

Minutes from 5/25/2021 Projects and GIS subcommittee

In attendance:

John Ramirez transportation BISD

Rich Sena BISD board member

Henry Acosta BISD planning

Del Eulberg district 3 representative (replacing Dave Anderson)

Bitsy Pratt representative district 2

John Kight retired TXDOT

There were no representatives of prior GIS subcommittee present.

The agenda for today's meeting:

- 1) Review the preliminary proposals for 2020 Bond list to advance interesting ideas to the larger committee
- 2) Review the BISD demographic study relative to the interim recommendations of the KCBFOTC to enlarge the scope of ideas to advance to the larger committee.
- 3) Identify areas of data needed to enhance decision-making
- 4) Identify transportation bottlenecks experienced by the BISD bus drivers
- 5) Plan our agenda going forward

The meeting began with many questions about the findings in the demographic study done for BISD. We were able to clarify the study indicates the Southeast quadrant East of I10 and South of Cascade Caverns is currently the most stressed by growth and development. This area feeds Von Raub, Fair Oaks and Kendall elementary schools. (pg202 in BISD demographics report)

The study additionally indicates the Southwest quadrant is the most immediate future area of growth and BISD anticipates the next elementary school will be in this quadrant within the decade.

The Northwest quadrant was also identified as the next area of future growth and the Northeast quadrant the least concerning quadrant for growth in BISD demographics study.

The subcommittee reviewed the interim recommendations and the preliminary proposals and found one project in the Southeast quadrant where the most pressing mobility needs are due to growth and development. This is project 2 (preliminary projects) that expands old SA road to two lanes with a center turn lane. The intersection of Cascade Caverns and Old San Antonio, where the new Bill Miller is going in, is in the Southeast quadrant.

The Southwest quadrant has one project recommendation included in the interim report expanding Scenic Loop Rd. from I10 to Boerne Bakke. The committee would like to advance the idea that this expansion be extended to Corley.

The Northwest quadrant includes one project on Coughran – Upper Balcones to SH46 (item4 on the interim report) and several within COB. The projects within the COB include item 6 (interim report) the

round about at US87, School Street and Adler Road. From the preliminary projects list items 5,6 create center turn lanes on Johns Road and consider center turn lane along School Street past W San Antonio going to I10. In the Northeast quadrant we found the interim report items 7,8 are pedestrian and bike lane recommendations along Blanco and Esser. The subcommittee wants to explore the opportunity to expand the current sidewalk along Esser to accommodate pedestrians and bicycles. The subcommittee also pushes forward the idea of adding a center turn lane along Esser specifically in the area of the bus barn, Rosewood and Moss Rose.

After reviewing the interim report and the preliminary projects report we find an opportunity to look specifically at each quadrant with respect to the expected growth identified in the BISD demographics study and the future mobility needs. We will discuss the most urgent quadrant, the Southeast, first; the Southwest and Northwest next and the Northeast last.

The subcommittee then looked at the remaining projects on the interim report and the preliminary projects report. From the Interim report we concurred with items 2 and 3 related to traffic needs in Comfort. We also strongly concurred with bullet 2 in non-project recommendations that addresses cul de sac developments that push more BISD trips onto already congested roads. We would like to add a non-project item of synchronize lights with school traffic hours.

From the preliminary report we concurred to eliminate item 4, the Sisterdale Rd. expansion to W. San Antonio and item 10, extending Kreutzberg across the Guadalupe and item 13, adding a roundabout in FO at Fair Oaks Pkwy and Dietz Elkhorn. We concurred with the intent of item 8 to link the two subdivisions Herff Ranch and Creekside and would like the larger group to consider if additional roads are the best option. We concurred with item 9 and include other neighborhoods such as Sable Chase, Stone Haven, Fall Brook and Village Green. Our recommendation is to allow school buses through the locked gates and not thru traffic.

We recommend the larger committee review the preliminary projects list to reconsider items as noted above 3,5,6,7,8,9, to include in the interim recommendations.

Going forward the projects and GIS subcommittee will explore and recommend ideas for each quadrant in the BISD demographic study for consideration by the larger group. All of the reference materials can be found on the KCBFOTC web site.

In summary:

We concurred with the interim report recommendation with the following additions:

Consider extending Scenic Loop expansions to Corley Lane.

Add Synchronization of lights with school times.

From the preliminary projects lists we would like for the larger group to discuss:

2 Adding a center turn lane on Old San Antonio in addition to storm sewers and sidewalks from Herff Rd to Cascade Caverns Rd.

3 Adding a center turn lane to Esser and expand current sidewalk to include room for bikes and pedestrians.

5 Add a center turn lane and sidewalks on School St from W. SA ST. to IH10 and discuss the need for extending the turn lane through to Main from W.SA St.

6 Add a center turn lane and sidewalks along Johns Road to I10 from School street. It was noted the lights at Cibolo Crossing and Latimer could be timed around school opening and closing.

8 Connect the neighborhoods of Herff Ranch and Creekside with a 300' road or discuss other options to move school buses through these areas.

9 Extending Champion Blvd north to provide access to Herff Elementary or discuss how to move school buses through these neighborhoods keeping this traffic off Hwy 46

Our next meeting is June 2 at 10 am at the main administrative campus of BISD on Johns road.

Our agenda:

Review the mobility needs of the Southeast quadrant and push ideas to the large group.

Begin itemizing data needs such as trip analysis on Main St., traffic flow from out of the geographic area, model the impact of recommendations on traffic flow. Do we have a survey from Main St. merchants describing what their traffic concerns are? Pedestrian movement, parking, volume of cars?

Collect and integrate bus barn identified bottlenecks in each quadrant.