



COMMENTS AND CONCERNS RELATED TO CONSTRAINTS IDENTIFICATION FROM THE REPORT ON INTERVIEWS WITH POTENTIAL TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Participation in Identification of Concerns

- We looked at various areas where it was most needed, had the least impact on landmarks, historical things, etc.
- I participated in putting stars for houses—labeling what's on the property [on maps]
- They had a stakeholder meeting and everyone there was just like me [property owner whose property was going to be affected]
- They were always getting feedback—putting dots on the map— and giving it to the Technical Work Group. It was helpful to refine what they were doing.
- Two people from Rivera's group came to my house and visited with me. At the next public meeting the route was completely changed and we were the only ones impacted.
- I was involved from an early stage—the first meeting at the airport. It seemed like we were there as fact-finders to support what they wanted to do. Spent lots of time locating things.
- I was involved in the study and there was a criteria worksheet with priorities listed. We rated the priorities and got ratings from the public also. Based on what people said, they did the choosing. Ninety-nine percent chose people's homes as the first priority.
- They did talk to landowners.
- We wanted more than to just put dots on the map.
- Talk to stakeholders in another format besides the Task Force as things get more defined.

Constraints That Were Identified

- There were concerns about properties, want to be protective of them.
- They found out about a cemetery on the property they didn't know about.
- Lots of things were identified in the area- environmentally sensitive areas, historic areas, and cemeteries. There was a lot done to put us further ahead so next time around it will be easier.
- It [the study] opened people's eyes to historical things—cemeteries and other historical buildings.
- On Hwy 281 and 1518 and 3009 and at those meetings the blurb they sent and in the paper talked about environmental studies and people with no experience think of endangered species. I went to the meetings to know what it was all about. At that

time they never asked about historic properties. At the loop meetings, they had a table about historic properties, but it would have been helpful for them to have information to be able to apply on their own.

Concerns About Constraints That Were Identified

- The engineer on the project didn't name the power plant correctly and didn't seem to be involved/informed about what was there.
- Concern about the loop coming through their home—at a homeowner association meeting.
- They heard it was going to go through existing roads. It'll take thousands of businesses and homes.
- On FM 725 there was a historic structure that burned down and was just rebuilt. That isn't historic any more.
- Aerial and windshield surveys are not adequate. They need to get to know the communities impacted.
- They have dots on a map and they're avoiding houses and stuff they have to avoid. I value open spaces more than subdivisions, but I don't want to kick people out of their homes.
- Will it be similar to before? Want to get accurate information; aerial photos.
- Subdivisions are going up, but they're not on the map in the county.
- I [would be involved in the Task Force] if I felt like I had a voice instead of just an earpiece. I felt before that they wanted us to look at things, but not have much say-so. We did identify priorities.
- [Would like information about] landmarks affected
- [Would like information about] future development plans

Issues Related to Farm Lands

- They're going through rural lands. There was all this abandoned land and all of a sudden the farmers were saying these were farms.
- Farmers and ranchers are being pushed out. TxDOT and the consultants are saying it's only open space. They [the farms] are businesses and they aren't seen that way. Just because you don't see anything doesn't mean nothing is there.
- It [the loop] will separate their property. You need to see it as a covered building. You're going through a business.
- There'll be new development and things will move to accommodate it. There is no value put on the people who've been here before—the historic farms. The most stable part of the community will be a cultural and environmental wasteland.
- Just because there's no structure doesn't mean the property isn't valuable. A person spending his whole life raising crops isn't valued.

Environmental Constraints

- Environmentalists talk about ruining the aquifer and birds.
- They should get a general understanding of the recharge, tributaries and then go forward. Acknowledge these as an issue that needs to be addressed. Hold people accountable who are asking for the loop in the first place.
- [Would like information about] the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone