

Hamilton Pool Road Public Meeting Summary

October 29, 2015



Hamilton Pool Road
Safety Improvements Project

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Introduction

The Hamilton Pool Road Safety Improvements Project extends from RR 12 to east of the switchback at the Pedernales River. Travis County hosted a public meeting to share project information and collect input from the community.

Public Meeting Details

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2015

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Westcave Preserve
Discovery Center
24814 Hamilton Pool Road
Round Mountain, TX 78663



Hamilton Pool Road Public Meeting – October 29, 2015

Format: The meeting was in an open house format and no formal presentation was given. Attendees were able to come and go at their convenience to view exhibits, visit with members of the project team and Travis County, participate in the mapping exercise, and share input on the project.

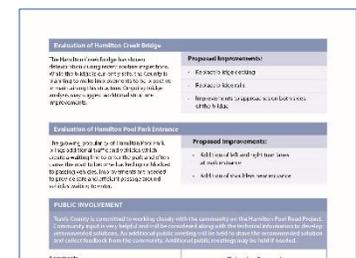
Attendance: Over 65 people signed in at the meeting.

Materials: As attendees entered, they were asked to sign in and share their email address to receive project updates. Meeting handouts with project information were distributed to them.

Exhibits: Below is an overview of the exhibits displayed at the meeting.

1. Project Overview – Included project scope and map of the project limits
2. Environmental Constraints Map – Covering a large area around the project
3. Potential Safety Improvement Concepts – Six boards were displayed which identified a range of safety improvement concepts that could be used in different areas along the project limits to improve safety and mobility. These boards included:
 - Potential Safety Improvements – List of 12
 - Potential Intersection Improvement Concept – Left Turn Lane
 - Potential Intersection Improvement Concept – Improving Skewed Intersection
 - Potential Improvement Concept – Improving Sight Distance Around Curves
 - Potential Typical Sections
4. Identified Safety Improvements Projects – Boards displayed two identified safety improvement concepts that are included in this project:
 - Hamilton Pool Park Entrance
 - Hamilton Creek Bridge

In addition to the exhibits, a large aerial map of the area was displayed so attendees could mark where they live, and a large aerial map of the project limits was displayed for attendees to share comments on safety concerns and possible solutions.



Hamilton Pool Road – Meeting Handout

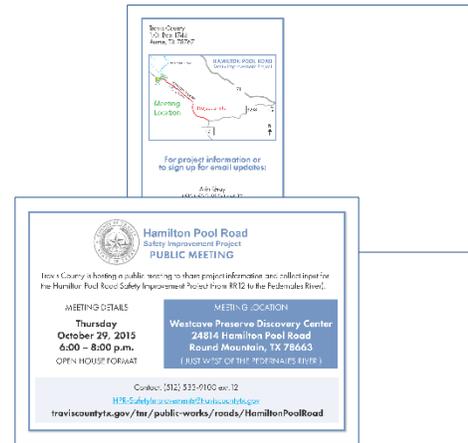
Additional stations were set up with laptops and tablets for attendees to take the project survey and submit any general written comments or questions on the project. Two identical sets of all the stations were set up to allow for attendees to easily view all meeting exhibits.

Notices and Advertisement of the Public Meeting

The following methods were used to contact and inform project stakeholders about the Hamilton Pool Road Safety Improvements Project public meeting:

Direct Mail

A postcard notification was mailed to 78 property owners along the project limits providing project details and meeting information.



Hamilton Pool Road Postcard Mailer

Published Notifications

Advertisements were published in the following newspapers on October 15, 2015:

- Lake Travis View
- News Dispatch

Email Notifications

An email notification of the meeting time, date, and location was sent out to 162 stakeholders on October 6, 2015. A reminder email was sent out on October 21, 2015 to 170 stakeholders and on October 28, 2015 to 176 stakeholders. These distributions included additional email addresses from those who requested to be included on the mailing list.

The meeting announcement was also included in the friends of Westcave Preserve monthly newsletter on October 26, 2015. The newsletter was sent to 159 email addresses.

Signage

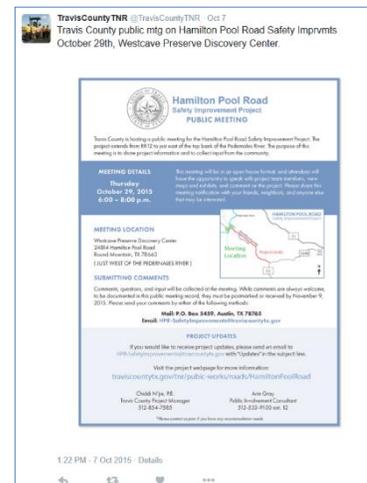
Seven meeting notification signs were posted along the project limits, informing residents and commuters about the meeting. The signs were posted from October 22, 2015 to October 29, 2015.

A movable digital message board was also used to promote the meeting. The sign was placed at the entrance of Hamilton Pool Park from October 26, 2015 to October 30, 2015.

Additional Outreach

The public meeting announcement was published on the following webpages and social media accounts:

- Travis County website– October 6, 2015
- Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce website – October 6, 2015
- Travis County TNR Twitter Account – October 7, 2015



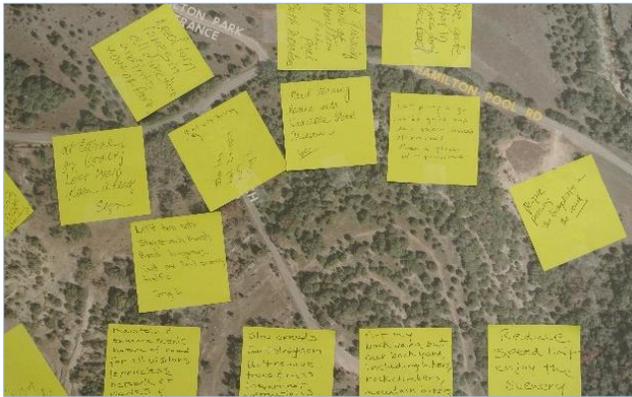
Travis County TNR Twitter Post – October 7, 2015

Summary of Input Received

Attendees were able to share their input through three different methods. These methods included a mapping exercise, an online survey, and written comments. The project team received 106 comments through the mapping exercise, 100 individual survey responses, and two written comments. The input collected has been analyzed by the project team, and will aid in the further development of the safety improvement projects for Hamilton Pool Road.

Mapping Exercise

One of the methods used to collect input was through a mapping exercise at the public meeting. Attendees shared their safety concerns and suggested solutions by placing sticky notes on large aerial maps of the project limits. One hundred and six individual comments were collected from the mapping exercise. A table with all of the comments received is included in this report.



Hamilton Pool Road Public Meeting – Mapping Exercise



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Project Survey

The second method offered to collect input was through a 10 question online survey. The survey was open from October 29, 2015 through November 15, 2015. One hundred individual survey responses were received.

The survey was promoted at the public meeting, in two email reminders sent on November 6, 2015 to 212 email addresses and on November 13, 2015 to 216 email addresses, on the Travis County website, and on the Lake Travis Independent School District blog. A report of survey questions, responses, and additional comments received is included in this report.

Written Comments

Two additional written comments were received. One was submitted at the public meeting and the other was received via email. The comment period was open from October 29, 2015 through November 15, 2015. Reminders of the comment period were included in the reminder emails sent to the project database on November 6, 2015 and November 13, 2015. Both of these comments are included at the end of this report.

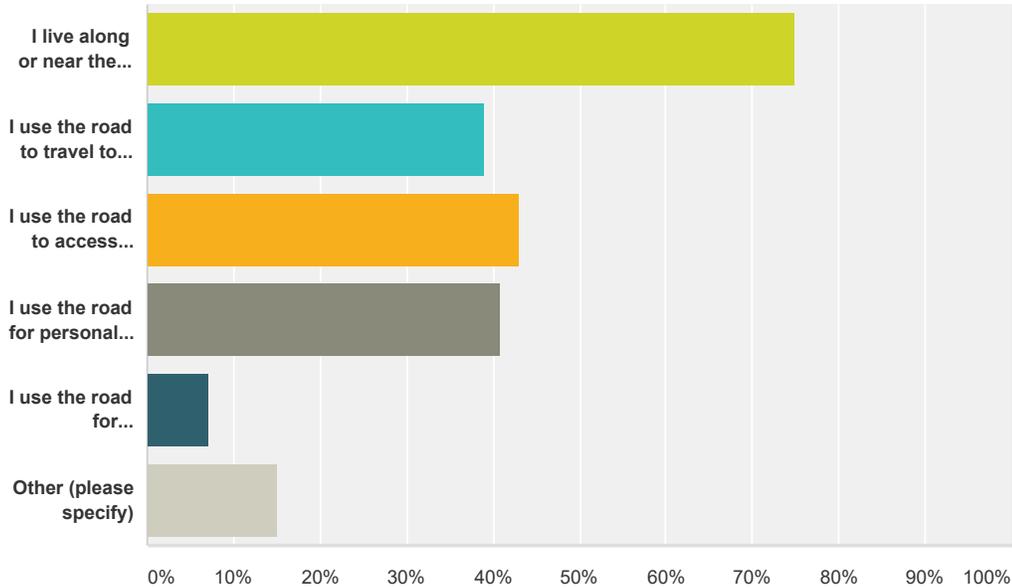
Input Received - Mapping Exercise

1	Emphatic signs & turn around place for 18 wheelers
2	At Blanco/Travis County line place a truck turn around - with emphatic signs to make them turn around
3	Trucks routed to Hamilton Pool Rd can't make it across bridge
4	Very little improvement needed - signs for 18 wheelers to turn around!!!!
5	Make big pile of rocks so people can't drive either side of Hamilton Crossings on gravel beach
6	And signs to forbid people from parking bridge driving on beach!
7	Sight distance
8	Deadly curve
9	How many more people have to die here!
10	Add...Peacock Please
11	Please remove theses trees and bushes.
12	Water across road when it rains
13	Less cars more horses!
14	Help the mail truck! Ge the mail boxes off the road.
15	Major Blind Spot
16	Put a turn lane
17	Don't fix what aint broke
18	Add shoulders on both lanes to prevent crashes (head on)
19	Trim over hanging trees on south of HPR, west of High Plains
20	Tree limbs impede vision when making turns off High Plains to HPR
21	Rumble strips make traffic noise much worse. Reflective stripes are good. - I second this thought
22	This road is extremely dangerous. Please fix before someone else dies. (JG)
23	Sight concerns
24	Very grateful for rumble strips recently installed.
25	Swimming Today Sign. Update: Swimming Today at Hamilton Pool, or No Swimming Today at Hamilton Pool ----- River access at Reimer's Ranch ---- Westcave - No Swimming Allowed.
26	18921 Hamilton Pool Rd. Light here, stop traffic going North & West
27	Stop light (not flashing light), Left/Right.....
28	Electronic controlled sign saying Hamilton Pool is full etc...so traffic does not pile up at park
29	Re-alignment of RM 12 at intersection of HP Rd.
30	HPR from 71 West to RR 12 is a heavily traveled road!
31	Deadly curve
32	Up 12" drop off ---- on side of road
33	Car accident resulted in death
34	Increase speed limit to 55
35	Bike riders force you into oncoming traffic, consider bike lane
36	I would like to see bike lanes on both sides all the way to the park - popular & beautiful to cycle - please make it safer
37	"River Access" sign for Reimer's Ranch
38	is turn lane long enough to stretch X cars? Why not turnaround in park?
39	Get rid of steep hill so that dump trucks & concrete trucks stop spilling on road
40	Turn lanes on each side for Hamilton Pool
41	Dangerous left hand oncoming traffic
42	Move park gate IN, to allow turnaround for folks who don't realize park is closed
43	Widen Stage Coach to allow to pass oncoming buses & trucks without turning off road
44	move gate to guard shed get rid of cars lined up on HPR in a.m.s
45	Consider shuttle runs from the parks - back to hwy 71, park & ride
46	Improved signage for truck turnaround? Provide turnaround both sides
47	Larger truck sign, "No trucks over 30"
48	Some sort of device to enforce height so trucks can't get onto the switchback.
49	What about the animals
50	Need watch for deer signs!
51	Reduce speed back for a safer -- 40 -- -----Agree
52	Widening the road will be more dangerous ---- I second that! ---- I third that
53	Ditto keep it tight to keep speeds down
54	No bikes!
55	Shoulders should be no greater than 3 feet, preferably 2 feet - keep the road changes to a minimum - no curvature changes i.e. don't

56	!Millions Spent! Keep this area a preserve area!!!
57	Put a curve or two in here to slow down the speeders on this straightaway
58	Ditto
59	No passing on Hamilton Pool Road - Take the bicycles off!
60	Make bike lanes ---- Not bike lanes please. A shoulder at MOST. Signal frequent HPR cyclist
61	Ban bikes on HPR west of RR 12. ---- This is provocative not helpful.
62	Agree no more bikes
63	Agree No bicycles RR 12 to Pedernales River Crossing
64	Bicycles are a problem, especially at the curves.
65	Agree bicycles are a problem Ha Ha Ha
66	Please do not widen roads at curves ---- I agree
67	2-ft shoulders MAX between the next bend west & RR12
68	18912 Hamilton Pool. Don't take any of our property for widening road - we have an expensive fence, cattle, and horse.
69	Provide an information kiosk/variable message center here* that tells about park conditions/closures, as well as Pedernales Crossing closures. This will allow visitors to make a decision about whether to continue
70	Prevent indecisive drivers
71	Need light here - left hand turn during rush hour BAD
72	Opening the road here when its 10x more dangerous here doesn't make sense.
73	HPR narrows just past this boundary - need left turn lane at Madrone Ranch Trail, or at least wider shoulder
74	Possible railing at Culvert. Single car accident with fatality here x2
75	Large 9" drop off from black top here for 100' long
76	Says trees are not issue but shrubs growing in row are. Greg L.
77	Keep right of way ideas of shrubs & brush on N. side of road
78	Widening the road will be more dangerous ---- I agree
79	Bicycle lanes or ...on HPR
80	Hamilton Pool Park entrance has existing turnaround below park currently trashed
81	Widening the road will make it more dangerous. ---- Yes! I agree
82	Ditto! ---- Yes!
83	People passing the bicyclists on the road
84	Reduce speed limit enjoy the scenery
85	Not my backyard but our backyard including hikers, rock climbers, mountain bikers, etc.
86	Slow speeds don't straighten don't remove trees & rocks. They are not obstructions
87	Maintain & enhance scenic nature of road for all visitors to priceless network of parks & preserves
88	Let people go inside gate and wait there instead of on road. Make a place w/in preserve
89	Need turning lanes into Hamilton Pool Preserve. ---- Yes
90	Bad visibility ---- She has had 2 wrecks here.
91	Move gate further in so cars don't block road
92	Need turning lane at Hamilton Pool Park. Both directions
93	Need turn lanes in all directions and into and out of park
94	At curve on Comey left had turn signal ahead sign
95	Left turn onto Stagecoach Ranch Rd. dangerous. Cant see fast oncoming traffic. Greg L.
96	Better truck turnaround ---- signage & options ---- Yes!!!
97	Yes! Here & on other side as well
98	Keep it windy, do not straighten. Stay scenic. Straightening would cause more speeding ---- Yes!
99	Do not straighten road - keeps it scenic & beautiful
100	Semi-trucks get stuck here. Greg L. ---- David would like Google or GPS not to direct them this way
101	Semi-trucks blocking switchback at river bridge David Boyd
102	Enforce ... lower speed limit
103	Widening the road would be more dangerous ---- I agree
104	Big trucks that shouldn't be driving on the road - (there are signs) - turning over & blocking bridge for hrs
105	Need a turn-around on west side too so that semi-trucks can turn around
106	Possible turn around. Old gun range

Q1 Please describe your primary reasons for driving along this section of Hamilton Pool Road (select all that apply).

Answered: 100 Skipped: 0



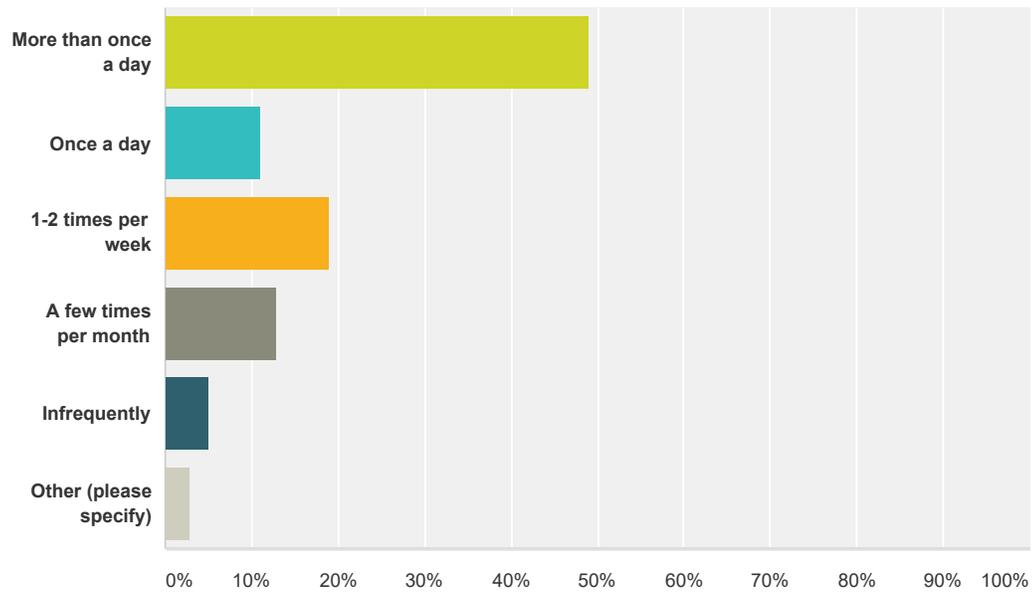
Answer Choices	Responses
I live along or near the roadway	75.00% 75
I use the road to travel to work	39.00% 39
I use the road to access recreational facilities	43.00% 43
I use the road for personal errands	41.00% 41
I use the road for transportation to school	7.00% 7
Other (please specify)	15.00% 15
Total Respondents: 100	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I use the road all the time	11/19/2015 1:04 PM
2	Business purposes	11/19/2015 1:01 PM
3	clients come to my shop	11/15/2015 8:35 PM
4	I travel to Westcave for volunteer work at the Preserve	11/13/2015 5:01 PM
5	I use the road to pleasure and for getting personal use other than errands.	11/13/2015 4:35 PM
6	This is a family country place.	11/12/2015 4:05 PM
7	Primary road I use for emergency services	11/10/2015 8:34 AM
8	To visit and support Westcave Preserve	11/8/2015 8:43 PM
9	Fun road to travel for sightseeing	11/7/2015 2:49 PM
10	We live on the road and use the road to and from all connecting road ways	11/7/2015 9:29 AM

11	Use it to travel back and forth to our lake home on Lake Buchanan	11/6/2015 7:15 PM
12	Travel from RR12 to Cypress Mill Church 2X weekly	11/6/2015 3:49 PM
13	I cycle on the road	10/30/2015 2:54 PM
14	I cycle to Pedernales Falls Stste Park	10/30/2015 11:04 AM
15	show property (realtor)	10/29/2015 6:26 PM

Q2 How often do you drive along this section of Hamilton Pool Road?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
More than once a day	49.00% 49
Once a day	11.00% 11
1-2 times per week	19.00% 19
A few times per month	13.00% 13
Infrequently	5.00% 5
Other (please specify)	3.00% 3
Total	100

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Whenever we travel to our lake home, we live near RR12 and Hamilton Pool Rd	11/6/2015 7:15 PM
2	I drive on it about once a month, but I also cycle on it at least once a month.	10/30/2015 2:54 PM
3	3x/ week more or less	10/29/2015 6:51 PM

Q3 Please describe any areas along this section of Hamilton Pool Road where you feel safety improvements are needed?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 31

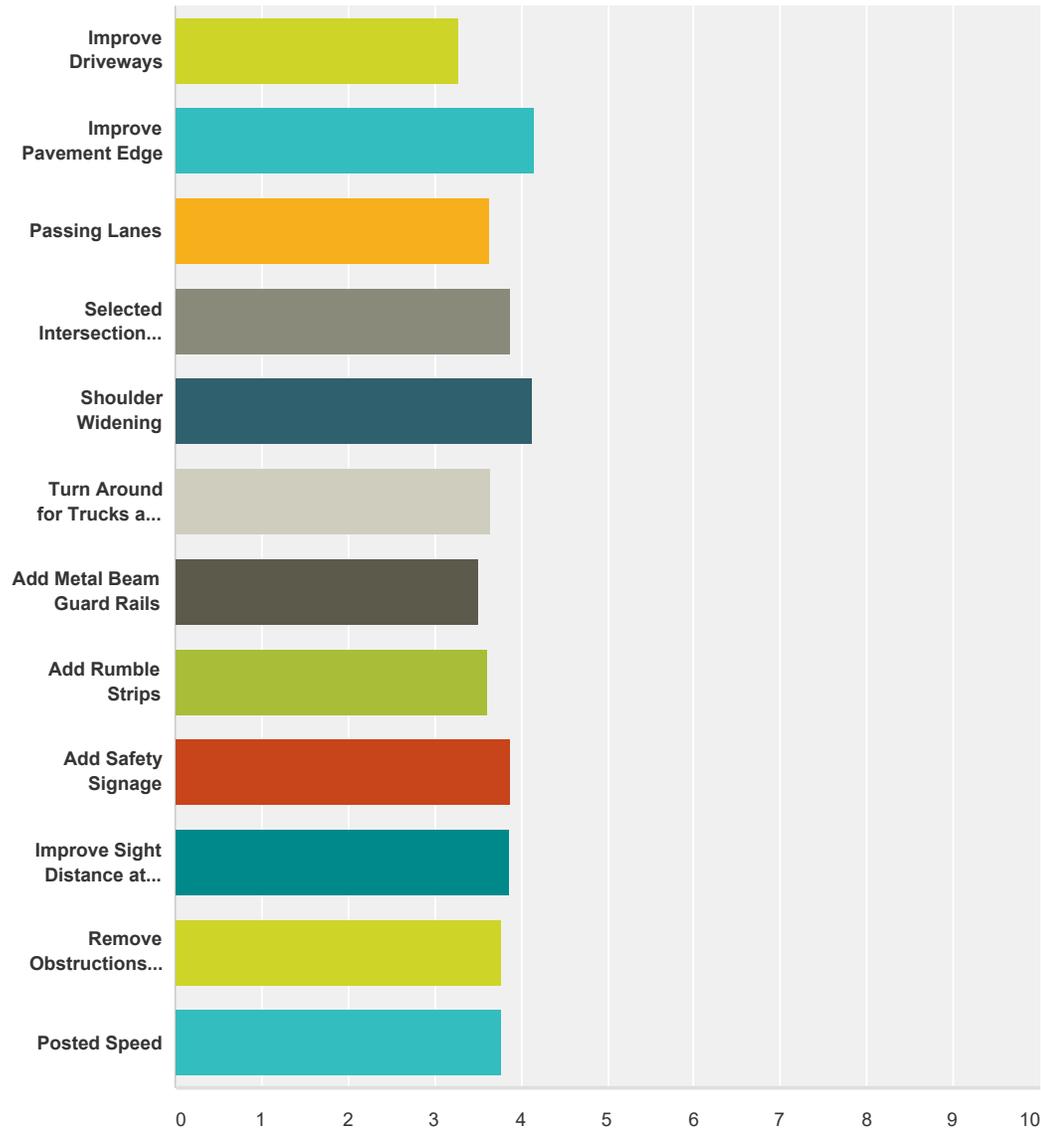
#	Responses	Date
1	Turn lanes into Hamilton Pool Preserve	11/19/2015 1:46 PM
2	Intersection 12 & HPR	11/19/2015 1:43 PM
3	various obstructions along road	11/19/2015 1:01 PM
4	only better signage	11/19/2015 1:00 PM
5	I do not feel any safety improvements are needed	11/15/2015 8:35 PM
6	This section is the SAFEST section of the road.	11/15/2015 8:33 AM
7	Coming from Bee Cave, it is a blind corner turning left on to Stagecoach Ranch Road.	11/13/2015 10:32 PM
8	None	11/13/2015 6:23 PM
9	Edges	11/13/2015 5:44 PM
10	The sharp curves and the edges of the road that have deep drop offs	11/13/2015 5:01 PM
11	It depends on how "safety improvements" is defined. It also depends on who will pay for these "safety improvements" and how much the "safety improvements" will cost. Since there is not a state law prohibiting bicycles from traveling HPR (thanks a lot Lance Armstrong!), the number one improvement would be to have a "bicycle lane" (aka shoulder) on ONE side of HPR both bicycles traveling both ways on HPR, so automobile drivers don't have to react in a way dangerous to themselves, instead of a danger to the bicyclist. Signage would be necessary to require the bicyclist to ONLY use the designated lane.	11/13/2015 4:35 PM
12	Entire length	11/13/2015 3:47 PM
13	all neighborhood entrances	11/13/2015 3:41 PM
14	Crumbly Ranch Rd.	11/13/2015 3:33 PM
15	Blind turn at Bell Springs	11/13/2015 3:06 PM
16	none	11/13/2015 9:57 AM
17	All areas	11/13/2015 8:19 AM
18	Entrance to Longhorn Skyway, needs a turn lane!!!!	11/12/2015 11:00 PM
19	The entire road is too narrow for the amount of traffic. speeds are too high	11/12/2015 10:22 PM
20	It is unsafe because it is too narrow end to end	11/12/2015 8:26 PM
21	All of it	11/12/2015 6:56 PM
22	I do not think that most improvements are needed right now.	11/12/2015 4:05 PM
23	The sharp bend by the Peacock Ranch. Also would like to see a bicycle lane.	11/12/2015 2:21 PM
24	Any area without a shoulder	11/10/2015 9:32 AM
25	grading along road edges to prevent sudden dropoff and loss of control.	11/10/2015 9:22 AM
26	After RR12	11/10/2015 8:34 AM
27	The whole road needs a shoulder.	11/10/2015 8:16 AM
28	More and wider lanes	11/10/2015 7:48 AM
29	Park entrance is largest problem area due to drivers parking in the roadway.	11/9/2015 9:42 PM
30	Bell Springs Intersection, Curves near Shield Ranch & Crumley Ranch Road	11/9/2015 9:58 AM

31	Needs shoulders along entire length with accommodation for bike and pedestrian facilities	11/9/2015 8:20 AM
32	HP Preserve entrance and waiting liine	11/8/2015 8:43 PM
33	nowhere.	11/7/2015 1:17 PM
34	Safer speed limit and occasional passing lanes	11/7/2015 9:29 AM
35	Needs shoulder along entire section. Too narrow to be safe.	11/7/2015 8:33 AM
36	There is a sharp corner just as you are entering the Travis County Line	11/6/2015 7:15 PM
37	the entire road needs safety improvements! It's a miracle there haven't been more deadly accidents on it.	11/6/2015 5:00 PM
38	Hamilton Pool Park entrance, Turn-around just prior to the eastern switch backs for big trucks, rumble strips along the edges, brush clearing for better visibility around turns.	11/6/2015 4:53 PM
39	The approaches to the bridge are safer since the recent improvements were made, but people who are unfamiliar with the road sail through the Yield signs as if they were in the city. Better signage is needed. And the dump truck and freight truck drivers are out of control.	11/6/2015 4:52 PM
40	Left Turning lane needed up and down especially for subdivisions, Reimers and Hamilton Pool.	11/6/2015 4:25 PM
41	Entire road has become way too crowded.	11/6/2015 4:17 PM
42	Entire Stretch due to many bicycles traversing road	11/6/2015 3:49 PM
43	Whatever it takes to make it safe for cyclists.	11/6/2015 3:38 PM
44	The road is too narrow and windy for the amount of traffic now on it. The curves are dangerous; rails that are there are damaged and not repaired.	11/3/2015 2:27 PM
45	For driving...no improvements needed. The road is just fine for cars. For cycling...the entire part is dangerous b/c there is no shoulder.	10/30/2015 2:54 PM
46	From 71 to 12	10/30/2015 11:04 AM
47	The entire road from Hwy 71 to the River.	10/29/2015 8:08 PM
48	west of Bell Springs Rd. intersection	10/29/2015 7:58 PM
49	I would like trees and bushes close to the road to be cleared.	10/29/2015 7:35 PM
50	All straightaways e.g. Bell Springs Rd intersection	10/29/2015 7:19 PM
51	bike riders force you into oncoming traffic to pass them. left turn into stagecoach ranch.	10/29/2015 7:05 PM
52	In some areas the edge of pavement needs to be protected with a shoulder. This is non-specific, but the edge deterioration is apparent.	10/29/2015 7:04 PM
53	more signs to yield/stop before & after Hammett's Crossing bridge	10/29/2015 7:03 PM
54	Check accident records. Turn lanes for sub divisions are a must. Sholders would improve safety.	10/29/2015 6:56 PM
55	high plains to rr12, sharp curve needs better sight line. right turn off of highplains to hpr needs tree trimming	10/29/2015 6:54 PM
56	NONE	10/29/2015 6:51 PM
57	get tourist traffic out of our roads	10/29/2015 6:50 PM
58	Bell Springs, High Plains, RR12	10/29/2015 6:47 PM
59	The access to HP Preserve needs turn lane and parking for excess vehicles in summer.other than that no improvements needed. it is a lovely ruarl road. lets leave it alone.	10/29/2015 6:42 PM
60	The Peacock Ranch has 3 miles of fencing, and many accidents have occurred, including 5 deaths in the last few years.	10/29/2015 6:40 PM
61	71 to 12 desperately needs help.	10/29/2015 6:34 PM
62	entrance to hamilton pool	10/29/2015 6:33 PM
63	Entrance to Hamilton Pool, sharp turn just east of Hamilton Pool	10/29/2015 6:33 PM
64	1-2	10/29/2015 6:26 PM
65	Bells Springs Rd, curves along the road	10/29/2015 6:23 PM
66	visibility from our driveway is limited when we leave	10/29/2015 6:21 PM

67	need better turnarounds for semi-trucks so they don't cross at Hammett's Crossing	10/29/2015 6:21 PM
68	the whole thing	10/29/2015 6:11 PM
69	Trees overhanging roadway, south side, west of High Plains Drive. Blind approach to pool entrance with cars stacked up on roadway.	10/29/2015 6:03 PM

Q4 Please indicate your agreement with how appropriate you believe each of the following potential improvement concepts for improving safety are for this section of Hamilton Pool Road.

Answered: 99 Skipped: 1



	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total	Weighted Average
Improve Driveways	15.73% 14	24.72% 22	39.33% 35	12.36% 11	7.87% 7	89	3.28
Improve Pavement Edge	50.00% 47	29.79% 28	10.64% 10	4.26% 4	5.32% 5	94	4.15
Passing Lanes	43.62% 41	22.34% 21	5.32% 5	11.70% 11	17.02% 16	94	3.64

Selected Intersection Improvements	38.95% 37	32.63% 31	15.79% 15	4.21% 4	8.42% 8	95	3.89
Shoulder Widening	57.29% 55	20.83% 20	7.29% 7	6.25% 6	8.33% 8	96	4.13
Turn Around for Trucks and Busses	33.33% 31	27.96% 26	19.35% 18	9.68% 9	9.68% 9	93	3.66
Add Metal Beam Guard Rails	28.09% 25	29.21% 26	19.10% 17	12.36% 11	11.24% 10	89	3.51
Add Rumble Strips	30.00% 27	31.11% 28	21.11% 19	6.67% 6	11.11% 10	90	3.62
Add Safety Signage	35.16% 32	34.07% 31	20.88% 19	4.40% 4	5.49% 5	91	3.89
Improve Sight Distance at Curves	44.68% 42	24.47% 23	12.77% 12	8.51% 8	9.57% 9	94	3.86
Remove Obstructions from Clear Zone	36.67% 33	26.67% 24	22.22% 20	5.56% 5	8.89% 8	90	3.77
Posted Speed	31.46% 28	31.46% 28	25.84% 23	5.62% 5	5.62% 5	89	3.78

Q5 Please indicate If there is anything you would like to share about a specific safety improvement concept from the list above.

Answered: 55 Skipped: 45

#	Responses	Date
1	Bikes need to be on a separate path - noway to share HPR unless you make it Hwy 12 wide shoulders	11/19/2015 1:43 PM
2	Please ban bikes from RR 12 to Pedernales River Crossing. Too Dangerous	11/19/2015 1:04 PM
3	Better signage about steep switchback needs to prevent 18 wheelers and long busses from crossing Hammetts crossing bridge - please put signs and turnaround at Blanco/Travis County line - there is no where for them to turn around when coming from 281.	11/19/2015 1:00 PM
4	Switchback Signage. Truck turnarounds & signage from both directions. Appropriate distance back from switchback. Huge improvement in mobility for little cost.	11/19/2015 12:56 PM
5	Turn lanes are a good thing.	11/15/2015 8:42 PM
6	I think widening the road and straightening it will make people drive faster and make the road less safe.	11/15/2015 8:35 PM
7	If we make it nice and smooth and wide, people will go even faster.	11/15/2015 8:33 AM
8	Just need to give enough room to get Hamilton Pool Preserve park goes off Hamilton Pool Road	11/13/2015 10:32 PM
9	Mostly in the summer, the Hamilton Pool line of cars trying to get in to the park sometimes causes traffic congestion since site on approach is limited both directions	11/13/2015 5:01 PM
10	Improving sight distance at curves and removing obstructions for improving sight distance could be accomplished in a cost-effective manner if the governmental organization (such as Travis County) would clear and maintain its own right-of-ways it currently has. Improving sight distance at curves by straightening out the road is not cost-effective nor results in improving safety. Statistics show that straightening a road increases vehicular speed regardless of the posted or not posted, and the enforced or unenforced, speed limit.	11/13/2015 4:35 PM
11	My primary concern, as a resident of the area, is cars passing me on the two-lane road with no shoulders (this happens almost every time I go to Austin). No one should be allowed to risk the lives of others for their own selfish needs. Their saving 30 seconds to get to RR12 is not worth my life.	11/13/2015 4:21 PM
12	Width, shoulders, line of sight and passing lanes are most important features	11/13/2015 3:47 PM
13	The rumble strips in the middle of the road create a very noisy environment for residents. I can hear the rumble strips through the walls and windows of my home at night when I am trying to sleep.	11/13/2015 3:16 PM
14	Hamilton Pool Road West of 12 is a scenic road which dead ends in parks and preserves and historic Hammett's Crossing. There is so much demand that a turnaround outside and below Hamilton Pool Preserve should be built. There is such a place currently not in use except for park vehicles and visitors dropping their trash. A low speed limit is the most important safety factor.	11/13/2015 9:57 AM
15	This road needs to be widened all the way from 71 to Hwy 12.	11/12/2015 11:00 PM
16	Widen road, TURN LANES!!! REDUCE SPEEDS!	11/12/2015 10:22 PM
17	Vision and Passing lanes are critical	11/12/2015 8:26 PM
18	I generally would prefer that the road is left alone to retain the country character of the area.	11/12/2015 4:05 PM
19	Shoulders in the road would be a great safety improvement	11/10/2015 9:32 AM
20	The rumble strips need to consider risks and dangers to bicyclists riding close to the edge in losing control and falling or deviating into the lane of vehicular traffic causing dangers to both the cyclist and the vehicular traffic.	11/10/2015 9:22 AM
21	I would like to see road improvements, but I don't agree with stripping away the pretty landscape	11/10/2015 8:34 AM
22	Every once in a while I drive the LTRF firetruck on Hamilton Pool Road. It is very dangerous for cars to pull out of the way of the truck because there's no shoulder and they often pull over into unsafe in ditches.	11/10/2015 8:16 AM
23	Those sound great but with the increase in population that road is highly traveled and needs to have more lanes!	11/10/2015 7:48 AM

24	Passing lane would be very helpful due to drivers that are sight seeing and cannot drive on winding roads.	11/9/2015 9:42 PM
25	Line of sight is a major problem in the curves. This, in my opinion, is the biggest potential area of improvement	11/9/2015 9:58 AM
26	Agree with use of all concepts	11/9/2015 8:20 AM
27	We have cattle that have complete access to our property a [REDACTED] Hamilton Pool Road. Any road work which affects our property will potentially endanger all concerned. It is respectfully requested any road work affecting our property be done on undeveloped property with no cattle (across the roadway from our property).	11/7/2015 9:29 AM
28	Wider shoulders for all the bicycles sounds like a great idea! I also think the switch back and turn around by the pedernales would be a great idea!	11/6/2015 10:11 PM
29	Please keep as many trees along roadway as possible. That is a beautiful portion on Hamilton Pool Rd. Hate to see our countryside torn up.	11/6/2015 7:15 PM
30	Please make the decision based on safety, not as part of a plan to increase development.	11/6/2015 4:53 PM
31	Trucks too large to cross the bridge should never get as far as the proposed turn-around. Put the turnaround at RR12! The county needs to implement strict compliance with a stiff fine for "all" violators. Trucks coming from the west will not be affected by a turn-around on the east bank. Trucks and the wreckers that drag the trucks out of the river valley are tearing up the road surface, and residents of the area are left with a degraded roadway.	11/6/2015 4:52 PM
32	Keep this as a single lane road without improvements that would cause travel speed to go up.	11/6/2015 4:28 PM
33	Keep bicyclists from this road. Large trucks and regular auto's cannot see them riding in the middle of the lanes on curves, and making the speed limit 30 mph is not practical or right. They seem to have no regard for anyone's safety. Traffic that has to go around the cyclists to avoid hitting them, run the risk of hitting oncoming traffic.	11/6/2015 3:56 PM
34	A separate bicycle lane would be a great improvement	11/6/2015 3:49 PM
35	There are places where the shoulder goes into a steep drop-off into trees below. The road is too narrow for double-wide trucks to navigate curves so they crowd into the opposite lane. FURTHER DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE HALED IMMEDIATELY UNTIL THESE ISSUES ARE RESOLVED.	11/3/2015 2:27 PM
36	I would like to see new and wide shoulders for cyclists. This would help get the cyclists out of the road and make it safer for both cyclists and vehicles.	10/30/2015 2:54 PM
37	Reduce speed limit from Hwy 71 to RR 12.	10/30/2015 11:04 AM
38	The lack of shoulders AND turn lanes is a SERIOUS safety concern and could mean loss of life in the event of an accident at a congested period. Curves and lines of site are NOT to current safety standards and create a potential liability for Travis County should a death occur when we have known of these issues for many years and do nothing due to the wishes of a relatively vocal minority. Dropping the posted speed is NOT the answer as we have more and more people using the road. Frankly the entire road should be a MAD-4, and it is unacceptable that we continue to fight for simple things like shoulders and safe curves. We need to increase capacity on this road and thereby increase safety. Leaving the road as is and reducing speed may reduce safety but will result in a massive backlash in the future from the hundreds of residents who are moving to this area and rely on this road for access to schools and work!	10/29/2015 8:08 PM
39	I would like to see improved sight distance at curves and full bike lanes along both sides of the roads from 12 to the parks and turn lanes where appropriate.	10/29/2015 7:35 PM
40	Do not straighten any curves. Take other measures on curves if you must increase sight distance. Either remove obstructions or slow down drivers. Do not straighten any curves. That will make people drive faster.	10/29/2015 7:19 PM
41	lower the speed limit...back to 40	10/29/2015 7:16 PM
42	only reason i am for shoulders is to keep bikes off road	10/29/2015 7:05 PM
43	Turn lanes for intersections to sub divisions a must. Widen as much as possible	10/29/2015 6:56 PM
44	I said no to safety signage but really meant "depends where and what" I aside no to trimming trees but meant that it should be judiciously, with regard to vegetation species and habitat	10/29/2015 6:51 PM
45	return the speed limit to 55 or 55mph to match the flow of traffic and align with the other half of HPR	10/29/2015 6:50 PM
46	Wider shoulders at a minimum along the ENTIRE length of Hamilton Pool Road and left turn lanes into ALL subdivisions and parks.	10/29/2015 6:47 PM
47	signage and turn around for 18 wheelers!!	10/29/2015 6:42 PM
48	Widen the proposed road by 3 ft for an additional bicycle lane.	10/29/2015 6:40 PM
49	if the road is wider and straighter, people will go faster.	10/29/2015 6:34 PM

50	Minimize changes to topography or curvature. This is a classic country road. Let's keep it that way.	10/29/2015 6:33 PM
51	Turn lane into Hamilton Pool from the east needs to be much longer. Up to 40 cars can be stacked up on weekends waiting to enter.	10/29/2015 6:33 PM
52	People are speeding. Don't do anything like (passing lanes, overly widening shoulder, straightening road) that would encourage drivers to go even faster.	10/29/2015 6:26 PM
53	While I think turn around areas will help before the switchback I wish they would put up an iron cross bar that won't allow certain size trucks to get past this turn around. The inconvenience of the numerous trucks that get stuck on the bridge are a real problem.	10/29/2015 6:23 PM
54	The new reflective strips are great but, road bumps make the traffic noise much worse.	10/29/2015 6:14 PM
55	include cycling use in any improvements, at least a narrow shoulder all the way	10/29/2015 6:11 PM

Q6 The Hamilton Creek bridge has shown deterioration and the County will make improvements to be proactive in maintaining this structure. Proposed improvements include: replacement of bridge decking, replacement of bridge rails, and improvements to the approaches along both sides of the bridge. The on-going bridge inspection and analysis will provide a Bridge Report, which may suggest additional structure improvements. After reviewing the proposed improvements for the Hamilton Creek Bridge, do you have any other comments or questions on this portion of the project?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 57

#	Responses	Date
1	Have the road raised some and post more signage for on coming cars	11/19/2015 1:04 PM
2	This curve floods seriously - why is there curb here?	11/19/2015 1:00 PM
3	Why are there curbs on west side of bridge? Contributes to flooding from detention ponds.	11/19/2015 12:56 PM
4	I love this old bridge. I hope it stays mostly the same.	11/15/2015 8:42 PM
5	Yes, what do these "Improvements look like? I think it is fine the way it is.	11/15/2015 8:35 PM
6	Needs to be done	11/15/2015 8:33 AM
7	Fix it to get it structurely sound. Don't reinvent the wheel with this bridge.	11/13/2015 10:32 PM
8	sounds good	11/13/2015 5:01 PM
9	However slightly, angling the surface of the bridge on the adjoining roadway on both ends so the water flows in the direction of the creek would help tremendously.	11/13/2015 4:35 PM
10	If bridge is replaced, and it should be, hopefully a parallel construction can occur to not impede the use of current structure. Would be nice to see current structure if abandon, left in place to facilitate recreational river access such as fishing / kayaking. Would like to see parking areas to facilitate PUBLIC river access.	11/13/2015 3:47 PM
11	Make it bat-friendly, if a new bridge is constructed.	11/13/2015 3:33 PM
12	The bridge hosts a bat colony. Either improve the existing bridge or replace with bat-friendly design.	11/13/2015 3:26 PM
13	None.	11/13/2015 3:16 PM
14	The Hamilton Creek bridge is only approximately 20 years old and yet has deterioration. I understand that the only necessary change is replacement of bridge decking. Other suggestions concerning changing approaches, etc. are more related to anticipating and accommodating development planned for the road and unrelated to getting hikers, mountain bikers, rock climbers safely to and from the parks.	11/13/2015 9:57 AM
15	I think decking and railing are critical	11/12/2015 8:26 PM
16	Please keep the same character of the bridge.	11/12/2015 4:05 PM
17	no	11/12/2015 2:21 PM
18	Nope.	11/10/2015 8:16 AM

19	Make it taller so water doesn't go over it during floods. Also make it strong enough to hold heavy trucks (i.e. Fire trucks).	11/10/2015 7:48 AM
20	I have lived west of the bridge for 36 years. Current bridge was a major upgrade from the low water crossing and very helpful during major rainfall events. Maintenance is appreciated.	11/9/2015 9:42 PM
21	Not at this time	11/9/2015 9:58 AM
22	No	11/9/2015 8:20 AM
23	As long as you don't don't any more of my families land you can do what you want with the bridge	11/7/2015 1:17 PM
24	Prevention of people parking before and after the bridge should be a priority. It becomes a dangerous traffic hazard as well as damaging to the health of the river	11/6/2015 10:11 PM
25	I would like to save this portion from destruction, like the portion s that are currently being worked on on Hamilton Pool Rd. The work that is being done there is ridiculous. It has defaced much of the land and just plain torn up the beauty.	11/6/2015 7:15 PM
26	Current doesn't seem to be problem but I like the proactive stance you are taking!	11/6/2015 3:49 PM
27	no	11/2/2015 12:27 PM
28	Shoulder for cyclists.	10/30/2015 2:54 PM
29	None	10/29/2015 8:08 PM
30	I'm good with safety improvements to the bridge	10/29/2015 7:19 PM
31	dont widen	10/29/2015 7:16 PM
32	Please keep it a quiet road	10/29/2015 7:09 PM
33	This bridge handles flooding well. Any physical improvements should have some architectural attention to detail. Not just standard MBGR.	10/29/2015 7:04 PM
34	I don't think it is necessary. The obstruction from "fixing" something like this is more aggravation than it is worth.	10/29/2015 7:03 PM
35	Is the bridge a priority over other safety issues the road presents?	10/29/2015 6:56 PM
36	LEAVE IT ALONE!!!!	10/29/2015 6:51 PM
37	if you would straighten the curve out and get rid of the marked difference (humps) at each end it would be a lot safe and allow big trucks and trailers to negotiate it with out wrecking	10/29/2015 6:50 PM
38	no other comments or questions	10/29/2015 6:47 PM
39	this needs to be done	10/29/2015 6:34 PM
40	Figure out the best way to fix the bridge!	10/29/2015 6:33 PM
41	Why don't you work on the switchback over the Pedernales - that is the real thing that needs work. 1 lane bridge with 90 degree switchbacks and a lot of slope.	10/29/2015 6:26 PM
42	Please protect the bat colony!	10/29/2015 6:21 PM
43	no	10/29/2015 6:11 PM

Q7 The Hamilton Pool Park entrance has been identified as needing safety improvements to address vehicles creating a waiting line during busy seasons. Proposed improvements include: the addition of left and right turn lanes at the park entrance, and the addition of shoulders near the entrance to shift vehicles out of through traffic lanes. After reviewing the proposed improvements for the Hamilton Pool Park entrance, do you have any other comments or question on this portion of the project?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 48

#	Responses	Date
1	Perfect!	11/19/2015 1:46 PM
2	The westbound entrance bay should have capacity for twelve vehicles.	11/19/2015 1:44 PM
3	Issue "come back times" tickets rather than queue to get in	11/19/2015 1:43 PM
4	Make sure turn lanes are long enough	11/19/2015 1:04 PM
5	A reservation system for the park would prevent the need to spend money on roads or parking and allow the county to be a better steward of the preserve.	11/19/2015 1:00 PM
6	Turn lanes are inadequate length to accommodate waiting line. Consider a turn around in park. Are turn lanes meant for queuing?	11/19/2015 12:56 PM
7	████████ Hamilton Pool Rd. Unit ██████	11/15/2015 8:42 PM
8	This is the only place that I think that improvements might be needed.	11/15/2015 8:35 PM
9	Would be helpful	11/15/2015 8:33 AM
10	I agree	11/13/2015 10:32 PM
11	Excellent!	11/13/2015 5:01 PM
12	Adding a SHORT turn-in lane.shoulder on the westbound side could be helpful. Adding a shoulder/lane on the eastbound side would be wasteful. It seems most appropriate to take the land within the Park itself to make way for the congestion line, instead of having the scenic roadway bear the burden of the Park traffic. The areas along HPR adjacent to the Park are just as environmentally-sensitive as the area just inside the Park (between the entrance and the parking lot), if not more so. The Park should facilitate a staging-area for the waiting and paying CUSTOMERS for the Park.	11/13/2015 4:35 PM
13	Having turning lanes would definitely improve safety for our subdivision (Stagecoach Ranch). Cars now park illegally on the only road into our subdivision, preventing us from traveling to town and creating a one-lane entrance/exit. We live here.	11/13/2015 4:21 PM
14	Overflow traffic stacking is an issue that needs to be addressed with adequate sidings. As the area is improved and population density increases the use pressure on this park will increase, but also vehicle traffic. This interface needs to be addressed in a timely manner, and a priority section of the project.	11/13/2015 3:47 PM
15	TC Parks needs to do what it takes to keep visitation to the accepted amount when it was included into the BCP. Visitation exceeds acceptable limits. Preserve staff are nothing more than parking attendants for much of the year allowing the Preserve to degrade.	11/13/2015 3:33 PM

16	Parks should maintain a digital sign at the Satellite office near 71 to update capacity and general wait times. This might reduce the amount of needless drives to the Preserve. A reservation system might also be considered.	11/13/2015 3:26 PM
17	I think any time waiting vehicles are blocking the flow of traffic, improvements should be made to allow for traffic to move around the vehicles to reduce chances of collisions.	11/13/2015 3:16 PM
18	Left and right turn lanes as with Reimers Ranch Park and an improved entrance for Hamilton Pool Preserve are advisable. Traffic needs to be able to turn around to divert back to Reimers Ranch Park when Hamilton Pool Preserve is full. There is such a turnaround outside and below Hamilton Pool Preserve currently being used only for park personnel and visitors dumping trash.	11/13/2015 9:57 AM
19	On and off ramps are critical	11/12/2015 8:26 PM
20	That may be ok.	11/12/2015 4:05 PM
21	Those would be very helpful	11/12/2015 2:21 PM
22	No	11/10/2015 9:32 AM
23	Nope.	11/10/2015 8:16 AM
24	Cars parked in the road create a problem at the entrance and a turn lane would help. However, the Park could have avoided much of the problem by placing the check point for cars farther into the park with an adequate turn around. Much of the problem is also due to total idiots that believe that parking on rural roads is okay. Some people have even camped and built fires on the bridge over the Pedernales River. More enforcement might help.	11/9/2015 9:42 PM
25	I support the shoulder project. I do hope that funds from the transportation and safety projects do NOT go in to any sort of "beautification" projects. The parks department should be responsible for that.	11/9/2015 9:58 AM
26	Agree with concept	11/9/2015 8:20 AM
27	We would like to have a reservation system so that when our out of state grandchildren visit (only a few days once a year) we can plan our visit and be assured we will be able to get in.	11/8/2015 8:43 PM
28	Based on all the traffic I've seen, I don't think that will help. An online check in process like some of the parks would be the safest and most responsible thing to do for Hamilton Pool traffic concerns.	11/6/2015 10:11 PM
29	This will help but peak times will overload these improvements, the park needs an appointment system to limit traffic.	11/6/2015 4:53 PM
30	The proposed right turn lane will do nothing to alleviate early morning traffic into the park. I have seen the traffic backed p to the bridge over the creek.	11/6/2015 4:52 PM
31	Good call.	11/6/2015 3:56 PM
32	Good ideas	11/6/2015 3:49 PM
33	agree with the need.	11/2/2015 12:27 PM
34	Can a longer entrance/road be made inside the park?	10/30/2015 2:54 PM
35	No. Good initiative.	10/29/2015 8:08 PM
36	I am in favor of improving the park entrance and posting signs closer to 71 on HPR that indicate whether swimming is allowed today and whether the park is full yet and how long the wait is.	10/29/2015 7:35 PM
37	no	10/29/2015 7:19 PM
38	I think that this should be handled on-site at the park. This is only an issue in peak periods. There is not a good turnaround at the park which leads to awkward, indecisive movements. Add an info kiosk/variable message sign up near RR12 to direct potential visitors when the park is closed or at capacity. This will save many frustrated visitors the trip down and back, and reduce the need for congestion.	10/29/2015 7:04 PM
39	I agree that something needs to be done with the traffic problem there. How about requiring reservations for everyone?	10/29/2015 7:03 PM
40	create a shuttle from the parks to HWY 71	10/29/2015 6:56 PM
41	OK, maybe the entrance could use some work but the main safety feature should be a good turn-around for overflow cars and maybe even a traffic light for exiting cars.	10/29/2015 6:51 PM
42	the entrance gate needs to be shifted farther into the park. The mile long backup of cars waiting to get in in the mornings is horrific. this is unacceptable to the residents trying to get in or out of stage coach. the trash and gaudy signage from the no parking signs has destroyed our area. the park rangers continue to harass and even throw things at our cars when we go around the 30 or more cars backed up to hamilton creek or reimers waiting to get in. the park staff and ranger are very unprofessional.	10/29/2015 6:50 PM

43	How many waiting cars can be accommodated in each direction? Has additional thought be given to ways to queue more waiting cars WITHIN the park?	10/29/2015 6:47 PM
44	Survey to determine number of cars to provide for.	10/29/2015 6:46 PM
45	It is wonderful that the County has provided so much Park land for the people of Travis County. But they have a responsibility to make it a safer entrance and road to get to it.	10/29/2015 6:40 PM
46	agree - needs to be done	10/29/2015 6:34 PM
47	Agree that we need shoulders or right turn lane for line of cars	10/29/2015 6:33 PM
48	The turn lane from the east should be as long as possible. Up to 40 cars can be stacked up on weekends.	10/29/2015 6:33 PM
49	neutral	10/29/2015 6:26 PM
50	The right turn lane from the westbound lane needs to be as long as you can make it.	10/29/2015 6:25 PM
51	Perhaps there should also be a reservation system or a way to simply close the park when it is full	10/29/2015 6:21 PM
52	no	10/29/2015 6:11 PM

Q8 Do you have any additional comments or questions on the Hamilton Pool Road Safety Improvement Project?

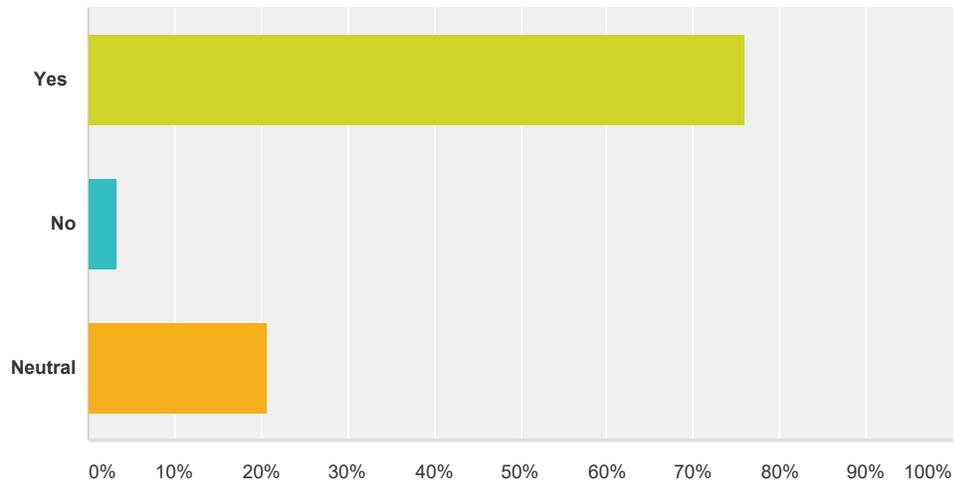
Answered: 42 Skipped: 58

#	Responses	Date
1	Ban Bicycles!! Too curvy a road - no passing areas. too dangerous for motorists & bikes!	11/19/2015 1:46 PM
2	it is a beautiful road. leave it alone as much as possible.	11/19/2015 1:43 PM
3	Raise the speed limit to 50 mph	11/19/2015 1:04 PM
4	I do not agree that this massive effort is necessary.	11/19/2015 1:00 PM
5	Truck turnarounds and signage for switchback are paramount. Yield signs @ bridge have been big improvement	11/19/2015 12:56 PM
6	Send the \$ to tax dot earmarked for HPR between 71 and 12. THATS the critical need.	11/15/2015 8:33 AM
7	It's not necessary to totally rebuild this section of Hamilton Pool Rd. Do only what's necessary, at the Pedernales River and Hamilton Pool Preserve	11/13/2015 10:32 PM
8	Please do not straighten out the curves in the road. It will become more dangerous instead of less because travelers will increase their speed despite the speed limit or the enforcement of such. It would have been helpful to have additional information at the public meeting such as: 1. Identifying where the right-of-way boundaries along HPR, 2. Having a handout on who all the players and companies involved with the project are and what the involvement of each was, is, and could be, 3. Estimated costs of such improvements, at least ball-park numbers, and 4. Identification of traffic violations, accidents, counts, fatalities, etc. along this stretch of HPR on an annual basis.	11/13/2015 4:35 PM
9	I feel like this is a long overdue, but unfortunately inadequate from the inception plan to improve this long overlooked road. "Something is better than nothing". It does not address the current near disastrous conditions that exist from HWY71 to RR12. That should be the priority. What is being done is completely substandard to handle that road pressure.	11/13/2015 3:47 PM
10	Thank you for using good judgment on the HP Road improvements.	11/13/2015 3:33 PM
11	Please keep the rural nature of the area.	11/13/2015 3:16 PM
12	I agree with the friendly amendment made by Travis County Commissioners to focus on repair of the Hamilton Creek Bridge and improved entrance and turnaround for traffic at Hamilton Pool Preserve. Commissioner Daugherty is more concerned with enabling development of Hamilton Pool Road West than safety. As a resident and park goer, I would like to see the road maintained as scenic with trees and rocks and curves and slow speed limit. You say safety, we say development. You say danger, we say scenic. You say suburban, we say wild land.	11/13/2015 9:57 AM
13	Think safety ...	11/12/2015 8:26 PM
14	Need to add lanes and shoulders	11/12/2015 6:56 PM
15	Widened shoulders and a bicycle lane are needed.	11/12/2015 2:21 PM
16	What about the low water crossing across the Perdenales river, there are a lot of traffic issue and safety issue with the crossing and the winding road that leads to it.	11/10/2015 9:32 AM
17	Nope.	11/10/2015 8:16 AM
18	Thank you for the opportunity to comment and the information provided. In regard to #10, already on list.	11/9/2015 9:42 PM
19	I've heard rumors of bike lane additions. I pray this is not the case. Doing so will increase bike traffic in a hazardous area, is certain to lead to auto/bike incidents and simply put, is murder.	11/9/2015 9:58 AM
20	Improving the road will increase the danger if the road by giving drivers the false impression that they can drive even faster than they already do. The road isn't the problem. It's the bad drivers that refuse to put their phone down and drive 45	11/7/2015 1:17 PM
21	Please be cognizant of other safety measures such as cattle being on roadway due to proposed work.	11/7/2015 9:29 AM
22	Will there be additional entrances to the neighborhoods being put up beside Hamilton pool road from 71?	11/6/2015 10:11 PM

23	It seems to me that the traffic and safety issues associated with HPR are being addressed in a fragmentary, piecemeal way. The various governmental agencies with jurisdiction over this important road should get together with the people who live on and depend on the road to develop an integrated, comprehensive plan for addressing the numerous safety issues that the exploding volume of traffic is bringing to this once quiet little stretch of countryside. HPR is *supposed* to be a scenic corridor. Trucks, and parades of obscenely loud motorcycles and sports car rallies have no place in a scenic corridor. Better and more consistent traffic enforcement would go a long way in addressing many of the safety issues associated with HPR, and help maintain the "scenic" in the corridor.	11/6/2015 4:52 PM
24	What is the timing on the project and what kind of congestion might we expect?	11/6/2015 3:38 PM
25	no	11/2/2015 12:27 PM
26	I have been cycling on this portion of HPR for over 8 years and have seen it go from a very lightly traveled road, to a very busy road. It used to be a very safe and scenic route for many cyclists but is becoming more and more dangerous as there are more cars and they seem to be driving much faster as well. I would love to see shoulders added to this stretch of road so the cyclists would be out of the road for drivers and would ease the tensions between the 2 groups and made it safer for both.	10/30/2015 2:54 PM
27	Yes. I would like to see a volume chart by month over the past four or five years and an independent assessment of the projected volume on the road from the River to 71 given planned development. From here an independent assessment of the type of roadway required to support this growth.	10/29/2015 8:08 PM
28	I would like to be able to safely cycle and run along HPR - please put wide shoulders and improve line of sight.	10/29/2015 7:35 PM
29	I a mcyclist who lives along the road itself. Even I do not feel any need for safety shoulders most places along the road. Most places afford plenty of room for safe cycling and driving together. People actually drive pretty slowly along the road, and shoulders would encorage them to drive much faster. Your drawing show 6 foot shoulders. That is absolutely unacceptable.	10/29/2015 7:19 PM
30	Please keep it a quiet road	10/29/2015 7:09 PM
31	i agree with the concepts of the improvments but am not looking forward to the construction congestion	10/29/2015 7:05 PM
32	Tread lightly. Improve the shoulders lightly and add turnoffs.	10/29/2015 7:04 PM
33	The absolute minimum should be done. We all want to keep the country feel of this beautiful place.	10/29/2015 7:03 PM
34	Preserve the natural beauty	10/29/2015 6:56 PM
35	Less is more. Save taxpayers' money and leave our beautiful road alone.	10/29/2015 6:51 PM
36	I appreciate the format of this 'meeting,' but I think folks that might not have been able to get here at 6 might not have realized the format permitted arriving at any time.	10/29/2015 6:47 PM
37	Reduce speed limit HP rd to Hwy 71	10/29/2015 6:46 PM
38	It is very important for the safety of the people riding bikes to have bike lanes provided on this improvement project.	10/29/2015 6:40 PM
39	it makes no sense to widen and fix this part when everyone has to go through the most dangerous part from 71 to 12. Is there any way to put pressure on TXDOT to fix that part?	10/29/2015 6:34 PM
40	Keep it simple, please	10/29/2015 6:33 PM
41	IMO, don't waste taxpayer money overdoing things that DON'T need to be tweaked. Seriously. It's the one lane bridge that needs fixing, but I assume it's in Hays County and that's why the scope of this project stops short of that location.	10/29/2015 6:26 PM
42	prepare for the future by including alternative forms of transport in the mix	10/29/2015 6:11 PM

Q9 Do you feel the information provided at the public meeting and/or in this survey was helpful in understanding the project?

Answered: 92 Skipped: 8



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	76.09% 70
No	3.26% 3
Neutral	20.65% 19
Total	92

#	If this was not helpful please let us know if you have any comments or questions we can answer to help you better understand.	Date
1	Maybe	11/19/2015 12:56 PM
2	I was not in town during the meeting so I have not seen anything.	11/15/2015 8:35 PM
3	I was not able to go to the public meeting--sorry to have missed it.	11/13/2015 4:21 PM
4	I hope our input on this survey was helpful.	11/10/2015 7:48 AM
5	Please provide property owners affected by road work with detailed plans before necessary approval of said plans.	11/7/2015 9:29 AM
6	Wasn't there	11/6/2015 3:49 PM
7	All the people involved have been very helpful, friendly and respectful. Thanks for you efforts.	10/29/2015 7:03 PM
8	Too vague. I would prefer to comment on specifics, not words like "certain."	10/29/2015 6:51 PM
9	you did not provide any information as to what you will be doing	10/29/2015 6:50 PM
10	Please keep the corridor scenic and preserving its rural character. It doesn't need to look like central Austin. Thanks!	10/29/2015 6:26 PM
11	Would also like there to have been a presentation	10/29/2015 6:21 PM

Q10 Please share your contact information below. If you would like to be added to the project email list, please include your email address.

Answered: 67 Skipped: 33

Answer Choices	Responses	
Name	97.01%	65
Company	0.00%	0
Address	88.06%	59
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	85.07%	57
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	91.04%	61
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	89.55%	60
Phone Number	64.18%	43

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Subject: FW: {EXTERNAL} Comments on the Hamilton Pool Road Safety Improvement Project

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Hamilton Pool Road west of RM 12 is a scenic road which dead ends in a priceless network of parks and preserves, part of the Pedernales Corridor. Money and resources should be spent on expanding this corridor above and below historic Hammett's Crossing.

Hamilton Pool Road residents are grateful for Travis County Commissioners' friendly amendment to allocate funds where they are needed on Hamilton Pool Road west of RM 12: the bridge at Hamilton Creek and a turnaround for traffic overflow to Hamilton Pool Preserve. The bridge at Hamilton Creek is only around 20 years old. It doesn't speak well that the structure already needs repair when the bridge at Hammett's Crossing, which is around 100 years old and survived the 1950's flood, still passes inspection. I understand that the deck of Hamilton Creek bridge needs to be replaced. The metal railings are unnecessary and out of keeping with a minimalist wild-land aesthetic. The entrance to Hamilton Pool Preserve should be improved as Travis County did so well with Reimers Ranch Park, including maybe a turn lane. There is an existing turnaround below Hamilton Pool Preserve currently used only by park vehicles and visitors who dump their trash there. This could be improved to divert traffic back to Reimers Ranch Park when Hamilton Pool Preserve has reached its maximum number of visitors. Scenic Hamilton Pool Road west of RM 12 should not be expanded or divided or straightened. Maintaining a low speed limit is the most important safety factor in getting kayakers, mountain bikers, hikers, rock climbers, etc. to the parks.

Background

The Hamilton Pool Road LCRA treated-water pipeline ends at its intersection with RM 12. There is no water west of 12. No one would like to see a projected 2,500 unsustainable homes looming over Reimers Ranch Park on water-blind, developer-friendly Reimer's Peacock, a dirt road in Travis County's ETJ, mostly privately owned, which would connect FM 71 to Hamilton Pool Road. Travis County had turned over its easements to landowners, which may be when they cut off public access. Reimer's Peacock Road has been closed to residents under one pretext or another and benefits no one except landowners and developers looking for a back door and spillover for rampant overdevelopment on SH 71, which has already bled onto Hamilton Pool Road to RM 12. There are adequate roads through the West Cypress Hills Subdivision to the LTISD middle school.

Not only is there no water to support the projected 2,500 homes along Reimer's Peacock, the development would be a source of air, noise, light and visual pollution for adjacent parks and preserves and directly threaten water quality, which they protect. This would contradict the stated purpose of continuing land conservation for the Pedernales River Corridor and maintaining Hamilton Creek as a secondary corridor in Travis County's admirable Land Water & Transportation Plan unanimously adopted by the Commissioners' Court December 2, 2014. It would be a shame to have spent \$19.2 million to protect Reimers Ranch Park from development by adding 750 acres to it for nothing. Finally, if there is no Reimer's Peacock, there will be no need to expand Hamilton Pool Road to four lanes from RM 12 as projected by Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR).

Hamilton Pool Road residents have opposed Reimer's Peacock Road since its inception. It was rejected by the 2005 Travis County Bond Advisory Committee and was not included in the list of projects given to the Travis County Commissioners' Court. Yet it ended up in the bond package. Reimer's Peacock was taken off a list of projects for a possible 2011 bond election. Travis County's project manager for Reimer's Peacock at the time stated that since it had been years that plans for the road were drawn, the county would have to revisit designs to ensure they were still compliant with environmental regulations. This was ignored. With Commissioner Daugherty's re-election, the road's political fortunes changed again. Without public discussion that I know of, Reimer's Peacock found its way into the CAMPO 2040 Plan. When HPR residents protested at the CAMPO public meeting in March, 2014, we were told cryptically that Reimer's Peacock "was there but not there." We ask that the road not be included in a list of projects for a 2017/18 bond referendum.

The sales prospectus for the Peacock Ranch, advertising access to SH 71 from Hamilton Pool Road and only three and a half miles from the treated-water pipeline will help to explain why HPR residents consider the Hamilton Pool Road Project a Trojan horse motivated by development as much as concerns for safety. Transportation studies from the past 20 years show that roads don't alleviate congestion; congestion builds to roads. Watching Hamilton Pool Road to RM 12 fall to development, including spillover from SH 71, has been our nightmare. Watching Hamilton Pool Road from 12 fall would be everyone's nightmare. A priceless network of parks and preserves is not my backyard, but our backyard.



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Please share your input on the Hamilton Pool Road Safety Improvements Project. Comments can be submitted this evening or mailed to P.O. Box 5459, Austin, TX 78763 or emailed to HPR-SafetyImprovements@traviscountytx.gov

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