

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

City of Rollingwood

Meeting Date: November 20, 2024

Submitted By:

Staff

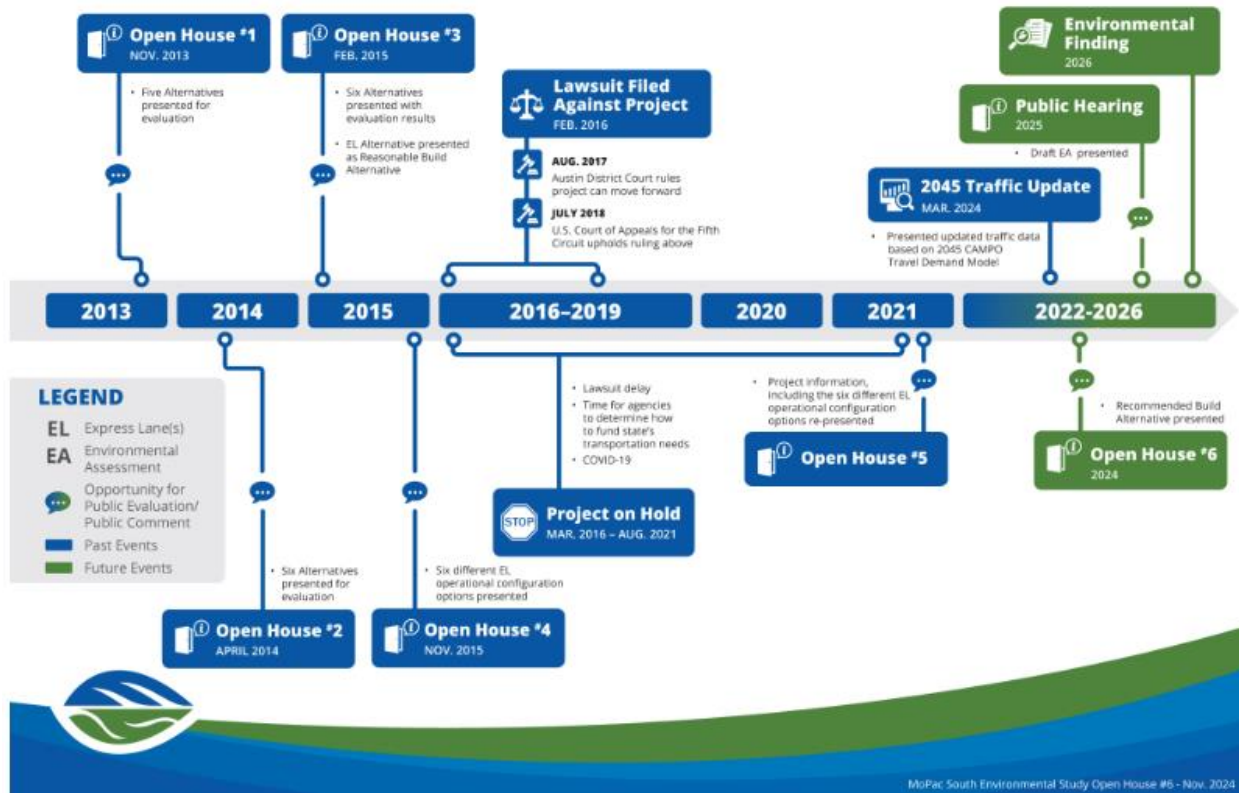
Agenda Item:

Update, discussion and possible action on the MoPac South Expansion Project

Description:

In 2013, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) initiated an Environmental Study of the MoPac corridor from Cesar Chavez Street to Slaughter Lane to determine the best alternatives for improving mobility and safety (Section copied from the [Mopac South website](#)). The following timeline can be found on the current [Open House #6 webpage](#):

Project History and Next Steps



In May and June 2024, CTRMA held a series of Technical Working Group (TWG) Meetings to inform the completion of the MoPac South Environmental Assessment. The meetings covered: Air Quality, Utilities, Parkland & Bike/Pedestrian Access, Water Quality/Quantity, Cultural & Historic Resources, and Schematic (Operations/Safety). The Mayor, staff and members of the MoPac South Task Force were in attendance for these meetings.

The 2024 TWG meetings were centered around Alternative 2C, which includes two express lanes with elevated ramps near Barton Skyway. This alternative was also presented as the Recommended Build Alternative at [Open House #6](#), held in-person on November 12, 2024, and available online from November 12, 2024 to December 29, 2024. The attached letter dated July 12, 2024 is the summary of Rollingwood's comments after the TWG meetings. In this letter Rollingwood advocated for:

- Improving safety illumination and considering light pollution in the design.
- Widening SUP/Sidewalks where possible (specifically adjacent to Rollingwood).
- Coordination to optimize the safety of the Bee Cave Rd. Intersection, including the entrance ramps from Bee Cave Rd. and exit ramps to Bee Cave Rd.
- Studying the Bee Cave Road Intersection and ensuring that all existing operational access points at the Bee Cave Road intersection are maintained.
- Coordination with TXDOT regarding the safety of the crossing at Rollingwood Dr.
- Including and weighting considerations for east/west traffic that may ultimately connect to or be coming from MoPac.
- No elevated lanes or ramps that would increase noise and light pollution.
- Changes to the proposed design that gives drivers originating from Bee Cave Road and Rollingwood Drive access to the northbound toll lane sooner than 2222 and without having to travel southbound to William Cannon to turn around and access the northbound toll lane.
- Revisions to the Project Goals and Objectives that include:
 - o Considers east/west traffic,
 - o Mitigating noise and lighting impacts,
 - o Maintaining access to business districts,
 - o Maintaining access to existing primary general-purpose routes and toll lanes, and
 - o Preserving future construction and improvement options at existing intersections.

Between the TWG meetings in Summer 2024 and Open House #6 it appears that additional shared use paths were added on the West side of MoPac adjacent to Rollingwood. The Virtual Open House and corresponding comment period runs through Sunday, December 2024 at Midnight. Mayor and Staff plan to work with the City Council and the City's MoPac South Task Force to prepare and submit official comments.

Visit the [City's Webpage regarding the MoPac South Expansion Project](#) to see all of Rollingwood's previous comments and correspondence related to the MoPac South Expansion Project.

Action Requested:

Provide direction on next steps, including to ask CTRMA to Provide a presentation to Rollingwood about the recommended build alternative and impacts to our residential and commercial areas.

Fiscal Impacts:

No significant fiscal impacts anticipated at this time.

Attachments:

- 07-12-2024 - Letter from Mayor Massingill to CTRMA regarding Technical Working Group meeting summary
- Email from MoPac South regarding the Open House/Virtual Open House