KICKOFF STEERING AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Southeast Houston Mobility Plan
Date: Thursday, May 24, 2018
Time: 5:30pm-7:00pm
Meeting Location: Harbach-Ripley Neighborhood Center

ATTENDEES
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COMMITTEE DISCUSSION GOALS
1. Engage the community to understand mobility issues.
2. Build on previous plans.
3. Provide engaging and accessible activities which encourage broad-based participation.
4. Develop an implementation strategy.

AGENDA
1. Bus tour
2. Welcoming attendees and sign-in
3. Elected officials’ welcome remarks
4. Presentation
5. Facilitated stations
6. Regroup, remarks, Q&A
BUS TOUR
An hour-long bus tour started from Harbach-Ripley Neighborhood Center and took the committee members through the study area for an overview of existing conditions. The route included segments of Dixie Dr, Park Place Blvd, Broadway St, Airport Blvd, Scott St, and frontage of 610. The intent was to call attention to representative mobility issues throughout the study area, including congestion and multimodal conflicts on Broadway St and other segments near IH 45, the important role of Hobby Airport as a regional destination, the planned intersection treatments and greenspace by Houston Parks Board along Sims Bayou Trail, and the need for evaluating existing intersections, sidewalks, and bus stops near the planned Sunnyside multi-service center, general roadway and sidewalk conditions throughout the community, and the limitations of access and connectivity within local neighborhoods.

MEETING NOTES
The meeting kicked off with a round of introductions that included committee members, elected and appointed officials, city staff, and consultant teams, followed by feedback of the hour-long bus tour that took place before the meeting. Several comments from the committee members included:

• The new Sunnyside Community Center will be built on Reed Road,
• Bellfort Ave. from MLK to 288 needs improvements,
• Scott Blvd/Airport and other streets are getting extra traffic from 288 expansion,
• Telephone Road- pavement failure due to truck traffic,
• Investment in the Study Area has not kept up with the community's need,
• Need for comprehensive policy that includes land use, parking, streetscape, etc.
• Hobby Livable Centers Study as a resource.

Afterwards, a 15-minute presentation by Kurt Schulte oriented the committee members about the study area, project goals, timeline, and examples of study recommendations. The presentation ended with a group exercise that asked the following questions for input.

1. What does success look like in this project?
   • Improved enforcement of existing policies and ordinances - participants voiced concerns about the city not enforcing existing policies and ordinances in various communities within the study area and the need to start there.
   • Improved access to services and programs - the study area has many different communities with varying levels of assets. Participants suggested a more interconnected study area should focus on enhancing mobility to existing services and programs, as well as increased connections between neighborhoods.
   • Improved coordination with utilities and examination of pedestrian obstructions - natural and man-made barriers are prevalent throughout the study area and participants inquired about the project team's coordination with freight and energy sectors to develop realistic solutions.
   • Improved streets and sidewalks with asphalt - neighborhoods with industrial uses are dealing with degraded pavement conditions that do not lend themselves to low-cost multimodal restriping and may be costlier than estimated in city-wide plans. This plan should identify conditions on these corridors that have been identified for transit, bike, and/or pedestrian amenities to better estimate costs.
2. **Indicate your most important mobility goals.**

- Connected communities - fragmented communities throughout the study area could be improved through mobility recommendations.
- Comprehensive drainage plan for streets - underground infrastructure investments are stifling revitalization opportunities.
- Multimodal mobility options for all road users - people in the study area walk, bike, and ride transit more than in other areas of the city yet the roadway infrastructure does little to support these transportation needs.
- Pedestrian safety on streets and transit stops - areas leading to transit stops remain unsafe, through lack of sidewalks, lighting, and maintenance of right of way.
- High visibility on crosswalks - better signage to motorists and cyclists about pedestrian crossing areas.
- Understand mobility patterns in the Study Area - does the roadway network support people passing through the study area or support people living in the study area?
- Educate residents about the recommendations
- Access to and from, and within the Study Area
  - Identify immediate impact projects as well as long-term projects - the implementation component of the plan should clearly delineate between long term aspirational investments and those catalytic projects that can make an immediate impact to people's current transportation needs.
  - Ensure share of City of Houston maintenance budget - as the City of Houston revises its maintenance obligations throughout the city, communities in the study area should be prioritized for the legacy of neglect that exacerbated issues and costs.
- Coordinated and phased investment strategy
- Leverage resources from TIRZ and Management District
- Create a resource pool from City, County and METRO - leverage partnerships and align resources to maximize impact.
1. **Identify key transportation gaps in the community. What major destinations (parks, schools, job centers, trails, etc.) should this project work to improve transportation choices to? (Use the Map in the next page to identify places)**

This activity asked the committee members to use green dots to identify the major destinations and red dots to identify the gaps on the map. Participants identified the existing schools, parks, Hobby airport, and 1940 Air Terminal Museum as the major attractors in the study area. The upcoming mixed-use development at Bellfort Station in the Hobby Area Management District was identified as a major destination in near future, which will also generate high traffic volume. Several gaps identified in the study area included:

- Truck traffic on Telephone Road,
- Congestion around Ortiz Middle School,
- Dangerous intersection at I-45 frontage road and College Ave,
- Unsafe design of traffic circle on Park Place Blvd,
- Stray dogs in the neighborhood at the Park Place Blvd and Reveille St,
- Traffic congestion on Woodridge Dr,
- Connectivity issue to I-610 from Mykawa St.
2. What are the biggest challenges and opportunities to mobility in this area?

Committee members identified the following challenges to mobility in Southeast Houston:

- Infrastructure in need of repair,
- Lack of bike connectivity and safety,
- Drainage and open ditches,
- Unequal distribution of resources to invest in different neighborhoods,
- Mixture of land uses that makes it difficult to design for different traffic volumes,
- Need focus on all streets,
- Lack of connections to civic destinations and business centers via transit,
- Average driving distance in the study area may be longer (need to be looked at),
- Access to transit is limited by the missing sidewalks and prevalence of open ditches,
- HISD transportation service provided to households 2 miles away from schools where families living within that boundary are caught between no bus service and poor multimodal options,
- Limited mobility options for aging residents,
- Lack of transit in the neighborhood retail and business,
- Rigorous collaboration between METRO and rideshare options missing, and
- Proposed SH35 as a divider in the community.

Several opportunities identified by the members included:

- Proximity to Sims Bayou Greenway and open space along the bayou,
- Proximity to Hobby airport, NRG stadium, 2 LRT stations,
- Low congestion compared to the city,
- Availability of wide Right-of-Way,
- Road diet options to be implemented on the current wide lanes,
- Microcosm of City of Houston,
- Active participants in neighborhoods,
- Better connectivity options in bike plan,
- Identify neighborhood-level generators,
- Build on existing mobility planning in the Study Area, and
- Animal control.
JOINT TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

05.24.2018
AGENDA

1. BUS TOUR FEEDBACK
2. INTRODUCTIONS
3. PROJECT GOALS AND BACKGROUND
4. SCHEDULE
5. SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY
INTRODUCTIONS

- ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS
- CITY STAFF
- CONSULTANT TEAM

WALTER P MOORE
PROJECT GOALS

1. ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND MOBILITY ISSUES

2. BUILD ON PREVIOUS PLANS

3. PROVIDE ENGAGING AND ACCESSIBLE ACTIVITIES WHICH ENCOURAGE BROAD-BASED PARTICIPATION

4. DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
PROJECT GOALS

PLANNING FUTURE MOBILITY NEEDS IS A COMPLEX PROCESS THAT REQUIRES THREE DISTINCT BUT CONNECTED ELEMENTS.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

IMPLEMENTATION PLANS
**TIMELINE**

**MARCH 2018**
- **INTERNAL KICKOFF**
  - Existing Conditions Summary
  - Project Management Plan
  - Public Engagement Plan

**MAY 2018**
- **PROJECT KICKOFF+BUS TOUR +COMMITTEE MEETINGS#1**
  - Technical and Steering Committee Meetings#2

**JULY 2018**
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**ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITY**
TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

PROPOSED MULTI-MODAL CORRIDOR CONCEPTS

- Limited Right-of-Way
- Pedestrian Network Improvements
- Transit Route Considerations
- Bicycle Network Alternatives
- Existing System Bottlenecks
- Projected Network Congestion
- Community Identified Needs
# EXISTING CONDITIONS SCORECARD – NEXT MEETING

## MOBILITY SCORECARD

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[Bar chart showing the scores for each category]
IMPLEMENTATION
MULTI-MODAL STREET CLASSIFICATION – STUDY RECOMMENDATION

**EXISTING**

**T-4-80**
*Major Thoroughfare - Four Lanes - 80’ ROW*

- Ped Realm
- Travelway 44’

**PROPOSED**

**York**

- Context: Urban
- Pedestrian
- Bikeway
- Buffer
- Freight
- Parking
- Transit

*4-Lane, 2-way Urban Avenue (Major Thoroughfare)*

- Ped Realm
- Travelway
- Ped Realm

**Sampson**

- Context: Urban
- Pedestrian
- Bikeway
- Buffer
- Freight
- Parking
- Transit

*2-Lane, 2-way Urban Street (Major Collector)*

- Ped Realm
- Travelway 44’
- Ped Realm
SMALL GROUP EXERCISE

• WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE IN THIS PROJECT?

• WHAT GOALS SHOULD INFORM THIS STUDY? (I.E. ACCESS, EQUITY, SAFETY)

• WHAT MAJOR DESTINATIONS (PARKS, SCHOOLS, JOB CENTERS, TRAILS, ETC.) SHOULD THIS PROJECT WORK TO IMPROVE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CHOICES TO? (MAP ALLOWING PEOPLE TO IDENTIFY PLACES)

• WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES TO MOBILITY IN THIS AREA?
QUESTIONS?
MAY KICKOFF WORKSHOP
City of Houston  I  Southeast Mobility Study

STUDY PURPOSE
The purpose of the Southeast Houston Mobility Plan is to conduct a comprehensive mobility study in the area bound by Interstate 610 to the north, State Highway 288 to the west, State Highway Beltway 8 to the south, and Interstate 45 and Galveston Road to the east. The Plan will guide the City of Houston’s short, medium, and long-term multi-modal mobility planning efforts and to identify implementation projects that will improve mobility and access in the Area.

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WORKSHOP ACTIVITY QUESTIONS

A. What does success look like in this project?

NOTES:

B. Indicate your most important mobility goals. (i.e. safety, vehicle delay, pedestrian accessibility)

NOTES:

C. Identify key transportation gaps in the community. What major destinations (parks, schools, job centers, trails, etc.) should this project work to improve transportation choices to? (Use the Map in the next page to identify places. Please include projects from other studies that are relevant.)

NOTES:

D. What are the biggest challenges and opportunities to mobility in this area?

NOTES:

COMMENTS:
**TOUR STOPS**

1. **Harbach-Ripley Neighborhood Center**
   - Tour boarding location
2. **I-45 Broadway**
   - Heavy congestion and multimodal conflicts
3. **Hobby Airport Area**
   - Regional destination and industrial uses west
4. **Sims Bayou Trail**
   - Planned intersection treatment and greenspace by Houston Parks Board
5. **Sunnyside Community Center**
   - Evaluate existing intersections, sidewalks, and bus stops near the planned multiservice center
6. Return to Harbach-Ripley Neighborhood Center