Meeting Notes

Project: Georgetown 2014 Sidewalk Master Plan and Public Facility Access Audit

Subject: TxDOT Outreach Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Location: TxDOT, Georgetown Office, 2727 S. Austin Ave. Georgetown, TX 78626

Attendees: Gerald Pohlmeyer, TxDOT
Bonnie Lister, TxDOT
Michelle Cooper, TxDOT
Bill Dryden, City of Georgetown
Nat Waggoner, City of Georgetown
Chris Wickham, HDR
Leslie Pollack, HDR

Introductions

Project description –
- The City of Georgetown is updating their Sidewalk Master Plan with a major focus on their downtown area.
- This project is an update to 2001 Sidewalk Master Plan
- City manager wants to consider other plans, like the parks plan, in this effort
- City is working to achieve ADA compliance and is working on Transition Plan

Project schedule updates
- Open houses begin in September

Current Conditions on TxDOT Facilities
- Bridges over IH 35 are designed to be wide enough to incorporate sidewalks but sidewalks do not currently connect to these facilities

Ongoing TxDOT Projects in Georgetown
- IH 35 Frontage Road and Ramp construction – some sidewalk facilities along frontage roads

Future TxDOT Projects in Georgetown
- IH 35 Mobility Planning Project – is considering E/W pedestrian crossings. Ultimately the Corridor Plan should address north/south pedestrian facilities along the freeway and provide recommendations.
- FM 1460 (Quail Valley to south of Inner Loop) will have continuous sidewalk on both sides on the northern portion and on the west side on the southern portion — August letting
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- SH 29 (Between IH 35 and Scenic) will have sidewalk on the south side
- City is working on application for STPMM funds for Austin Ave and FM 971

Opportunities for Joint Participation

- IH35 Southbound Frontage Road – between Austin Avenue (SH 29) and Leander Road (FM 2243)
- Williams Dr & IH35 Southbound Frontage Road - pedestrian ramps
- Leander Rd (FM 2243) - GISD priority - Tippit/ Pickett Elementary - pedestrian ramp needs
- Austin Ave (SH 29) between Summercrest Blvd and Eastview High School

Other Considerations

- The City Development Code requires sidewalks as adjacent land parcels are developed – developer responsibility
- City requires TxDOT approvals for each project in TxDOT right-of-way (Municipal Maintenance Agreements)

Funding for TxDOT Sidewalks and Pedestrian Facilities

- TxDOT sidewalk funds are typically allocated from CAMPO
- ADA Compliance funds are used to help TxDOT comply with Transition Plan and are used for pedestrian ramp upgrades and small pieces of sidewalks.
  - Generally these funds are allocated every 2-3 years
  - Generally spread throughout district
  - There is a current needs assessment underway in which sidewalks in the City of Georgetown could be incorporated.
- MAP 21 replaced the Safe Routes to School Program

Tasks

- City of Georgetown to provide TxDOT with their currently identified pedestrian facility needs to be considered in current TxDOT ADA funding evaluation
- HDR to request crash data for the City of Georgetown
- HDR to obtain Transition Plan from TxDOT