

General Plan 2020 Focus Group Kick-Off Meetings

Grouped by topic. Includes comments from all groups at both kickoff meetings. Staff comments (as expressed at the meetings) are in italics. Post-meeting clarifying comments are in brackets [].

d) Written Comments (names omitted):

(1) Issues:

- Lack of North/South Route(s) West of IH-35.
- Sam Bass Rd. capacity has not been changed in 20 yrs. While there have been numerous housing developments & 2+ commercial developments feeding onto it.
- Law enforcement (?) seems to be an excess (very expensive one) of patrol office when especially at night when you see 3 patrol cars backed up behind a single vehicle with a lone driver on a traffic stop.
- Also, much congestion back up on IH-35 for minor incidents because the traffic of many in R.R.P.D. is drive up part the patrol car on an entry or exit ramp rather than getting out of the car and directing traffic around the incident so it keeps moving.
- Please! No Capital Metro. Yes, a transportation exploratory service but let it come from private sector and competitive.

(2) I would like to see more recycling programs

(3) Entertainment – Family entertainment rather than “6th Street” entertainment

Better lighting: sidewalks, bike paths.

Collect public input from community events.

(4) Development of arts/culture/entertainment in Round Rock

(5) (You may not remember meeting me after the meeting concluded Wednesday, but I'm the lady who spoke to you about transportation as we were leaving. We talked about moving the truck traffic from I 35 to 130 (and the noise problem it would create for me and my neighbors in the Forest Ridge/Forest Creek neighborhoods), and Rick Perry's beloved Trans Texas Corridor, or whatever he now calls it, which will not go away, but is planned to run through Hutto at our Eastern boundary.

I don't know if Hutto's City and County leaders are not strong enough to fight for a higher quality of life for their citizens, or if it is personally profitable to sell out cheaply, but the voices of that community do not seem to be heard, whether it's the fight with Waste Management over the landfill, the duplicate Water contract , or the Trans Texas

Corridor running thorough their community. Round Rock is going to great lengths in planning to make our community a first class city for which I applaud our leadership. But if the Eastern sector of Round Rock which I call home wants to remain an upscale, safe, economically healthy environment, it would be in our City's best interest to support the citizens of Hutto, our neighbor, in their opposition to any changes forced upon them by Williamson County Commissioners, or the Governor, or the Legislature that would diminish their quality of life such as their residential neighborhoods being surrounded by constant, deafening freeway noise - or a mile high dump site from which they do not even have any rights to profits if the waste is converted to biofuel. If Hutto's homeowners are driven from their neighborhoods by a real or perceived reduction in their quality of life, home values will drop and neighborhoods will decline, and eventually, crime creeps in, and crime knows no boundaries.

I don't know if anything can be done to fight this roadway if it does not touch our borders, and the City may even consider it an answer to its I 35 prayers and have no intention of opposing it, but if building the road cannot be stopped, I would urge the City to support moving it further to the East. I know I can't tolerate traffic noise, and I can only imagine there are many other homeowners out there like me. And if the citizens of Hutto ever need support in opposing measures that would threaten their positive growth, I would hope that Round Rock's leadership would lend a helping hand to the extent they are able.

And while I'm writing, I want to go on record supporting Round Rock pursuing rail in their transportation plans, starting with a connection to CapMetro's rail line that would run at least as far East as Dell, or to downtown Round Rock, and eventually to Dell Diamond, and on past Seton Williamson and into Georgetown. I know this will take years, but it's important that we lay the groundwork now.