



City of Rowlett

Special Meeting Agenda

City Council

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Tuesday, July 29, 2014

6:00 P.M.

Annex Building – 4004 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (6:00 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate

2A. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice on the City Council's invocation policy. (30 minutes)

2B. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney and to discuss a lawsuit filed by Xerox. (15 minutes)

2C. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney and to discuss a lawsuit by the City against the Garland Public Shooting Range. (15 minutes)

3. WORK SESSION (7:00 P.M.)*

3A. Discuss the Blacklands Corridor Feasibility Study being conducted by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the possible impacts to the City of Rowlett. (45 minutes)

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

4. ADJOURNMENT

Laura Hallmark

Laura Hallmark, City Secretary



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AGENDA ITEM: 2A

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STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

Tim Rogers, Director of Public Works
Marc Kurbansade, Director of Development Services

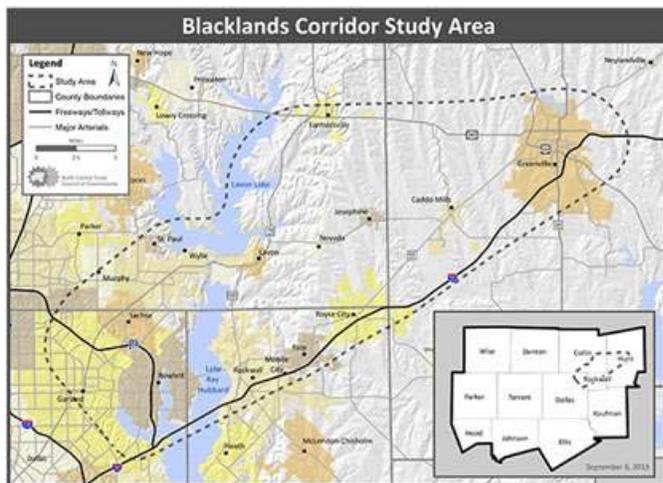
SUMMARY

The multimodal Blacklands Corridor Feasibility Study will evaluate the need for a new transportation facility along or near the Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District (NETEX) right-of-way from IH 30 in Hunt County to the President George Bush Turnpike in Dallas County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Blacklands Corridor study area covers portions of Dallas, Collin, Rockwall and Hunt counties. Serving as a link between the bustling urban areas in the southwest and the more rural counties of the northeast, NCTCOG expects the corridor to add just shy of 200,000 new residents by 2035. In anticipation of increased traffic, the agency has initiated a transportation feasibility study, looking at options for reducing congestion across the corridor.

In order to gather as much information as possible, staff has attended public meetings, met with our neighboring municipal leaders and sought feedback from NCTCOG representatives.



DISCUSSION

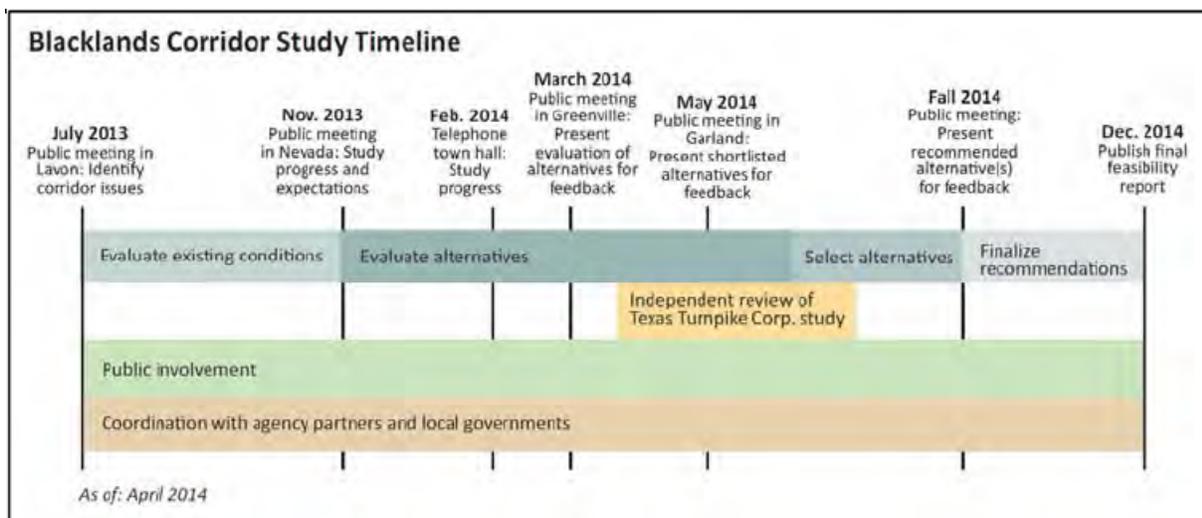
Since initiating a feasibility study in the Blacklands corridor last year, NCTCOG has determined that transportation needs exist in the area, which stretches from Greenville to Garland and includes portions of Collin, Dallas, Hunt, and Rockwall counties.

Planners are currently conducting a multimodal analysis of different transportation alternatives and alignments to guide development of solutions and conceptual projects. A final report in December will present recommended transportation improvement strategies for the entire corridor. Planners have assessed existing conditions, identified issues, conducted baseline forecasts, and generated alternatives. Using four criteria—safety, mobility, environmental impact and economic development, they are evaluating the alternatives utilizing the strategies listed below:

Blacklands corridor conceptual strategies (Note: To date, each strategy has been evaluated individually.)

1. Baseline – no build strategy (only construct projects in Mobility 2035 MTP – 2013 Update)
2. Travel options/transportation systems management/intelligent transportation systems strategy
3. Bicycle/pedestrian facilities strategy
4. Freight rail strategy
5. Transit strategy
6. Improvement of arterials (SH 66, SH 78, US 380, etc.) strategy
7. Bottleneck improvements of IH 30 strategy
8. Expansion of IH 30 facility strategy (general purpose/HOV/managed lanes)
9. New location highway/freeway/tollway strategy

Below is the public input timeline that is expected to result in one preferred alternative route.



At the conclusion of the public input process, the next step is to conduct an Environmental Impact Study on the selected route. Staff will continue to keep the City Council apprised of the impacts this could have on the City of Rowlett.

Please refer to the below link for the NCTCOG Blacklands Feasibility Study website, which is continually updated with new information.

<http://nctcog.org/trans/corridor/blacklands.asp>

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RECOMMENDATION ACTION

No action at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A