



PROGRESS REPORT

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 - Planning Advisory
 Committee

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COMPLETED ACTIVITIES THIS PERIOD

Socioeconomic data (job and household growth) for 2020 and 2035 was added to the applicable traffic analysis zones (TAZs) in the traffic forecasting model. The model was run on the existing roadway network, adding only those roads that would be necessary to serve development in the immediate area. 2020 and 2035 Average Daily Traffic (ADT) projections are complete.

To address overall connectivity issues, two alternatives for adding to the arterial roadway network were prepared. 2035 ADT projections for these two roadway system alternatives are complete. Alternative 1 adds future roadway connections on the west side of the city, running N/S over the Sand Creek, running E/W west of the bypass and 11th Street, and in Williams County in the area north of Hwy 2/85. Alternative 2 builds on the improvements in Alternative 1, by completing the beltline roadway connection around the city.

2035 a.m. and p.m. peak hour turning movement projections along the Hwy 2 West Bypass are complete, assuming a “no build” situation. In other words, other than some signal timing modifications, no infrastructure changes were made. Level of Service (LOS) analysis shows that significant delay will be experienced along the corridor with future volumes and no infrastructure improvements.

The Highway 2 West Bypass alternatives were revised based on input received from the public and from committee members earlier this summer. Revised alternatives have been prepared, distributed to the Hwy 2 Committee, and posted on the project website.

The project website has been updated with all available transportation related information, and with meeting notices (www.willistonplan.com).

Text for the Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Plan has progressed.

A Public Forum has been scheduled for September 23rd, 2009. Notifications have been distributed and published in the Williston Herald and The Shopper. SRF also mailed notices to property owners adjacent to the Hwy 2 West Bypass in an effort to get comments from potentially affected property owners.

ONGOING ACTIVITY THIS PERIOD

Hwy 2 West Bypass Corridor Study text is being drafted and may be available for the committee to review by Sept. 24th.

Planning level cost estimates for the Hwy 2 West Bypass Corridor Study are being prepared and will be available for meetings on Sept. 23 and 24.

Transportation Plan chapters are being prepared, and now that ADTs, future capacity deficiencies, and future roadway connectivity needs can be identified, further detail can be added to text and graphics.

Multiple Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan graphics are completed, with a few more being done in the next week or so. Comprehensive plan text is being written and compiled.

PROJECTED ACTIVITY NEXT PERIOD

Public Forum – September 23rd

Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – September 24th

Highway 2 West Bypass Committee Meeting – September 24th

Analysis of ADT and peak hour turning movement data based on identification of preferred combination of Hwy 2 West Bypass alternatives.

Continue with written portions of Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Plan.

Need to compile revenue data received from City Engineer and NDDOT.

Received some information from City Engineer and NDDOT regarding future maintenance needs (i.e. rehabilitation or reconstruction projects) that will be included in a list of future roadway improvements.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED/ITEMS OF CONCERN

The project involves portions of the County outside the city limits. In the original scope of work, the Williams County Commission was identified, but not the Planning Commission. Kent and Cindy discussed including the Williams County Planning Commission in the approval process, which could mean an additional meeting or a joint meeting with the City Planning Commission. Further consideration of the approval process is needed.

Length of time needed to arrive at preferred land use alternative took longer than anticipated, so schedule has fallen behind.

Costs of public meeting notification in the Williston Herald and the Shopper have exceeded estimates. Mailing of meeting notifications to Hwy 2 bypass property owners was not included in scope of work.

REQUIRED ACTION BY SRF, THE CITY OF WILLISTON, WILLIAMS COUNTY, AND/OR NDDOT

SRF needs to complete analysis of preferred concept for Hwy 2 West Bypass by completing ADT and peak hour projections and LOS analysis after feedback is provided allowing selection of a preferred alternative.

SRF needs to complete draft reports by second half of October to allow review of Planning Advisory Committee during early November, and initiation of adoption process during November and December.