

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #1



GUNDA CORPORATION

Engineers, Planners & Managers

**DRAFT MEETING NOTES
KINGWOOD AREA MOBILITY STUDY
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING # 1**

Date: March 18, 2014

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Kingwood Community Center, Kingwood, TX

STEERING COMMITTEE:

Stan Sarman, Chair

Carol Sutton, Member

Corinn Price, Member

Katherine Persson, Member

Charlie Dromgoole, Member

Philip Ivy, Member

Jeff Nielsen, Member

OBSERVERS:

Council Member Dave Martin

Fred Bullough, Resident

Nate Brown, The Observer

Allie Smart, Chief of Staff

Cynthia Calvert, Tribune

GUNDA TEAM:

Ramesh Gunda

Michael Blasdel

Raghu Veturi

Allie Norman

MEETING MINUTES:

1. Council Member Martin opened the meeting by introducing the project and thanked all the steering committee members for working on this project.
2. Stan Sarman, Chair of the committee provided a few opening remarks about the project and introduced GUNDA team to the Steering Committee.
3. Ramesh Gunda gave a brief presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the Steering committee in the process of preparing the mobility study.
4. During the presentation, Ramesh asked the committee to provide their main areas of concerns; Steering Committee discussed goals for the project and measures of effectiveness to measure these goals. They are discussed below.
5. There was some discussion about scheduling of Steering Committee meetings and Stakeholder meetings.
6. There was some discussion about receiving Citizens input as it relates to the study and where they should be sent to. The committee agreed to have GUNDA team create an e-mail address and maintain a database of all the e-mails by citizens about this project.

Problems Identified by Steering Committee Members

When asked about what the committee members consider as their major areas of concern, the members discussed the following issues:

- Short-sighted development and lack of planning for future
- Lack of sufficient storage length for turn lanes
- Drainage issues

- Unintended consequences due to the increase of cars per household
- Aging population and change in demographics/culture
- Safety
- Lack of public transportation for elderly people

Agreed Upon Goals

The committee members agreed to achieve the following goals while conducting the Kingwood Area Mobility Study:

- Obtain community input
- Improve mobility – short and long term
- Maintain same or better quality of life
- Identify funding sources
 - Educate public regarding funding sources
- Plan for future
- Safety
- Possible transit for aging population
- Pedestrian facilities as part of Street Improvements
- Public transportation
- Trolley system – not typical METRO bus
- Quick fixes

Measures of Effectiveness (MOE)

The committee members agreed to review the following MOE to measure the goals of the project:

- Less congestion
- Decrease delay/travel time
- Pedestrian safety/bicycle safety
- Vehicular safety
- Cost effectiveness
- Schedule
- Regulatory impacts
- Environmental impacts including Tree Impacts

NEXTSTEPS:

- GUNDA team to create an e-mail address for Kingwood residents to express their concerns
- Complete existing conditions analysis
- Next Steering Committee meeting on April 22, 2014 at 6:00 pm
- Upcoming Stakeholder meeting on May 13, 2014 at 5:30 pm

End.

Attachments

Sign-In Sheet

Copy of Presentation



Ramesh

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GUNDA Project No. 14004-01

Date: March 18, 2014, 6:00 PM

Location: Kingwood Community Center

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Kingwood Area Mobility Study
Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority
(TIRZ #10)


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Opening Remarks

- Council Member
- Steering Committee Chairman

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Introductions

- Steering Committee
- Project/Consultant Team

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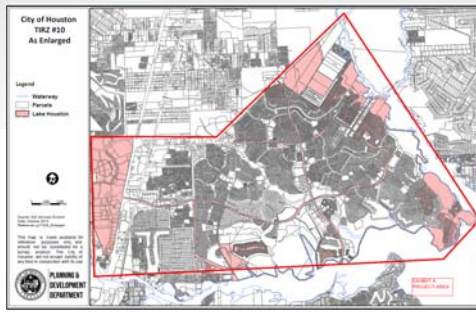


So Why?

- Why are we here?
 - To assist in the development of Mobility Plan for Kingwood Area
- What is a Mobility Plan?
 - A study to develop a strategy to address the transportation needs based on existing deficiencies and future growth
- Why conduct a Mobility Study?
 - To improve the overall quality of life for the residents



Study Area



Steering Committee Roles and Responsibilities

- Set Goals
- Set Timelines
- Identify Meeting Locations
- Advise Consultants on the Content of Mobility Report
- Review and Comment on Technical Memos and Findings
- Assist in Disseminating Information to Citizens
- Provide Key Stakeholder Information



Project Goals

- Why Goals?
 - Critical to Plan Development and Implementation
 - Align Plan with Priorities Based on Local Input
 - Provide Analytical Framework
 - Provide Support in Implementation
 - Provide a Common Platform for Agreement

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Project Goals

- Examples:
 - Improve Transportation Mobility
 - Develop a Capital Improvement Plan
 - Reduce Congestion and Improve Traffic Flow
 - Reduce Accidents/Increase Safety
 - Provide Pedestrian/Bike Facilities
 - Improve Quality of Life

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Measures of Effectiveness (MOE)

- Reduction in Delay/Travel Time
- Safety Impacts
- Cost Effectiveness
- Environmental Impacts
- Schedule
- Regulatory Impacts
- Property Access

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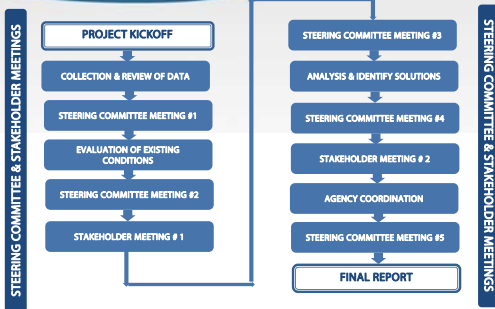
Public Involvement Plan

- Steering Committee Meetings
- Stakeholder Meetings/Public Input
 - Pamphlets
 - E-mail
 - Surveys

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Study Process



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Tentative Schedule

- ❖ First Steering Committee Meeting: March 18, 2014
- ❖ Second Steering Committee Meeting: April 23, 2014
 - Stakeholder Meeting # 1: May 13, 2014
- ❖ Third Steering Committee Meeting: May 23, 2014
- ❖ Fourth Steering Committee Meeting: September 15, 2014
 - Stakeholder Meeting # 2: October 13, 2014
- ❖ Final Steering Committee Meeting: October 23, 2014
- ❖ Draft Report: December 10, 2014
- ❖ Final Report: January 12, 2015

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Known Issues/Concerns

WHAT DO YOU SEE
AS A
MAJOR CONCERN?

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Next Steps

- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Continue to receive public input & suggestions
- Next Steering Committee Meeting: April 23, 2014

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Questions?