

Boerne-Fair Oaks-Kendall County Transportation Planning Committee

Suggested Goal: The suggested goal of the Kendall County Transportation Planning Committee shall be to establish a countywide transportation plan to mitigate current and future traffic congestion in Kendall County in a way that preserves cultural and environmental resources and promotes appropriate economic development.

Suggested Work Product: The suggested work product is a report that addresses three areas:

- A short-range program of projects and operational improvements that can be implemented in the short run to relieve current congestion;
- A long-range program of transportation improvements that addresses current and projected travel demand; and
- A program of recommended policies to guide the planning and design of the transportation/land use system within Kendall County.

Suggested Steering Committee Structure: I suggest a Steering Committee comprised of the County Judge and the Mayor of each incorporated City in the County be formed to guide this work. This arrangement offers the potential to provide a better understanding of when and how issues and recommendations might be brought forward to their respective bodies and help their citizens understand how their respective transportation systems work together. It will also provide an opportunity for communication among these entities.

- Kendall County Judge
- City of Boerne Mayor
- City of Fair Oaks Ranch Mayor

Suggest Study Committee Structure: I suggest a Study Committee be formed to do the work described in Suggested Work Product, above, and in more detail below. The Committee should include two elected officials who will serve as co-chairs and liaisons to their respective governing bodies; several individuals appointed by elected officials; and others appointed by stakeholders and interest groups in the County.

- County and City Co-chairs (2) – 1 person appointed by the County Judge and 1 person appointed by the Mayor of Boerne should be responsible for organizing and chairing the meetings.
- County Appointees (4)– Each County Commissioner should appoint one person to participate on the Study Committee. The appointees should be residents of Kendall County and the appointments should be made by resolution adopted by the Kendall County Commissioners Court.
- City of Boerne appointees (4) – The Boerne City Council should appoint four residents of the City of Boerne; the Mayoral Appointments shall be approved by the Boerne City Council.
- City of Fair Oaks appointees (2) – The Fair Oaks Ranch City Council should appoint two residents of Fair Oaks Ranch by ordinance approved by the Fair Oaks Ranch City Council.
- Boerne ISD (1) - The Boerne ISD Board of Trustees should appoint an individual to represent its interests

- Comfort ISD (1) – The Comfort ISD Board of Trustees should appoint an individual to represent its interests
- Boerne Chamber of Commerce (1) – The Boerne Chamber of Commerce Board should appoint one of its members to represents the interests of the Kendall County business community.
- Hill Country Alliance (1) – The Hill Country Alliance Board of Directors should appoint one of its members to represent the its interests in Kendall County.
- Boerne Kendall County EDC (1) – The Boerne Kendall County EDC Board of Directors should appoint one of its members to represent the economic development interests.
- Kendall County Farm Bureau (1)– The Kendall County Farm Bureau should appoint one of its members to represent the interest of the Agricultural Community.
- Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District (1)- The Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District should appoint one of its members to represent the interest of the Agricultural Community.
- Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District (1) – The Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District should appoint an individual to represent the interests of the CCGWCD and the citizens of Kendall County.¹

Meetings should be open to the public and a portion of each meeting should be dedicated to public comments, subject to guidelines like those used by the political subdivisions in the County.

The Committee should adopt its own operating norms regarding meeting times, durations, locations, decision making protocols, and report drafting and approval.

The Committee, through its Co-Chairs, may request technical presentations from issue experts, such as the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District; the State Demographer; the Texas Speleological Society; the Urban Land Institute; the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; etc.

Costs, if any, for travel, research, publications, reproduction, notices, etc. shall be born by Kendall County, the City of Boerne, and the City of Fair Oaks in a proportion agreed to by the Co-Chairs and approved by their respective governing bodies.

Suggested Tasks and Timeline: I suggest the following general scope of work and timeframe, with the caveat that the Committee should be afforded the latitude to consider additional topics if deemed necessary to complete its work.

Committee appointed (August 2019)

A. Organize committee and establish norms (meeting time, duration, location, operating rules, etc.)

¹ Added in response to public comment

- B. Review and comment on the 2007 Thoroughfare Planning Citizens Committee Report
- C. Review demographic information available from the Texas State Demographer; Review and comment on travel demand projections developed by the Alamo Area MPO.
- D. Review and comment on how the Kendall County transportation network relates to the regional transportation network.
- E. Review how transportation projects within Kendall County might be funded (TxDOT, County Bonds, City Bonds, PID, SUD, etc.)
- F. Develop a list of recommended short-range projects and operational improvements with range of magnitude cost estimates.
- G. Review and comment on the MPO boundaries within Kendall County
- H. Review and comment on other information identified by the Committee

Interim Report (January 2020)

- A. Review and comment on land use patterns in the county, including known conservation easements, parcels that are developed as “low density”, deed restrictions on parcel sizes, and other factors that can contribute to a population county density map
- B. Review and comment on City of Boerne and Kendall County Major Thoroughfare Policies and state law related to establishment of major thoroughfare plans.
- C. Review and recommend roadway capacity options for Kendall County
- D. Review and comment on how different types of land development influence transportation facilities and how different types of transportation facilities influence land development.
- E. Review and comment on other information identified by the Committee
- F. Develop preliminary recommendations for a conceptual Kendall County transportation master plan that identifies strategies, potential projects, funding mechanisms, policy issues, and other matters identified by the committee

Preliminary Report (June 2020)

- A. Review and comment on any other issue areas agreed to by the Committee
- B. Develop final recommendations for the priority projects with suggested timeframes, funding mechanisms, etc.

Final Report (August 2020)

- A. Consideration by Sponsoring Entities