

**SH 34 CORRIDOR  
FROM KAUFMAN TO TERRELL  
SECOND SERIES PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY**

The following is a quick-view summary of the Public Involvement portion of the second series of public meetings held on **November 8 and 10, 2005**.

- The [www.34corridor.org](http://www.34corridor.org) website was updated in mid October to reflect the November public meeting announcement.
- On October 26, 2005, approximately **4,241 public meeting announcements were mailed** to property owners within the study corridor and to those that had attended the first series public meetings or were otherwise on the mailing list.
- A **Legal Notice and display advertisement** were placed in the following newspapers:

<u>Newspaper</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Terrell Tribune	October 6 & 27, 2005
Kaufman Herald	October 13 & 27, 2005
Al Dia (Spanish language)	October 8 & 27, 2005
- **First Public Meeting** in the series of two was held:
  - Tuesday, November 8, 2005,
  - Open House - 6:00- 7:00 pm, Public Meeting - 7:00 pm
  - Kaufman High School
  - 3205 S. Houston, Kaufman, TX 75142
  - There were ~165 registered attendees, 6 elected officials, and 15 staff attendees.
  - There were six (6) persons making verbal comments/questions formally during the question and answer period.
  - There was one written comment forms submitted at the public meeting.
  - Numerous citizens posed questions and comments during each Open House program.
- **Second Public Meeting** in the series of two was held:
  - Thursday, November 10, 2005
  - Open House - 6:00- 7:00 pm, Public Meeting - 7:00 pm
  - Terrell High School
  - 400 Poetry Road, Terrell, TX 75160
  - There were ~150 registered attendees, 7 elected officials, and 14 staff attendees.
  - There were three (3) persons making verbal comment/questions formally during the question and answer period.
  - There were six written comments forms submitted at the public meeting.
- **Written comments** were also received via postal mail and email from 15 persons, and from the Cities of Oak Ridge and Post Oak Bend.
- A **summary list of comments** is on the following pages.

▪ **SPOKEN COMMENTS**

- Why did the ROW reduce to 160' when it was previously 250'?
- Concerned about noise and how it would be mitigated and considered.
- How would impacts to wildlife be studied?
- Concerned about unauthorized access to private property for previous survey.
- When would ROW acquisition and construction start?
- Improve existing roads before building new roads, FM 2578 needs improvement first.
- Consider using Alignment E-Railroad
- Would new State Proposition 1 on state funded rail improvements affect Alternative E – Railroad Alignment?
- When would the number of alternatives be reduced?
- City of Oak Ridge presented letter of comments (see written comment notes).
- Middle alternatives were the most preferred, with Alternative E - Railroad as the best.
- Representative of property owners between Kings Creek and IH 20 may donate ROW.
- Requested that improvements be implemented soon.

▪ **WRITTEN COMMENTS**

- Middle alternatives are best due to low cost and least residences, East alternatives were second choice.
- Middle alternatives are best.
- Concerned with impact to traffic and businesses on existing SH 34 at IH 20.
- Does existing SH 34 need to be improved, and what are the advantages?
- Middle alternatives are best, followed by East alternatives, West alternatives are unacceptable.
- Preferred alternatives other than improving existing SH 34.
- Recommended Alternative D (1996 Alignment), and to proceed as expeditiously as possible.
- Preferred Alternative E – Railroad alignment since it's cost effective and time efficient.
- Agreed that existing SH 34 is congested and has too many curves.
- SH 34 homeowner opposes widening existing 34 due to noise and proximity.
- SH 34 homeowner opposes widening existing 34 displacements, construction impacts, prefer Alternate E - Railroad and against Alternate D - FM 2578.
- Waffle House wants more information
- Homeowner prefers middle alternatives, Alternate E - Railroad is best, due to least cost, least displacements, least construction disruption
- FM 2578 homeowner opposes Alternative D (1996 alignment), prefers Alternative E - Railroad due to least disruption, least home impacts, shortest route with least curves.
- SH 34 property owner prefers improving existing 34.
- Oak Bend Drive resident opposes routes near them.
- SH 34 property owner is against expanding existing 34 (Alt B) due to property impacts, impacts future and residential construction.

- Corridor landowners need to be notified more.
- Karen Lane homeowner prefers improving existing 34 (Alternative B) and opposes new location alternatives; second choice would be Alternative E Railroad
- Improve SH 34 / IH 20 Interchange.
- FM 2578 homeowner prefers Alternative E - Railroad due to least impacts and costs, with Alternative G (1996 Offset) as second choice.
- E. 1<sup>st</sup> North resident questions impacts along alternative E Railroad route.
- Oak Bend Drive resident oppose routes near them.
  
- **City of Oak Ridge** (Oct. 12 & 13 letters):
  - Existing 34 improvements are least desirable due to:
    - Adjacent residential development
    - Noise, displacements, construction impacts, utility relocation, school bus use, future residential development
    - Constraint at 34/20 interchange
  - New location better for economic development
  - Appreciated effort of TxDOT and consultant team
  - Railroad alignment next least desirable route due to:
    - Floodplain impacts, barrier effect, no longer RR owned, limited economic development potential, skewed King Creek Crossing
  
- **City of Post Oak Bend** (Dec. 6 letter):
  - Least preferred alternatives are along FM 987, based on information provided through the Advisory committees and study team.