



Rural Road Standards Workshop #7 (June 19, 2007) Meeting Notes

Handouts

- Meeting Agenda
- May 8th Workshop Summary
- Public Draft Rural Roads Improvement Standards (dated 06/19/07)
- Public Draft Rural Roads Policy (dated 06/19/07)

Update

Jim Estep has written and delivered a memo to City Council to put the Bond Road Widening project on hold due to the traffic counts numbers. He will keep the residents updated with the results.

Questions regarding information from the last workshop

Q: Is 18,000/vehicle a cut off number (referring to the traffic count table)?

A: The city is currently using 18,000 as the capacity threshold for 2 lane roads. Presently, the scenario is if the capacity exceeds 18,000, the roads must be widened.

Q: What is the Level of Service for the 18,000/vehicle?

A: Ranges between LOS E to LOS F.

Trails Master Plan

Guest Speaker: John Smoley, Planner presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the trails master plan. There was no consensus of the residents regarding trails in the rural area. After an extensive discussion regarding trails in the rural area, a conclusion was reached that off-street trails would be considered at a later date. This group is dealing with on-street improvements so off street trails should not be part of the discussion at this time.

Rural Road Improvement Policy

Pam Johns discussed the Public Draft of the Rural Road Improvement Policy dated June 19, 2007. Many of the residents express concerns and questions regarding the intersection volume threshold table. Residents stated that they want to include 3 lanes as an option in the Rural Road Improvement Policy and Rural Road Improvement Standards.

Staff will provide more information (details) regarding Safety Criteria and Tolerance for Delay in the next draft document. Residents would like the policy and standards to have language that is understandable for present and future generations of the rural area.

Rural Road Improvement Standards

Lisa Burke discussed the Public Draft of the Rural Road Standards dated June 19, 2007. As Lisa went through each section, the residents had the opportunity to express their concerns



and/or questions regarding the standards, for example, many people expressed that they wanted more definitions added to the definition section. Some of the words to add to the section: medians and center turn lanes,

The residents would like to have more tables, cross-sections, and images added to the Street Design section. Many expressed that adding images can help explain the standards better for future generations.

There was a brief discussion on the Rural Road Improvement Standard table regarding the total pavement width. Also, 3 lanes need to be added to the table as a rural road classification.

Many concerns were stated on the language for the median and center turn lanes section. Residents do not want medians in the rural area. One suggestion was to state that medians are needed only for tree preservation and safety. Another suggestion is to separate medians from center turn lanes as they should not be in the same category.

The lighting standard section needs to include images and more information. At the next workshop, staff will provide a big board of images for the residents to vote on for the lighting standards.

Next Steps

Staff informed the group that there will be one more workshop on July 24 from 7-9 PM at the City Hall. Residents can access information from the project website:

http://www.egplanning.org/rural_roads/

Residents have until July 10th to turn in any comments they have for the Improvement Policy and Standards. The revised draft will be on the website by July 17th for residents to review before the next meeting.