live there anymore.

Think about that. Our whole family would need to find someplace else to go – someplace else to make our family memories.

I don’t think this is fair or right. I ask that you please not do it.

Thank you for asking for our input and for listening to what we have to say. I hope it is not a hard decision for you to make.

Sincerely,

Taylor Harris



Driftwood, TX 78619

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Cara [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 7:09 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Cara Wyland  
**Subject:** Expression of Opposition for Extension of FM 1826  
**Attachments:** Bill's Driftwood Letter.docx

Please see the attached.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks so much for your help.

Best - Bill

[REDACTED]

October 20, 2015

Hays County Commissioners Court

Re: Comments to FM 150 Study/Potential Extension of FM 1826

Commissioners:

I am writing to let you know that, with all respect, I deeply disagree with any extension of FM 1826.

My wife's family owns 110 acres just west and south of the intersection of [REDACTED]  
This property has been a part of their family for almost 40 years.

My wife and I lived there for three years. We moved there to get away from the rat-race of Austin, to enjoy the peace and quiet of country living, and considered it a blessing to have a place like Driftwood in which to move. And, we have always planned on retiring there for the same reasons.

During our time in Austin and Driftwood, we worked hard on this land... planting trees, building and tending to a garden, seeding grass, dealing with weeds, raising cattle, trimming cedars... the list goes on.

You don't put that kind of sweat and tears into a piece of land that you don't expect to have a really long time.

You certainly don't put that kind of work into something that is going to become a highway.

We did it because we were tending to it as our home. When a piece of land is yours, you take care of it. When it is the government's, you let them take care of it. This land belongs to my wife's family, not the government. I don't believe it is right that the county can now come take it because they want to build a road. No amount of money you offered to buy it for would be worth taking. You can't buy "home."

Right now this family is able to walk to one another's houses to have dinner together without having to get near a road. It is safe, it is walkable, and it's a beautiful stroll from one house to another. If this road construction were approved and completed, this sort of thing simply couldn't happen. The commute would be undoable. It would be unsafe, noisy and just plain ugly. This property right now is built to nurture family. Put this road in and all that goes away.

We chose to live in Driftwood for the peace and quiet, and we sacrificed commute-time to be in this kind of environment. And this is a trade we gladly made. I feel many of our neighbors feel the same. I have heard there are people in near-by communities that want easier access to Austin. If this is the case, let them pay the price of getting that access. Please don't make Driftwood residents pay the price for people who moved out to the country but really want to be close to the city. It isn't fair. For the people that say they want this, perhaps it is fair to suggest this road go through their backyard. Would they still be so vocal about wanting easier access? My guess is no.

Please don't put this road in. It would take so much away from a really beautiful place.

I know you don't have to listen to comments from people like me – and I appreciate that you are doing this. I just hope that the people involved can come up with a way to do what you want to do without destroying what people have worked so hard to build. It just isn't right.

Thank you again for listening.

Sincerely,

Bill Wyland



## Improve FM150

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**From:** Cara Wyland [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 7:07 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Cara Wyland  
**Subject:** I Disagree with any Extension of FM 1826  
**Attachments:** Cara's Driftwood Letter.docx

Please see the attached.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks so much for your help.

Best - Cara

[REDACTED]



October 20, 2015

Hays County Commissioners Court

Re: Comments to FM 150 Study/Potential Extension of FM 1826

Commissioners:

I am writing to respectfully express my opposition to any extension of FM 1826. Our family owns about 110 acres just west and south of the intersection of FM [REDACTED] and FM [REDACTED]. This property has been a part of our family for almost 40 years, when my mother and step-father established our family home there. They still live on this property, as does my brother and his wife, who have built an extraordinary home on this property – what they like to refer to as their “dream home.” While neither my sister nor I currently live on this property, we have always fully intended to move back when life circumstances allow, and certainly to spend our retirement years there. We intend now, and have always intended, to keep this property in our family for generations to come.

My family chose Driftwood because it is a unique community, with an unparalleled character that allows for both peace and community involvement. We are all deeply concerned that the road expansions that are currently being discussed as possibilities will dramatically change this character, and therefore, will certainly impact the families who have chosen this as **Home**.

We do understand Hays County is growing and we truly appreciate you accepting comments and input on the proposed expansion plans.

I have read and strongly agree with the “logical” reasons for objecting to any extension of FM 1826, and I will share those later in my letter. *However, my loudest objections to the proposed expansion are from my heart:*

- This is my family’s home. We have built our foundation here. This is where we laugh together, play together, cook and give thanks together. This is where we celebrate Christmas and Easter and family birthdays. The proposed expansion would in many ways take this away from us all: no more privacy, no more safety, no more peaceful, walkable mornings or evenings. I cannot imagine retiring to a “country home” with a “multi-lane roadway” less than 100 yards away. It is not my dream, nor would it be something I would want to look forward to in my “golden years.” It would change everything.
- We have always intended this property would be in our family for generations to come. Our children have always known “this would somebody be theirs.” We have intended this to be a gift of peace and solitude, beauty and nature. This gift would be rendered useless in my eyes if the discussed expansion of 1826 were to come into existence.
- We have been good stewards to our land, and have truly taken care of the land God has

blessed us with. We have nurtured it and the inhabitants of it. We have learned how to take care of it and be mindful of the cycle of life that takes place on it. There is evidence all over our property that animals are welcome here. Proposed expansion would take away all of that. The animals that did survive dodging traffic would no longer have a peaceful habitat in which to live. Fewer and fewer wildlife would choose this as home, and in turn, the landscape become barren. This is not at all what I want for this community.

As for the logical arguments, I recap them here:

- County funds need to be allocated to high priority road projects, especially in those areas that are the most rapidly growing. While we certainly understand that Driftwood faces growth, the projections for this area are not near what San Marcos, Kyle, Buda and Dripping Springs are expecting. Therefore spend the money where the growth is.
- Planning larger roads than are needed will surely attract growth to the area that otherwise would not come.
- Having a four-lane "highway" serve as the extension of any of our local roads is completely out of character for this community. Look around – there is nothing that is consistent with road construction of this magnitude.
- The environmental impacts this kind of intrusion would have on local wildlife population and habitat is unimaginable. The danger to local wildlife is just the beginning. Infringement on habitat would be extensive. This is simply not consistent with the values and beliefs of this community.

Please be clear: We respectfully object to any expansion of FM 1826. My family and I commend you for seeking and accepting community input on these issues. I, frankly, would not want to be in your shoes. I appreciate that you are, and that you are willing to listen to your constituents on decisions of this magnitude.

Thank you again for allowing us to provide you with input. It is greatly appreciated. We look forward to working with you in this process.

Sincerely,

Cara Wyland

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Driftwood, TX 78619

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Robin Benson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 7:35 PM  
**To:** Characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Proposed highway expansion on 150

We recently purchased a home in LaVentana. We chose this area due to the seclusion from the hustle and bustle of Austin. The countryside is beautiful...we love the curving, winding roads. There is never an abundance of traffic on 150 or Elder Hill Road. So why the need for expansion????

I vote NO to 4 lanes on Elder Hill, 1826 and 150. Please don't ruin this beautiful area of the Hill Country.

Respectfully,

Robin L. Benson

[REDACTED]

Driftwood.

Sent from my iPhone

## Improve FM150

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**From:** CV <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 5:56 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Extension of FM 1826

I do not support the extension of FM 1826 in the Driftwood Community. As a child I traveled through Driftwood on our way to my grandparents' home. It was one of my favorite parts of the trip because of the quaintness of this small, beautiful, and tranquil community. Some things do not need to change and Driftwood is one of them. Please reconsider the plans of the highway development.

Connie Vaclavik  
Austin, TX

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Jessica Reinhardt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 3:54 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Vote

No to four lanes on Elder Hill road!  
No to four lanes on 150!

Thanks,  
Jessica Reinhardt

## Improve FM150

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**From:** John McQuillen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 2:58 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Extension of FM 1826

I oppose an extension of FM 1826. I have been to Driftwood many times, and would like to see the integrity of this historical community retained as is.

John McQuillen  
[REDACTED]  
Victoria, TX 77904

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Todd Cearley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 1:51 PM  
**To:** FM 150 Character Plan  
**Subject:** Re: FM 150 Character Plan - Public Meeting Reminder

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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I am a property owner at [REDACTED].  
I would like to voice my opinion against the FM 150 & 1826 to RR12 expansions.  
Thank you,  
Todd Cearley

On Oct 20, 2015, at 1:23 PM, "FM 150 Character Plan" <[characterplan@improvefm150.com](mailto:characterplan@improvefm150.com)> wrote:

Hello All,

We have received a few questions about the format for the upcoming FM 150 public meeting on Thursday and wanted to provide a few additional details. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. with a presentation scheduled to begin at 6:15 p.m. There is quite a bit to cover in the presentation, so it will take approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour. There will not be a formal question and answer or comment session in the audience format. After the presentation, attendees will be able to provide input and project team members will be available to visit one-on-one with attendees and answer questions. We anticipate a large crowd and we want to give everyone an opportunity to visit with project team members to ask questions and share their comments. We know this is an important discussion and we also want to document comments, concerns, and questions. If anyone wants to document their comments or questions for the project record, they can do so by filling-out a written comment card or by sending them to us via email. While comments and questions are always accepted, they must be received by November 6, 2015 to be included in the meeting report.

As a reminder, meeting details are below and we look forward to seeing you all on Thursday!  
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### Meeting Details:

Thursday, October 22, 2015

6 – 8 p.m.

\*Presentation at 6:15

Thurman's Mansion

[REDACTED]

Driftwood, TX 78619

Sincerely,

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Barbara McArthur [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 1:42 PM  
**To:** FM 150 Character Plan  
**Subject:** Re: FM 150 Character Plan - Public Meeting Reminder

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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As I studied the packet that accompanied the last email, it appeared that most of the discussion will be about the corridors that will be developed around the city of Kyle. My concerns are about the property I own on Hwy. [REDACTED] near Driftwood. It seems that my time would be wasted discussing or commenting on what will be happening at Kyle, as that does not affect me. Did I interpret the paperwork properly? My concern is that my rent house is extremely close to the road already and that widening 150 in front of that house would be very detrimental to my renters and to my property value. If that area is not being discussed at this time, I will pass on this particular meeting. I would suggest that there are quite a few different groups that may be interested in what will happen, but in very different areas. Meetings should be held that address these areas. Just a suggestion.

On Tue, Oct 20, 2015 at 1:01 PM, FM 150 Character Plan [REDACTED] > wrote:

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## Improve FM150

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**From:** Carolyn Robinson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 1:39 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Character Plan for FM150.

I oppose the extension of FM 1826.

Carolyn Robinson

## Improve FM150

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**From:** g [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 12: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the extension to FM 1826. It will not benefit Driftwood and will compromise the unique character, history and natural beauty of the community. Please protect and value this unique place and deny the proposed extension.

Thanks so much.

Best,  
Genevieve Frisch

[REDACTED]  
Austin, TX  
[REDACTED]

## Improve FM150

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**From:** THOMAS PURYEAR [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 8:01 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** 1826 extension

I own acreage on [REDACTED] Road and would like to express my concerns about the possibility of rerouting 1826 through properties that have been in families for decades. My grandfather was one of the early settlers in Driftwood and it would break our hearts to see that acreage split with a highway running right through the heart of it. Consequently I am totally against the early tentative plans for the extension of 1826. A better option would be to straighten some curves in the existing road (Elder Hill Road/170), with minimal impact on land owners and home owners.

Thanks...Thomas J. Puryear

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Claudia Lankford [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 7:32 PM  
**To:** 'info@improvefm150.com'  
**Subject:** Extension of FM 1826 Protest

I protest the extension of FM1826 and do not think it is appropriate for our Driftwood community. Thank you.

Claudia Lankford

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Mike Robinson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 4:39 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Extension of FM 1826

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the extension of FM 1826 as it is not appropriate for the Driftwood community. This part of our State is a gem and we should do everything in our power to preserve the area.

Thanks,

Mike Robinson

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Shaina Adams-El Guabli <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 3:19 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 1826

I do not think an extension of FM 1826 is appropriate for the Driftwood Community.

Best wishes,  
Shaina

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"If the earth does grow inhospitable toward human presence, it is primarily because we have lost our sense of courtesy toward the earth and its inhabitants." Thomas Berry

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Long, Lucky [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 2:44 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Extension of FM 1826

I do not think the extension of FM1826 is appropriate for the Driftwood Community.

[REDACTED]. Our phone numbers have remained the same.

**Lucky Long**  
**Executive Vice President-Commercial Division**



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## Improve FM150

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**From:** Tom Hanley <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 2:06 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** I do not want FM 1826 to be extended!

Driftwood does not need this extension.. I feel it would be harmful to the community overall..

Thanks for your consideration.. Tom Hanley



## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 1:17 PM  
**To:** Characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Elder Hill Road

My husband and I are unable to attend the meeting this Thursday's meeting at Thurman Mansion (October 22) to discuss the proposed changes to Elder Hill Road and 150. We are very strongly OPPOSED to the plan to change these roads from peaceful two lane roads to busy four lane roads. Making such changes will completely alter the peaceful country setting that so many of us have chosen. There really seems to be no reason for such road construction. We who live near them do not need a major traffic corridor nor do we need the additional noise and future building that always seems to accompany such road construction. Widening FM 12 would make much more sense because it already is a major corridor for those traveling to the Dripping Springs and Wimberley areas and parts of this road already are three lanes.

Jeffrey and Susan McManus

[REDACTED]  
Driftwood, TX 78619

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Don Munford <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 11:16 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** I oppose the expansion of 1826

Don Munford  
Area Senior Vice President  
Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc.

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## Improve FM150

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**From:** glenda tansey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 11:04 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Driftwood Matters!

Driftwood is drop dead beautiful! Recently our son and granddaughter came up to visit us where we live with our daughter on [REDACTED] Road. They were blown away. I saw the area with fresh eyes. This beauty needs to be preserved. It is unique...rolling hills, stately oaks...how long did it take to make this beautiful area. it is our precious heritage. Pope Francis would bless our efforts to conserve this piece of creation. So, back to the practical message. I oppose an extension of FM1826 to Elderhill Road. Glenda Tansey.

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Burr Buckalew [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 10:32 AM  
**To:** 'info@improvefm150.com'  
**Subject:** FM 1826

To Whom it May Concern,

I have many friends that live in the Driftwood area and have for years spent a great deal of time there. I am totally opposed to an extension of FM 1826 since this is such a unique area and should be preserved.

Burr Buckalew.

**Burr Buckalew, Executive Vice President**



[REDACTED] *about our customers.*



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## Improve FM150

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**From:** Rowan Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 10:29 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** extension of FM 1826 through Driftwood area

I am objecting to the proposed extension of FM 1826 through Driftwood as it will negatively affect the quietness and tranquility of lifestyle currently experienced by landowners in and around Driftwood. The new road will bring traffic noise and congestion that the area currently does not have to deal with. This invasion of privacy due to increased noise and traffic will deteriorate the landowners quality of life and land values that are located near and in Driftwood. Please avoid this invasion by rerouting the road to less concentration of homes and community structures. Blessings

**P. Rowan Smith Jr.**

Texas Regional Properties - President/Owner  
[REDACTED]

You don't have to seek the blessings.  
Seek God and the blessings will seek after you!

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Mike Ruppel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 9:22 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 1826

We are against an extension of FM 1826.

*Mike Ruppel*  
**Ruppel Construction**



## Improve FM150

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**From:** David Scurlock [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 9:17 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** 'Mike Pruitt'

Mike Pruitt is a friend of mine for over 15 years. He and his wife Lisa allowed me to be a part of building their home in Driftwood. It was a life long dream of theirs. To put a highway through their property would be nothing less than a taking. I was a part of the Hays County community for a number of years and that is not what people in that part of the world believe in. I would hope that the people in charge will do the right thing.

David Scurlock

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Bodie Gillespie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 8:45 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 1826 Extension

To whom it may concern,

I do not believe the extension of FM 1826 is appropriate for the Driftwood Community. Driftwood should not be an area you just drive through, you should at least cruise through to capture all the amazing views and landscapes, or make a stop at the Salt Lick, or the vineyards. Driftwood is near and dear to my heart and it would pain me to see something like this happen to such a great community.

Thank you for your time,

Bodie Gillespie



## Improve FM150

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**From:** Jim <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 6:36 AM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Cc:** Mike Pruitt; Lisa Pruitt  
**Subject:** Oppose the extension

We've travelled from Austin to RR12 many times over the last 40 years to visit my parents who grew up & lived on 12 for years. The jog over to Elder Hill Rd and drive thereon should be a natural preserve. We oppose this extension, Jim Gillespie

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Airboss54 . <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 18, 2015 10:43 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Fm 1826 extension

I oppose the extension of FM 1826. Driftwood doesn't need this road, it will destroy the uniqueness and beauty.

Signed  
Gary Phipps  
[REDACTED]

## Improve FM150

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**From:** J C <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 18, 2015 5:38 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Extension

No improvement is needed  
Sent from my iPad

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Robin Shaw [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 18, 2015 12:54 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM1826

I do not think an extension of FM 1826 is appropriate for the Driftwood Community.  
Robin Shaw

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Thomas Hartley <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 18, 2015 8:35 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Driftwood Area Roads

I oppose this extension. Keep Driftwood the way it is. Don't turn it into an Oak Hill or Bee Caves. Roads will do this you know. Look around!

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Bob Moody [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 18, 2015 7:24 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]com  
**Subject:** Proposed expansion of FM 1826

I am writing to oppose the expansion of FM1826 - simply unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Bob Moody

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Andy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 17, 2015 [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Proposed FM 1826

Dear Sirs,

I oppose the extension of FM 1826 as it will negatively effect the Driftwood community.

Any questions please advise.

Sincerely,

Andy Berna

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Pat <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 17, 2015 8:21 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Proposed FM 1826 thru Dr [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sirs,

My family and I are highly opposed to the extension of FM 1826 thru the Driftwood community.

Best Regards,

Patrick Connors



## Improve FM150

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**From:** Glenn Munford [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 17, 2015 4:55 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** "I do not think an extension of FM 1826 is appropriate for the Driftwood Community"

"I do not think an extension of FM 1826 is appropriate for the Driftwood Community"

Glenn R. Munford  
President  
San Antonio Security



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## Improve FM150

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**From:** Lisa Pruitt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 16, 2015 5:59 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** FM 150

Precious tax dollars and transportation improvements might be better directed to the boom neighborhoods around San Marcos, Kyle, Buda and even Dripping Springs, the fastest growing and most congestion stressed parts of our county.

Sent from my iPhone

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Dale Burnett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 7:33 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Driftwood heritage and fu [REDACTED]

Thank you for an opportunity to comment. My family, friends and neighbors understand that the county has to plan roads for increasing populations. We also understand that if the character of the Driftwood area is altered, people will have fewer reasons to visit the area. Please do not make road changes that take away the character of Driftwood. That would include at least a 4 or 5 mile radius. We don't want 4 lane roads. We don't want sidewalks. We don't want bicycle lanes. Let Austin have those things. The current use patterns only show a 25 percent capacity for the Driftwood roads. Driftwood should not be viewed as the path of least resistance. Driftwood residents are catching up on the county's plans. Please work with us to find solutions that do not destroy Driftwood and its heritage.

Sent from my iPad

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Dale and Pattie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 8:41 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@50.com  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Driftwood roads - against unnecessary haste to widen roads

Please work with the local citizens to find ways to handle the counties growth without making the Driftwood area the answer for problems in other areas or perceived problems. If the county brings in 4 lanes to this area, traffic will increase and create more problems not fewer. Building large new roads through the native pasture land will increase population and increase traffic. One only has to look at the south end of Loop 1 to see the result of such roads. More roads more people. I love the Salt Lick. I love Camp Ben. I love the Driftwood church and community center. I love the local vineyards. I love the old General Store and the small rural post office. I love the clear water of Onion Creek. Please look at other alternatives to move future traffic from other areas. I was born here. Please don't destroy it. Thank you, Joshua Burnett

Sent from my iPad

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Dale and Pattie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 8:28 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Keep Driftwood as Driftwood

Please work with the citizens to help preserve the Driftwood area. Our roads in Driftwood are only at 25 percent capacity now. There is time to plan roads that do not destroy our heritage and our community as it is. We don't need to destroy Elder Hill Road so Wimberly residents can drive faster. They have other choices at the current time if they don't like the curves on Elder Hill road.

Thank you, Dale Burnett

Sent from my iPad

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Dale and Pattie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 8:20 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Please do not change the character of the Driftwood area

Please do not change the character of the Driftwood area (5 radius) by installing 4 lane roads. Please work with the community to find solutions that do not make Driftwood look like Hwy 290. I will be at the meeting on Oct 22. Thank you, Pattie Burnett

Sent from my iPad

## FM 150 Character Plan

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**From:** Evie Martin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 3:43 PM  
**To:** characterplan@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** Comments concerning Elder Hill Road

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

To whom it may concern:

My name is Evelyn Martin. I live at [REDACTED] Driftwood, TX. I have been attending the last two mtgs concerning improvements of FM 150.

I heard you say that you listened to community input and made changes to your initial plan of improvements. I am praying that you will listen to this community's input as well. You talked about the historical value of the church and post office. Please do not leave out the value of the people who live in Driftwood. If we did not live here, there would be no community for you to protect.

At this time I would like to make sure that my opinion goes on record as you make suggestions concerning the building of a highway that connects 12 and 150, running parallel to existing Elder Hill Road. It has always been a dream of mine to locate in the quiet Hill Country area. When I saw the property at 1250 Elder Hill Road in 2009, I knew this was the special spot I was looking for to build my dream ranch home. Acreage with beautiful 200 year old oak trees. Land that was away from busy highways, light pollution, and fumes of a city. A place to live where gardens, livestock, flowers, trees, bees, birds, all sorts of wildlife and my friends could come and enjoy nature's beauty. I have saved all my life to be able to buy such a place. I was a teacher for 31 years. Now my dream is becoming a nightmare as I found out there would be a highway running through the backyard.

Now what you have heard me say refers to me personally. MY needs- yet in talking to neighbors, I realize others feel the same way. I do not think that such connecting road is needed. There are many roads already in place. There is 45 and that new expansion southward. There is 12- that was improved. There is 290. There is 35. To cut through the beautiful country side of Driftwood, again, spoiling more and more of the hill country, would be a mistake. There will be no more hill country if we are not careful. It will be a vast polluted highway- not the charming small community example of beauty and history, and the wide open spaces of Texas. I have invested a great deal planting wildflower meadows, putting up bluebird houses, stopping the spread of Oak Wilt, collecting rainwater, building green, only to hear of this new plan now. Please do not build this new road.

Sincerely  
Evie Martin,

## Improve FM150

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**From:** Becki Smith <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 5:14 PM  
**To:** info@improvefm150.com  
**Subject:** OPINION on 150 expansion, request for consideration, blatant begging . . .

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Ain Gray,

I am VERY concerned with the expansion of fm 150. We live in La Ventana. We saved our entire working lives-we are still working-to move to this beautiful place out in the country. We recently bought here because of the quiet rural feel of the area-the sound of birds and cows. We pay exorbitant taxes and home prices to live here and would certainly hate to see our investment and quality of life changed in a negative way due to the increased traffic, noise, and pollution that would be created with a four lane road routed nearby. We love the curvy twisting country roads—which we would also love to see repaired so there are not potholes . . . We love the low water bridges over the crystal clear streams-it is what we moved here for. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT EXPAND 150 OR ELDER HILL ROAD, PLEASE ROUTE THE BIG ROAD ELSEWHERE? This is a historically beautiful area near a cities that are expanding like -to use a horrible analogy-cancer. Ugly, loud expansion. Please, please, let this area remain rural, away from the traffic.

Becki and Jon Smith

[REDACTED]  
Driftwood, TX 78619





## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: Lynn Fichtner  
Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: #2

I want the traffic flow to slow down and remain slow for residents. Too many heavy trucks go way too fast on this section.

I want this area to remain with sharp curves so the people will have to drive carefully and not speed thru.

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: CASEY CUTLER  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: By pass around Britton is great!  
NORTH section of 150 should be super 2  
not MD 4

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: Tim P Miller

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: ⑦ Are the developers pushing this Bypass especially the new sale of land at 3227 & 150?

Great new section of road that really is needed.

Why, and when will you do this type of presentation for the Arroyo - I-35 section?

WE have no Citizen Advisory Panel why for the southern section?

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: TOMASZ JOHANNSEN

Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: 9

Consider connecting to BROWNSON LAKE  
to get to RR12

- NO FLOODPLAIN

- STRAIGHT ROAD

- ROW available.

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: Cathy Carter  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: I am opposed to the western 1926  
extension

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: Robert Hayden  
Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: Live off of Dardenhill Rd. Would  
hope that improvements to Darden Hill Rd.  
would be considered also in addition to the  
intersection with 150 in area 2.

I am interested in cycling and cycling  
safety and believe the by-pass would for  
area 1 and 8 could be very beneficial.

Also a member of the trails committee  
in Dripping Springs and utilization of  
right-of-way for trails in areas 1, 2 and  
7 to gain access to the Violet Crown  
trail would be a great asset to the  
D.S. trails plan

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: David Bravn

Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment:

Concept #9 - Expanding this road  
is a bad idea. It will  
invite more traffic through  
a lovely quiet area and  
change it's character.

Concept #2 - Four lanes are not needed.  
A ~~super~~ super 2-lane will serve  
all the future demand because  
this area is not going to develop  
densely.

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: Dean Blackmer

Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: Entrance to Section T, entry to Rutherford Ranch. You have diagrammed the yellow line to depart from FM 150 and diverting north up Bill Kykendahl Road. That is a narrow road, heavily treed through the Hay City Estates Subdivision. Those parcels are 10-20 acre residential tracts. It would be expensive and confrontational to divert there. You probably want to enter further east at the original entrance to Rutherford Ranch. Keep in mind the Rutherford Ranch has history as it is a major contributor to the Edwards Aquifer as a Recharge Zone. The last attempt to put a road through there was defeated because the plans did not protect the ~~the~~ recharge nor the quality of the environment that needs protection.

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: NICA ECKOLS  
Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: [NO] to Potential Bypass Route 1826 to RR 12  
You are once again tearing up family land

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: Katherine Howard  
Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: I believe #9... 150 is at 25% transportation  
capacity. This expansion/bypass is unnecessary.  
What planned development is this supposed to support?  
Where is the water to support said planned development?  
Is this road a backdoor to get water pipe laid?  
Why not have private sector pay for that?

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: SHELBY ECKOLS

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: All improvements based on Naya County Transportation Plan. Please consider revising plan with community input. Comments follow:

2. Leave as 2 lane road
3. Leave Griffithwood as is
4. Leave double crossing as is
9. Extension of 1926 is not needed

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: Nancy Marroquin  
Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: I am opposed to the extension  
west of 1826 (Driftwood bypass)  
#9 on your map.

This road will not only destroy family  
residents & the legacies of a family in  
the area, a road will destroy the  
very character of Driftwood that  
our commissioners claim they want  
to protect. Not only developers will appear -  
in fact they are behind this extension - but  
so will gas stations & convenience stores &  
storage units ~~strip centers~~ & strip  
centers. It is foolish to think by  
putting a bypass through a portion of Driftwood  
"preserves" Driftwood. But then again, the  
way this has been handled tells me you & the  
developers know exactly  
what they are  
doing

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: Jim Marroquin  
Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: The #1a Potential Bypass  
Route was brought up at the very  
last meeting before those affected  
could give input before it went  
into phase 1 recommendations.  
This is not what was discussed  
as the 150 plan. It is  
different and should have  
study on it alone with sufficient  
time. Also, the pre-suppositions  
utilized indicate county wide  
growth that is interpolated  
to this specific area, which  
has not been verified by  
other traffic study experts,  
so other alternatives and study  
should be done.

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: Robert Hammel

Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: The existing character of Elder Hill Rd needs to be considered in the character plan. Why was it excluded if it will potentially be affected? Also, why not choose the shortest, most direct route for the by-pass which would be extending 1826 directly to RR12 north of Elder Hill.

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: Dennis D. Dement

Email: CAP member

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: 1826 Extension to RR 12

has not been studied and

is ~~not~~ needed for current

or future traffic, ~~It~~ It

is shortcut for Wimberly  
traffic to Loop 1. This does

not warrant money, displacement,

disruption of current residents.

Improve current Elder Hill Rd  
is the solution.

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: Craig Glanville  
Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: Concept #9 and expansion through Driftwood Proper.

Citizens should be allowed to be heard on a  
managed floor of discussion. This project  
will change and ruin this area. There are wineries,  
eateries, historical sites, and other attractions that  
are a destination for tourists and hence an  
economic generator for the country.

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

NO TO  
More lanes  
on  
Elder Hill Rd

No to  
Changes to  
Elder Hill!

No To  
4 lanes  
on  
150 North

ed or mailed

ustin, TX 7

at any time

No To  
Change To  
1826, 150 N  
+ Elder Hill

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: Mr. Holbert & Cynthia Brown

Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: Mr Holbert & I don't want this new additional road in our community (Zone 9). It will increase traffic and make it harder to exit & enter our already hard drive way to exit & enter. Certainly there is some other way to get relief from the congestion going on else where. This is a road we live on & commute back and forth & it <sup>will</sup> interfere with us personally. So as nonresidents that don't make our drive back & forth please do not change our road.

Thank You.

Cynthia Brown  
10/31/2015

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## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: JOAN HARALSON

DRIFTWOOD, TX 78619

Email: [REDACTED]

Please reference the concept number that pertains to your question or comment. (See map on reverse)

Comment: I think the concept number that most concerns me is number 9. And that is the one connecting 1826 to Elderhill road. IT IS NOT NEEDED OR WANTED.

Elderhill road is the only road running into Driftwood at 150 where the postoffice, church etc. It is old and the very heart of our way of transportation, including the way to three schools, Dripping, Hays, & Wimberely. We live on Caliche Dr. , which is off Elderhill. Making more traffic putting 1826 there would be making it more difficult for us to get out. Also, the noise, fumes, utility easement for water pipelines, and all that goes with it.

I believe this is a political induced move, maybe it would be a good thing for Wimberely or Dripping Springs, but not for Driftwood.

There are places that can be helped on 150, sharp curves, potholes, maybe widening some spots, but we do not need a major highway, it is a known fact, with big highways, you get more traffic, more development, more pipelines ( water, gas, & oil). It is good for folks that don't live there or care about who does.

We do not want Driftwood's way of life to change to high traffic with lots of tearing apart land, trees, creeks, bird, animals & people.

Looking ahead is good, but people, land, animals, birds and the pursuit of happiness matter. Thanks for the opportunity to listen to our concerns. **We don't want 1826 to merge with Elderhill road.**

Thanks, *Joan Haralson*  
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P.S.

I was at the meeting, hard to hear anything, & heard nothing from Commissioners. No comments were taken & questions that were ask at front, could not hear at back, so left with info on screen & papers - We do know what a highway looks like tho. He saw that lots of times.



I AM AGAINST 1826 COMING OVER TO ELDERHILL ROAD, IT WILL TURN A SMALL SCENIC ROAD, INTO A RACETRACK, MORE TRAFFIC, MORE HAZARDOUS DUE TO SPEEDING, THERE ARE A LOT OF YOUNGER DRIVERS THAT LIVE ON ELDERHILL NOW. WE DON'T NEED MORE FASTER TRAFFIC ON ELDERHILL, AS FAR AS THE PUBLIC MEETING, NO COMMENTS <sup>ALLOWED</sup> FROM THE PEOPLE THERE, THE COMMISSIONERS DIDN'T WANT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, MOSTLY BECAUSE SOMEONE MIGHT ASK ABOUT THE WATER LINE THAT DEPENDS ON THESE ROADS FOR DRIPPING SPRINGS. WE LIVE ON ELDERHILL ROAD, JUST PAST WHERE 1826 COMES OUT, WHICH IF 1826 COMES OUT ON ELDERHILL, THEN IT WILL BE A STATE ROAD, 1826 NOT ELDERHILL AS IT IS NOW, I THINK IF 1826 HAS TO GO TO 12, THEN IT SHOULD GO STRAIGHT TO 12, AND LEAVE ELDERHILL ALONE, WE DON'T HAVE MANY NICE SMALL ROADS LEFT, SO WE SHOULD KEEP ELDERHILL AS IT IS NOW,

I THINK COMMISSIONER PIEC 3 SHOULD NOT TRY TO SHOVE ALL THOSE CHANGES DOWN EVERYONE'S THROAT, BOTH SHOULD RETHINK THESE PLANS FOR ELDERHILL ROAD, AS FOR 150, THEY SHOULD A FEW CHANGES, BUT DIDN'T SHOW THE BIG PICTURE, JUST ENOUGH. THE LAST SPEAKER JUST SHOWED PICTURES OF ROADS, AS IF THE PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ROADS LOOK LIKE, AGAIN I SAY LEAVE ELDERHILL ROAD ALONE, KEEP 1826 OFF IT THANK YOU

ROBERT HARALSON

DRIFTWOOD TX  
7619





## PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

October 22, 2015

Name: James Kinscherff

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comment: It seems the proposed "upgrade" to Fm 150 is being done with the idea that it is inevitable that this part of Hays Co will change from a rural area to a suburb of Austin. This doesn't have to be so... By adding two more lanes from Kyle to 3237 and again on the west of Driftwood you are increasing traffic capacity that is a requirement by most developers to buy large parcels of ranch and rangeland and turn it into another commuter neighborhood for Austin.

The section of Fm 150 from 3237 to Driftwood has been designated as environmentally important... why would you add a "bypass" route to 967? This would be damaging to the ecosystem and open up even more land to unchecked development. why?

We are already having "water wars" in Hays county. If you allow the proposed bypass route and the extension of ~~1826~~ 1826 to RR 12 - the developers will swoop in like vultures and soon this part of the precious hill country will look like Circle-C in S. Austin. Those of us who appreciate seeing stars, the quiet peacefulness and empty nature would ask you to reconsider...

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Flooding is a major issue in Hays County. It gets worse when you add more impervious cover and cover the land with houses. We live on York Creek just north of FM 150 and so far we have not had water enter our house. As flood events happen the erosion takes precious top soil and deposits it in the creeks, streams, rivers - making the channels shallower and then when it floods again the impact is far greater. By opening this part of Hays Co to suburban style neighborhoods you make the flood events far more damaging and likely.

The effect on our aquifers will be dramatic and the drawdown will be huge. By allowing the proposed "improvement" to 150 and adding the proposed bypass routes we invite more land fragmentation and a large increase in human population. All the new impervious cover will reduce the recharge of the local aquifers and the countless new water users will need to get it from somewhere. Any plans for more development in this part of Hays Co. needs to be done in a truly sustainable manner. I suggest any development be limited in scope and rainwater collection be required.

~~Please don't~~

Residents who moved here to live a rural lifestyle would compel policy makers in Hays Co. to rethink this ~~an~~ plan for improvement to ~~the~~ FM 150.

The place that needs attention for safety reasons is the double dip - ~~a~~ better signage would save lives...



Comments : 1826 Extension Crossing N. Elderhill Rd.

Nothing was discussed at meeting or on map of what will happen to CR 170 N (North Elderhill Road) This is a small dead end one lane road that handles property owners traffic only. If 1826 is extended through the proposed route crossing CR 170 N it will cause nothing but a cut through from 1826 Extension to Elderhill Road. Not only will all of the gated community and surrounding traffic flow through but all the commercial vehicles (concrete trucks, concrete pump trucks, trash trucks delivery trucks of all types as well as all workmen vehicles that have projects in this area will use this small one lane for direct access. This extension will turn this small road into a major commercial cut through to bypass Driftwood.

The proposed extension of 1826 would divide my land into two plots. If this is not bad enough when you discover the above comments are correct you will be back taking my property on the CR 170 N (North Elderhill) frontage as well. As a sixth generation land owner in Hays County this proposed extension is unacceptable the way it carves up my property.

Bobby Meers