

US 281 EIS Public Scoping Meeting #2

November 17, 2009

WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THIS MEETING

- Inform interested individuals of the US 281 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.
- Provide a forum where individuals may ask the EIS Team questions about various aspects of the US 281 EIS process.
- Inform individuals about the US 281 EIS alternatives screening process, the alternatives that are recommended for elimination as a result of Level 1 screening, and the alternatives recommended to be carried forward for further study.
- Allow for small group discussions of the US 281 transportation improvement purposes, objectives, and alternatives development and screening process.
- Gather input from the public regarding US 281 transportation improvement purposes, objectives and the alternatives development process and recommendations.

MEETING AGENDA

5:30 PM Open House

Station 1 – Welcome!

Station 2 – What is an EIS? What is NEPA? Why does US 281 need to be improved? What issues should be considered?

Station 3 – How does the alternatives screening process work?

Station 4 – What are the preliminary alternatives? Which ones are recommended to be carried forward for additional study? Which ones have been recommended for elimination?

6:30 PM Presentation

Welcome – Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

Need & Purpose, Objectives, Alternatives Development – US 281 EIS Team

7:05 PM Small Group Work Sessions (see other side for more information)

Instructions for the Small Group Sessions – US 281 EIS Team

Part 1 – Purposes and Objectives

Part 2 – Alternatives and Purposes

8:05 PM Reconvene Whole Group

Reports from Small Groups

Comments/Questions

Wrap up and Next Steps

8:30 PM Adjourn

SMALL GROUP WORK STEPS

1. You have been randomly divided into tables of eight-to-ten participants as you sign in at registration. Each table will have a Facilitator who will be responsible for keeping your group on task and assuring that everyone in the group has the opportunity to participate in the group discussion.
2. Each group will be asked to identify a **Recorder** who will write down the responses to the group discussion and a **Reporter** who will report to the whole group on the highlights of the discussion in your group.
3. You will be asked to individually complete a worksheet (Part 1) on the objectives and the purpose for the transportation improvements.
4. Once everyone has completed the Part 1 worksheet, the **Facilitator** will lead the group in a conversation about the worksheet results.
5. After this initial conversation, everyone will be asked to complete a second worksheet (Part 2) about the purpose of the transportation improvements and the alternatives recommended for Level 2 screening.
6. Once everyone has completed the Part 2 worksheet, the facilitator will lead the group in a conversation to see what they think about how well the alternatives address the purpose of the improvements.
7. The Reporter will be asked to make a brief report on the highlights of their group's discussion to the whole group when it reconvenes.
8. The Recorder should turn in the sheet with the discussion responses to the group's facilitator.

IN ORDER FOR THE SMALL GROUP WORK TO RUN SMOOTHLY WE ASK THAT PARTICIPANTS FOLLOW THESE SUGGESTED GUIDELINES:

- Listen to understand.
- Speak one at a time.
- It's okay to have different opinions; please give everyone who wants to speak the opportunity to express his/her opinion.
- Please keep your comments concise and to the point.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SECOND US 281 EIS PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING!

PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A COMMENT CARD!

A court reporter is available if you would like to make verbal comments for the record in addition to the comment card.

All written comments received or postmarked by Monday, November 30, 2009, will be in the Public Scoping Meeting #2 official record and considered by the US 281 EIS team. Comments received after the deadline will become part of the record for the next public meeting.

Written comments should be sent by US Mail to Leroy Alloway, Director, Community Development, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority, 1222 N. Main Avenue, Ste 1000, San Antonio, Texas 78212.

You may also submit comments to the Alamo RMA by fax to 210-495-5403 or e-mail at US281EIS@AlamoRMA.org.