

Revisions to Metropolitan Transportation Plan

2040



South East Texas Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO)
for the Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study (JOHRTS) Area

32-day Public Comment Period: *October 21, 2016 to November 21, 2016*

ADOPTED by the Transportation Planning Committee: *December 8, 2016*

This document was prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and the Texas Department of Transportation

CATEGORY	ANNUAL AVERAGE AMOUNT	FY 2014 TO 2040 PROJECTED AMOUNTS	Transit Funding Revenue
5307	\$7,142,924	\$192,858,935	
5310	\$228,526	\$6,170,202	
5311	\$1,178,288	\$31,813,765	

**Projected amount reflects current allocation. SETRPC-MPO expects current allocation only, with no future allocations. As such, an annual average was not developed.*

CATEGORY	FY 2014 TO 2040 PROJECTED AMOUNTS	PROGRAMMED AMOUNT	Table 11.6: Transit Fiscal Constraint
5307	\$192,858,935	\$41,785,547	
5310	\$6,170,202	\$1,142,630	
5311	\$31,813,765	\$5,891,438	

**This category is programmed by TxDOT and typically does not require individual listing. As such, a programmed amount is not reflected.*

Planned Improvements

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	17001-FXX	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$4,070,225
		State Funds from TxDOT	
		Other Source	\$718,275
FTA Apportionment Year	2017	Fiscal Year Cost	\$4,788,500
Project Phase	Capital Assistance		
Description	REPLACE SIX TRANSIT BUSES	Total Project Cost	\$4,788,500
		Trans Dev Credits Requested	\$0
Sec 5309 ID Number		Trans Dev Credits Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$0
Amendment Date & Action			

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	17002-FXX	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$1,501,200
		State Funds from TxDOT	
		Other Source	\$166,800
FTA Apportionment Year	2017	Fiscal Year Cost	\$1,668,000
Project Phase	Capital Assistance		
Description	CONSTRUCT ALTERNATIVE FUELING STATION	Total Project Cost	\$1,668,000
		Trans Dev Credits Requested	\$0
Sec 5309 ID Number		Trans Dev Credits Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$0
Amendment Date & Action			

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	17003-FXX	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$795,349
		State Funds from TxDOT	
		Other Source	\$198,837
FTA Apportionment Year	2017	Fiscal Year Cost	\$994,186
Project Phase	Capital Assistance		
Description	REPLACE EIGHT PARA TRANSIT BUSES	Total Project Cost	\$994,186
		Trans Dev Credits Requested	\$0
Sec 5309 ID Number		Trans Dev Credits Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$0
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Public Involvement Documentation

In accordance with federal legislation and regulations, and as part of the transportation planning process, the public was invited to review and comment on the proposed Revised Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040 (Revisions to JOHRTS MTP-2040). The SETRPC-MPO made this document available for public review on the SETRPC website (www.setrpc.org/ter) and at the SETRPC office for a 32-day comment period of October 21, 2016 through November 21, 2016.

The SETRPC-MPO conducted four meetings to allow the public to review and comment on the proposed Revised JOHRTS MTP-2045. These meetings were held at the following locations:

- Jefferson County
 - South East Texas Regional Planning Office, Beaumont – Monday, November 14, 2016
 - Port Arthur Public Library, Port Arthur – Thursday, November 17, 2016
- Hardin County
 - City Hall, Lumberton – Tuesday, November 15, 2016
- Orange County
 - Orange Public Library, Orange – Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Copies of the notice, the advertisements in local papers, and the public comments received are included in this attachment for informational purposes.

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Monday, November 14

South East Texas
Regional Planning Office
2210 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, TX
3:00 PM

Tuesday, November 15

Lumberton City Hall
836 N. Main Street
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Wednesday, November 16

Orange Public Library
200 5th Street
Orange, TX
3:00 PM

Thursday, November 17

Port Arthur Library
4615 9th Avenue,
Port Arthur, TX
3:00 PM

**Please join us for a meeting about
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Learn about the road, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and safety projects that are proposed through Year 2040, how much they will cost, and when they will happen.

Share your opinion on the proposed projects and provide input on what you want to see in the future.

The public review and comment period will be held
October 21 – November 21, 2016.

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization is responsible for planning transportation improvements in Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties, and we hope to hear from you.

Please attend any meeting to provide input or submit written comments by 5:00 PM, November 21, 2016 to:
Bob Dickinson, 2210 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77703.
All comments received will be addressed and provided to the Transportation Planning Committee for consideration.

For special needs requests, please contact Bob Dickinson at least 48 hours in advance at 409-899-8444 x 7520 or bdickinson@setrpc.org.



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October 20, 2016

CONTACT: *Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources*
409-899-8444 extension 7520 or email: bdickinson@setrpc.org

**Public Encouraged to Provide Comments on the Revised JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP
Admendment #1 and Revised JOHRTS MTP 2040 Admendment #5**

“SETRPC to Host Series of Public Meetings beginning Monday, November 14th”

(Beaumont) --- The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) will host a series of public meetings beginning **Monday, November 14, 2016**, providing citizens in Jefferson, Orange and Hardin Counties the opportunity to learn about and comment on the **Revised JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP Amendment #1 and the Revised JOHRTS MTP 2040 Amendment #5**. “This is an opportunity for the public to be directly involved in the process and have their voices heard as we make recommendations to address transportation-related issues that are affecting the southeast Texas region. Public input is an essential part of this process and we want to make sure the needs of our region are properly addressed,” says Bob Dickinson, Director of Transportation and Environmental Resources for SETRPC.

The 32-day public comment period is being held October 21 through November 21, 2016. The public is encouraged to attend a meeting or provide written comments by 5:00 PM, November 21, 2016. Four public meetings will be held in **Beaumont, Lumberton, Orange, and Port Arthur** at the following locations:

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Tuesday, November 15, 2016 - 3:00 PM

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These meetings are designed to solicit the public’s ideas and input on proposed transportation improvement projects planned for the southeast Texas area. All meetings are the same and are not restricted to a specific area. The public is strongly encouraged to be an active part of this process by selecting a meeting day and time that fits their schedule. For more information or for special needs requests (48 hours), please contact **Bob Dickinson** at (409) 899-8444 extension 7520 or bdickinson@setrpc.org.

SETRPC is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study (JOHRTS) area. SETRPC, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation, local governments and other interested parties, facilitates the regional multi-modal transportation planning process.



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Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (JOHRTS MTP) aims to improve mobility for the three-county region by promoting an efficient, effective, and multimodal transportation system that optimizes existing finances, protects the environment, and provides a net social benefit to users.

The JOHRTS MTP is the official multimodal transportation plan for the JOHRTS area and address no less than a 20-year planning horizon. Transportation plans require developing goals and objectives that reflect regional values and satisfy long-term regional transportation needs. The regional transportation goals include:

- Preserve and Maintain the Existing Transportation System
- Improve the Operational Efficiency of the Transportation Network
- Enhance the Safety of the Transportation Community
- Enhance the Security of the Transportation Community
- Protect and Improve the Environment
- Maximize the Social Benefits of the Transportation System
- Foster Economic Development
- Maintain Financial Responsibility in the Development and Preservation of the Transportation System

The JOHRTS MTP identifies projects and programs that will meet regional goals and accommodate the future needs of the three-county region. In addition, the JOHRTS MTP underscores the vital role that transportation plays in the social, environmental, and economic health of the area.

"Draft" JOHRTS Revised-MTP-2040 Amendment 5 (For Public Comment Only)

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Bids, addressed to Terry Corbett, Vegetation Control Program Manager, will be received at the Lower Neches Valley Authority office, 7850 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas, 77708 or may be mailed to Lower Neches Valley Authority, P.O. Box 5117, Beaumont, Texas 77726-5117. The bids will be publicly opened and read at said office at the time set forth. All submissions must be sealed and clearly labeled "Bid Documents, Do Not Open until 10:00 a.m., November 10, 2016."

The right is reserved by the Lower Neches Valley Authority, as its interest may require, to accept or reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality in the bids received.

The Contract Documents, including all product specifications, are on file and may be examined at the Lower Neches Valley Authority office. Copies may be secured from LNVA upon request.

Bids may be held by the Lower Neches Valley Authority for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of review-

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ing the bids and investigating the bidders' qualifications prior to the contract award.

Any questions should be directed to:

Terry Corbett
LOWER NECHES VALLEY
AUTHORITY
Vegetation Control Program
Manager
P.O. Box 5117
Beaumont, TX 77726-5117
(936) 876-0021
(409) 898-2468 (fax)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MYRTLE F. LIVINGSTON LANDOLT, Deceased, were issued on October 4, 2016, under Docket Number 10541, pending in the Probate Court of Hardin County, Texas to: NANCY KATHERINE LANDOLT.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Bill Richey
Griffin & Matthews
400 Neches at Crockett
Beaumont, Texas 77701

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

dated this 4th day of October, 2016.

GRIFFIN & MATTHEWS

BY /s/ BILL RICHEY
State Bar No. 16874950
400 Neches at Crockett
Beaumont, Texas 77701
Telephone: (409) 832-6006
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billrichey@griffinandmatthews.com

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Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

c/o Curtis L. Soileau,
Attorney at Law
350 Pine Street, Suite 265,
Beaumont, TX 77701

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this ___ day of October, 2016.

By: /s/ Curtis L. Soileau

Curtis L. Soileau Law

Firm,
PLLC
Attorney for Applicant
State Bar No. 18824535
409.241.3154
409.241.3157 fax
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Public Comment Period and Public Hearings

The Transportation and Environmental Services Division is announcing a public comment period to be held from October 21, 2016 – November 21, 2016 so that the public can comment on the proposed JOHRTS FY 2017-2020 TIP Amendment #1 and the FY 2040 MTP Amendment #5. A series of public meetings will be held November 14, 2016 – November 17, 2016 for the public to learn and comment on these documents.

For more information visit the Transportation and Environmental Services website at <http://www.setrpc.org/ter/>

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Public Participation in Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) will hold the third Mitigation Action Plan public meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 beginning at 5:30pm at the Orange County Expo Center located at 11475 FM 1442, Orange, Texas 77630. The meeting will encourage the public's participation in the risk assessment portion of updating the Hazard Mitigation Action Plans for the South East Texas Region of Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties. The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) requires the plans be updated every five (5) years. The goal of the Mitigation Action Plans is to outline projects within the region that can mitigate/reduce/prevent the loss of life and property as a result of a natural disaster. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, or if special accommodations are needed, please contact Sue Landry at slandry@setrpc.org. This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it or (409) 924-7514.

You can also participate by completing an online survey.
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Foster Grandparent Program Open Volunteer Enrollment

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November 21, 2016

To the Honorable Members
Transportation Planning Committee
c/o Mr. Bob Dickinson
Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission
2210 Eastex Freeway
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Comments by Big Thicket Association on Draft Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study (JOHRTS) Amendment #5, Revisions to Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2040

Dear Members of the Transportation Planning Committee and Mr. Dickinson:

The Big Thicket Association (BTA) was formed in 1964 to preserve the diverse ecosystems of the Big Thicket Region. The Association's mission, as a non-profit conservation organization, is to preserve, protect, and promote the Big Thicket region, its natural resources and cultural history through advocacy, education and research. The BTA has joined forces with eight other conservation organizations and established the "Coalition to Oppose Loop 299".

Please be advised that the Big Thicket Association opposes inclusion of FM 299 (MPO Project # 94155; CSJ #071003001) in Amendment #5 of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan revisions, and we ask that the two-lane FM 299 project, listed at \$41,922,000, be removed from the Plan.

FM 299, popularly known as the Vidor Loop, is an expensive project which has a number of problems associated with it. With less than 30% of the engineering design completed, the cost is currently projected at \$53 million. Based upon this cost, Orange County would be required to issue bonds of at least \$40 million to pay for engineering design, environmental studies, permitting, and construction, with ad valorem taxes raised to pay back the loan. While a substantial part of the cost of the project is slated to be reimbursed by TxDOT's pass-through toll financing program, the reimbursement is dependent on the level of vehicle traffic. The traffic projection of 11,800 vehicles/day when the road opens (date unknown), fails to take into account the road improvements, such have expansion of I-10, North FM 105, and Hwy 12, which have improved Vidor's traffic flow. This suggests that the project traffic level will likely be less. If so, the county will have to cover more of the cost. The consultants promoting construction of FM 299 have claimed that the level of "economic development" generated by the road would cover the cost of at least 17 years of the 20-year debt period; however, the promoters have issued no substantiation of this claim. If, as seems likely, this claim proves to be exaggerated, the cost of this project could be financially devastating for a county of fewer than 85,000 residents.

The city councils of five Orange County cities -- Orange, Vidor, West Orange, Bridge City, and Pinehurst -- have adopted resolutions opposing use of county funds for FM 299. More than half of the population of Orange County resides in these five cities -- a clear indication that the project does not have popular support.

The entirety of the route of FM 299 is within the 100-year floodplain of the Neches River and either in or affects jurisdictional "waters of the United States," including wetlands of national importance. The US Environmental Protection Agency in 2013 recommended to the US Army Corps of Engineers that a fill permit for the road be denied. TxDOT subsequently withdrew the Clean Water Act fill application for the project. In addition to the wetlands directly impacted, FM 299 can be expected to have negative impacts on the habitat and wildlife of the Big



Thicket National Preserve, arguably the most biologically diverse element of the National Park System. The proposed FM 299 loop roughly parallels two-and-a-half miles of the Preserve, coming within 340 feet of the boundary.

Given the quality of the wetland habitat impacted, and proximity of the project to the Big Thicket National Preserve, the project is likely to require an expensive Environmental Impact Statement (at a minimum extensive environmental studies), resulting in additional costs for extensive mitigation to compensate for the significant loss of wetland function. It is doubtful that the current cost estimate would be adequate to cover these costs, resulting in cost overruns. Further, the impacts may be sufficiently high to result in denial of a federal permit to build FM 299, making FM 299 a high-risk project.

In summary, the Big Thicket Association asks that the Transportation Planning Committee remove FM 299 (MPO Project # 94155; CSJ #071003001) from the Metropolitan Transportation Plan based on lack of need, excessive cost, excessive environmental impact, and the high risk of the project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bruce Walker, Executive Director
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700 North Street, Suite 79
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From: [Bob Dickinson](#)
To: [Jimmie Lewis](#)
Subject: FW: Vidor Loop 299
Date: Monday, November 21, 2016 12:53:28 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Phil Rogers [<mailto:philarogers@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 9:48 AM
To: Bob Dickinson <bdickinson@setrpc.org>
Subject: Vidor Loop 299

Sir:

I urge you to oppose the proposed Vidor Loop 299 project. It will serve no transportation need, nor provide economic benefits to the region as projected. On the contrary, it will only serve to enrich a few at the expense of Orange County and the taxpayers of Texas at large. Furthermore, and this is also of economic importance, it will cause irreparable harm to surrounding areas in the Big Thicket National Preserve, and probably cause properties upstream to flood.

Sincerely,

Philip Rogers

From: [Bob Dickinson](#)
To: [Jimmie Lewis](#)
Subject: FW: FM 299 - Comments on JOHRTS MTP Revisions
Date: Monday, November 21, 2016 12:52:01 PM

From: Leslie Barras [mailto:lebarras@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2016 2:06 PM
To: Bob Dickinson <bdickinson@setrpc.org>
Cc: Paige Callaway <pcallaway@setrpc.org>; Leslie Barras <lebarras@gmail.com>
Subject: FM 299 - Comments on JOHRTS MTP Revisions

November 19, 2016

Mr. Bob Dickinson
Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission
2210 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, TX 77703
Sent via email to bdickinson@setrpc.org

Comments on Draft Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study (JOHRTS)
Amendment #5, Revisions to Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2040

Dear Mr. Dickinson:

As an Orange County resident, I write to oppose the inclusion of the following project in the above-referenced MTP amendment and revisions, and ask that it be removed from the Plan:

MPO Project # 94155; CSJ #071003001;
FM 299 - construct a new two-lane highway, \$41, 922,000

This is an expensive project that is being claimed as "needed" to reduce traffic on FM 105. It originated in the 1990s when federal highway-aid funds were readily available and was proposed for funding at that time through the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Urban and Rural Aid. However, according to a March 11, 1996 letter from the Beaumont District Engineer of TxDOT to Don Graves, the City Manager of Vidor, the proposed route was never made a priority in the scoring process of the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC).

Now, with the relatively limited availability of federal highway-aid and state highway-aid funds, the citizens of Orange County would be required to assume the bulk of financial risk for this road under the TxDOT pass-through toll financing program. With less than 30% of engineering design completed, the cost is currently at \$53 million. Based upon this very preliminary cost, the County would be required to issue bonds of at least \$40 million at minimum to pay for engineering design, environmental studies and permitting, and construction. The ad valorem taxes of Orange County's residents and businesses would be **required** to be raised to pay back the loan. The private promoters of construction of FM 299, and who have now been hired by the Orange County Commissioners--Strategic Planning

and Project Development, Public Works, and the Community Development Education Foundation--claim that "economic development" that would result from the road would relieve taxpayers from at least 17 years of the 20-year debt period. There is no substantiation of this claim whatsoever, and if the claim proved wrong, the consequence could be financially devastating for Orange County for years. In the meantime, these road promoters would have received their fees from the bond proceeds, and have no personal or business financial stake in the outcome for the people of Orange County.

Because the entirety of the route is in or affects jurisdictional "waters of the US," including wetlands of national significance, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2013 stated to the US Army Corps of Engineers that a fill permit for the road should be **denied**. TxDOT subsequently withdrew the Clean Water Act fill application for the route. Environmental impact studies, mitigation for the loss of significant floodplain capacity and wetlands, and a new Army Corps permitting process will be costly, take years, and may not result in the project being permitted.

The City Councils of Orange, Vidor, West Orange, Bridge City, and Pinehurst have adopted resolutions opposing County funding of this project. Over one-half of the entire population of the County is represented by these votes. Additionally, Vidor officials state that the +20-year old justification for the project is no longer valid based upon other substantial TxDOT investments in the locale, e.g., the I-10 expansion and improvements to North FM 105 and Hwy. 12.

Finally, this proposal for new, expensive construction is inconsistent with several of the planning factors and considerations mandated by Subpart C (Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming) of the regulations found at 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 450. These factors include protecting and enhancing the environment and emphasizing the preservation of the existing transportation system. (23 CFR 450.306(a)(5)&(8).)

Consideration of these factors "shall be reflected" in the metropolitan transportation planning process that is underway. (23 CFR 450.306(b).)

Please ensure that these comments are provided to the Transportation Planning Committee. I look forward to the response, "summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments" (mine and others) of the SETRPC "[d]emonstrating explicit consideration and response to public input received during the development of the metropolitan transportation plan" (40 CFR 450.316(a)(1)(vi) & (a)(2).)

The deadline for these comments is close of business on Monday, November 21. Would you send me a short acknowledgement when you receive them so I know the deadline has been met? Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ms. Leslie Barras
912 W. Cypress Avenue
Orange, TX 77630
lebarras@gmail.com

From: [Bob Dickinson](#)
To: [Jimmie Lewis](#)
Subject: FW: Comments on FM 299 -- MPO Project # 94155; CSJ #071003001
Date: Monday, November 21, 2016 12:51:36 PM

From: janicecrumpbezanson@gmail.com [mailto:janicecrumpbezanson@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** bezanson@texas.net

Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2016 5:20 PM

To: Bob Dickinson <bdickinson@setrpc.org>

Subject: Comments on FM 299 -- MPO Project # 94155; CSJ #071003001

November 19, 2016

To the Honorable Members
Transportation Planning Committee
c/o Mr. Bob Dickinson
Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission
2210 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, TX 77703
Via email

Comments by Texas Conservation Alliance on Draft Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study (JOHRTS) Amendment #5, Revisions to Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2040

Dear Members of the Transportation Planning Committee and Mr. Dickinson:

Texas Conservation Alliance (TCA), a 45-year-old statewide conservation organization with a long history of involvement in Southeast Texas issues, opposes inclusion of FM 299 (MPO Project # 94155; CSJ #071003001) in Amendment #5 of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan revisions, and asks that the two-lane FM 299 project, listed at \$41,922,000, be removed from the Plan.

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In summary, Texas Conservation Alliance asks that the Transportation Planning Committee remove FM 299 (MPO Project # 94155; CSJ #071003001) from the Metropolitan Transportation Plan based on lack of need, excessive cost, excessive environmental impact, and the high risk of the project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Janice Bezanson

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From: [Bob Dickinson](#)
To: [Jimmie Lewis](#)
Subject: FW: Request to remove Vidor Loop 299 from the long-range transportation plan
Date: Monday, November 21, 2016 12:51:04 PM

From: Kevin McAdams [mailto:kmcadams@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2016 3:12 PM
To: Bob Dickinson <bdickinson@setrpc.org>
Subject: Request to remove Vidor Loop 299 from the long-range transportation plan

Dear Mr. Dickinson,
Please make sure that the below email is made available to the SE TX Regional Planning Commission members and alternates on or before their next meeting. Thank you.
Kevin McAdams

Dear Commission Members:

Please remove the proposed Vidor Loop 299 from the long-range transportation plan. Reasons why this project should not be pursued include:

- There is no demonstrated purpose and need for this project.
- This unneeded road would impose a needless additional tax burden on Orange County taxpayers.
- The preliminary \$53 million cost estimate would certainly go higher if the project were to advance, saddling taxpayers with a second layer of needless tax burden.
- TxDOT's 11,800-vehicles/day projection is almost certainly too high, so, if the road were built, the hoped-for TxDOT reimbursement would shrink and taxpayer liability would grow, adding yet a third layer of needless tax burden.
- Project promoters have published no economic plan or forecast to buttress their claim that "growth" around the proposed road would offset its costs and/or create a net economic gain for the County residents.
- Since the proposed road would be entirely in a flood zone, the roadway's elevated causeway would dam and impede natural flood drainage and shift flooding problems to new areas.
- Any hoped-for new development (with its hoped-for new tax revenue) along the new road would need to be elevated to at least 9 ft. ASL (at least 6 ft above the current flood plain), requiring a huge and costly volume of fill dirt under any residential or commercial projects. .
- Development-driven new fill dirt would shift flooding problems to other previously unaffected areas, elevating those property owners' flood risks and flood insurance costs.
- Any new commercial development would compete with downtown Vidor's businesses.
- If the new road is intended to reduce traffic congestion, then direct driveway connections to the road should be prohibited; this would necessitate the construction of a parallel feeder road infrastructure, all at County expense.
- The proposed road would negatively impact the nearby Big Thicket Natural Preserve, and would damage, destroy, or fragment flood-absorbing wetlands and swamps.

- The city councils of five Orange County cities (including Vidor) -- representing 53% of County residents -- have all voted against spending County funds on this proposal.

Thank you for your attention,

Kevin McAdams

912 W. Cypress Ave.

Orange, TX 77630

From: [Bob Dickinson](#)
To: [Jimmie Lewis](#)
Subject: FW: MPO Project #94155; CSJ #071003001
Date: Monday, November 21, 2016 12:50:33 PM

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From: plantseedssso@gt.rr.com [<mailto:plantseedssso@gt.rr.com>]
Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2016 9:37 PM
To: Bob Dickinson <bdickinson@setrpc.org>
Subject: MPO Project #94155; CSJ #071003001

November 20, 2016

Mr. Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Members of the Transportation Planning Committee Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission
2210 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, TX 77703
Sent via email

Re: Draft Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study (JOHRTS) Amendment #5, Revisions to Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2040

I am a resident of Orange County, Texas. I oppose the construction of FM299 for many reasons. I request that you remove it from your Plans and do not allow any future consideration of the proposal.
MPO Project #94155; CSJ #071003001; FM299 – construct a new two-lane highway, \$41,922,000.

The first concern is for the wetlands, trees, wildlife, and water that would be adversely affected by construction of this road. The trees in this area serve to clean the air of pollution from the many vehicles traveling IH-10. This area acts as a water retention pond to hold excess rain water. The proposed road would permanently destroy the natural area. The road will be next to the Big Thicket National Preserve, which will threaten the plants and animals in the Preserve. The many visitors to the Preserve contribute to the economy of this region. The designated area for this road would serve Orange County much better as a preserve, to attract eco-tourism.

Another big concern is for the current residents and businesses of Vidor. This road would in effect be a dam on the west side of Vidor, where rain waters usually drain. This dam would give all the residents of Vidor equal opportunities to FLOOD. If all traffic relocates to a bypass, it will negatively impact Hwy. 105 businesses. The concept for FM299 was developed twenty or more years ago. Much has changed in that time period: widening Hwy. 105, Hwy. 12, and IH-10. The proposed design does not meet current desires of Vidor residents. Cities of Orange, Vidor, Bridge City, and Pinehurst have all passed resolutions opposing Orange County funding this project.

Orange County already has a strained budget. The amount of money that would be borrowed to fund this road is not feasible for Orange County to repay. Taxes would rise to the point that people would be moving out of the county. The promoters of this road claim there will be booming economic development, which would pay for the costs. Who in their right mind would build a new business or a home in a cypress-tupelo swamp floodplain? Who is going to fund the water, sewer and electric services needed for businesses? Orange County already has lots of empty land and buildings that are not being used. Does that sound like businesses are going to storm in here? The promoters for this will probably see financial gains especially if hired by the county whether the road gets built or not. This proposed project offers nothing to Orange County except an unrealistic debt.

Sincerely,
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November 7, 2016

Mr. Bob Dickinson
Director
Transportation and Environmental Resources
Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission
2210 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, Texas 77703

Dear Mr. Dickinson,

The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club (Sierra Club) provides this input into the Draft Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study, Amendment #5, Revisions to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

The Sierra Club requests the removal of the 6.2 Mile, Proposed FM 299, New Two-Lane Highway, Pass-Through Road, Orange County, #CSJ 0710-03-001, MPO #94155, from the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The Sierra Club opposes this road because:

1) This new proposed FM 299 has not been justified with an appropriate purpose and need. In particular, the proposal fails to take into account other road projects, like the expansion of Interstate 10, which will reduce significantly or eliminate the supposed purpose and need for proposed FM 299.

2) The cost, which at a minimum will be \$53 million, exceeds the ability for Orange County to pay its share and saddles taxpayers with debt that will hang over their necks for decades. Votes have been taken by the elected representatives of 53% of Orange County and these votes have registered as "NO" for proposed FM 299.

3) Almost the entirety of proposed FM 299 is in the 100-year floodplain or 100-year floodway. As a result the cost of proposed FM 299 will be significantly higher due to the requirement of raising the road-bed above the 100-year floodplain.

4) A portion of proposed FM 299 may be in the 100-year storm surge area and thus be vulnerable to hurricanes and other storms. As climate change continues and worsens and sea level rises, proposed FM 299 will be subject to additional heavy rain events and storms and will be in danger of flooding or having its north and or south entrance-ways flooded, thus eliminating its use and or stranding motorists.

5) Most of the right-of-way for proposed FM 299 is not only in the 100-year floodplain but also in jurisdictional wetlands. Enclosed are two maps. One map shows proposed FM 299 alignment. The second map shows that almost the entire length of proposed FM 299 is in wetlands which require that an U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 10/404 permit be issued. This means extensive mitigation for wetland losses will be required which will drive up the cost of the proposed FM 299 project.

Proposed FM 299 appears to go through lake, riverine, forested, emergent, aquatic bed, and pond wetlands or waters of the United States. These losses and damage must be mitigated after first avoiding and minimizing environmental impacts. In addition, the road will act as a dam and obstacle for the migration of plants and wildlife in this area and will thus fragment and cut the

connectivity of all of these habitats. Residual environmental impacts that affect the hydrology and water regime of the area and wetlands will cause further cumulative and secondary damage.

6) Parts of the Big Thicket National Preserve, Beaumont Unit, exist directly next to proposed FM 299 and environmental impacts may occur on this important federal public land because of the project. Adequate analysis, assessment, and evaluation must be done which ensures that any primary, secondary, or cumulative impacts that occur and negatively impact the Beaumont Unit, due to proposed FM 299, must be avoided, minimized, and mitigated.

7) The wetland and other environmental impacts of proposed FM 299 require that an environmental impact statement (EIS) be prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) with citizen input and review and comment. A mitigation plan is required under NEPA and Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) NEPA implementing regulations/rules to implement the mitigation plan to reduce environmental impacts. In the CEQ's NEPA implementing regulations, 40 CFR 1508.27, the intensity of environmental impacts must consider:

a. Impacts that may be both beneficial and adverse. A significant effect may exist even if the Federal agency believes that on balance the effect will be beneficial.

b. The degree to which the proposed action affects public health or safety.

c. Unique characteristics of the geographic area such as proximity to historic or cultural resources, park lands, prime farmlands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas.

d. The degree to which the effects on the quality of the human environment are likely to be highly controversial.

e. The degree to which the possible effects on the human environment are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks.

f. The degree to which the action may establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects or represents a decision in principal about a future consideration.

g. Whether the action is related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts. "Significance" exists if it is reasonable to anticipate a cumulatively significant impact on the environment. "Significance cannot be avoided by terming an action temporary or by breaking it down into small component parts".

h. The degree to which the action may adversely affect districts, sites, highways, structures, or objects listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or may cause loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural, or historical resources.

i. The degree to which the action may adversely affect an endangered or threatened species or its habitat that has been determined to be critical under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

j. Whether the action threatens a violation of Federal, State, or local law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment.

If the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission does not reject proposed FM 299 the appropriate course of action for Orange County, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to follow would be to publish a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS in the Federal Register. This would trigger a several year process to analyze, assess, and evaluate proposed FM 299 and will cost Orange County additional money.

The Sierra Club requests that the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission reject proposed FM 299 and remove this project from the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

The Sierra Club appreciates this opportunity to comment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brandt Mannchen
Chair, Big Thicket Committee
Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club
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713-664-5962



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MEETING: Public Meeting
Metropolitan Transportation Plan
2017 Feb Quarterly Revision

LOCATION: South East Texas Regional Planning
Commission
Beaumont, Texas

DATE: Monday, November 14, 2016 – 3:00 PM

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Public Meeting
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Lumberton City Hall
Lumberton, Texas

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Tuesday, November 15, 2016 – 3:00 PM

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Public Meeting
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City of Orange Public Library
Orange, Texas

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Wednesday, November 16, 2016 – 3:00 PM

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Public Meeting
Metropolitan Transportation Plan
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City of Port Arthur Public Library
Port Arthur, Texas

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Thursday, November 17, 2016 – 3:00 PM

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**South East Texas Regional Planning Commission-
Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO)
Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study (JOHRTS) Transportation Planning
Committee**

A Resolution Adopting the Revisions to JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040, Amendment #5.

WHEREAS, the SETRPC-MPO for the JOHRTS area is the designated agency for transportation planning in Jefferson, Orange, and Hardin Counties in southeast Texas; and

WHEREAS, the SETRPC-MPO is responsible for preparing and submitting the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040, Amendment #5 to the JOHRTS Transportation Planning Committee for approval; and

WHEREAS, the JOHRTS Transportation Planning Committee approved the adoption of the Revisions to JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040, Amendment #5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Amendment #5 to JOHRTS MTP 2040 is hereby adopted.

Approved this the 8th day of December, 2016



Eddie Arnold, Chairman

JOHRTS Transportation Planning Committee
Commissioner, Jefferson County

MPO Self-Certification

In accordance with 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 450.334, the Texas Department of Transportation and the Beaumont-Port Arthur Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Hardin, Jefferson, Orange Counties urbanized area(s) hereby certify that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements including:

- 1) 23 United States Code (U.S.C) 134, 49 U.S.C 503, and 23 CFR 450 subpart C – Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming;
- 2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- 3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- 4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- 5) Section 1101(b) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU (Public Law 109-59)) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
- 6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- 7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- 8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- 9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- 10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

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APPENDIX A

Projects Programmed in 2040 JOHRTS MTP, Amendment # 1, Amendment # 2, and Amendment # 3, Amendment # 4

MPO PROJECT NUMBER	CSJ	HIGHWAY NAME	LIMITS FROM	LIMITS TO	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL FUNDING
00021	002811193	IH 10	KCS RR, east	Cow Bayou	Widen existing mainlanes from 4 to 6 lanes	\$9,250,000
13002	073902155	IH 10	at FM 364		Reconstruct interchange	\$17,598,129
94131	020011095	US 69	SH 105, south	IH 10	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes	\$6,570,000
06020	020011094	US 69	Tram Rd, south	SH 105	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes	\$13,000,000
06006	073902140	IH 10	Walden Rd, east	US 90	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes	\$38,700,000
94155	071003001	FM 299	South of Walden Rd and FM 105	Conner Rd and FM 105	Construct a new 2 lane highway	\$41,922,000
12010	024303061	SH 62	FM 1078	700' south of FM 1078	Install right turn lane	\$83,488
12011	065301013	SP 136	.65 miles north of HWY 347	.61 miles north on Spur 136	Install right and left turn lanes on Spur 136 at Huntsman Plant	\$414,287
12012	092003078	CS	East Candlestick Dr, from FM 3513	240' west of FM 3513	Installation of right turn lane at East Candlestick Drive	\$40,500
12014	092030081	CR	Old Highway 90, south of IH-10 access road	East bank of Neches River	Construct railroad grade separation	\$9,000,000
12015	092038250	VA	Inside the Port of Port Arthur		Install railroad track	\$3,324,947
12016	092000112	VA	Districtwide		Install dynamic message signs	\$484,792
12017	092003079	CS	Forest Rd, from US 69/287	West Chance Rd	Construct sidewalks on both sides of roadway, including ramps	\$315,479
12018	020011103	US 69	Lucas St	Dowlen Rd	Construct sidewalks on the west side of US 69 right of way	\$342,201
12019	078601080	FM 364	Delaware St	Phelan Blvd	Construct sidewalks	\$333,851
12020	092038251	VA	Beaumont Municipal Transit		Replace 3 diesel buses with compressed natural gas (CNG) buses	\$1,875,000
12021	092000114	VA	In Jefferson, Orange, and Hardin Counties		Areawide Rideshare Program	\$1,500,000
12027	092038239	CA	Folsom Dr, from Dowlen Rd	FM 364/Major	Construct hike and bike trail	\$826,418
13001	092038254	CS	Port Neches Ave, from Block St	Llano St	Construction of sidewalks and ADA ramps	\$814,451
09005	092030067	VA	Port of Orange		Upgrade the rail within the port	\$490,000
96016	092038187	CS	Washington Blvd, at Guinn Ave	Langham Rd	Widen to 4 lanes with a continuous left turn lane	\$6,814,679
02001	092038189	CS	Dowlen Rd, from US 90, south	Walden Rd	Construct a new 4 lane street with left turn lanes at the major intersections	\$11,346,898

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96019	092038178	CS	Old Dowlen Rd, from SH 105, south	Dowlen Rd	Reconstruct existing roadway and add continuous left turn lane	\$5,000,000
12009	092030080	CS	Old US 90 at Stephenson Dr	.40 miles northwest of FM 105	Install right turn lane at Vidor Elementary	\$70,461
14010	073902161	IH 10	Hamshire Rd, east	FM 365	Widen freeway from 4 to 6 lanes	\$61,338,557
14011	073902160	IH 10	Chambers Co/L, east	Hamshire Rd	Widen freeway from 4 to 6 lanes	\$41,110,380
14012	078601082	FM 364	0.5 miles north of IH 10	900 ft south of IH 10	Widen to four lanes with a center left turn lane	\$3,767,330
14013	073902162	IH 10	FM 365	CR 131 (Walden Rd)	Widen freeway from 4 to 6 lanes	\$151,000,000
15001	028111999	IH 10	Cow Bayou	FM 1442	Widen existing mainlanes from 4 to 6 lanes	\$8,400,001
15002	078601083	FM 364	900 ft south of IH 10	SH 124	Widen to four lanes with a center left turn lane	\$1,400,000
15003	02811179	IH 10	FM 1442, Eas	UP Railroad	Widen existing mainlanes from 4 to 6 lanes	\$10,000,001
15004	02814112	IH 10	UP Railroad	0.54 miles east of FM 3247	Widen existing mainlanes from 4 to 6 lanes	\$4,000,001
15005	06506063	US 69	Cooks LaKe Rd	Jefferson County Line	Construct Frontage Roads over Pine Island Bayou	\$6,862,111
15006	06507060	US 69	Hardin County Line	Tram Road	Construct Frontage Roads over Pine Island Bayou	\$4,227,797
16004	092030083	CR	On Old Hwy 90 from EB IH-10 FR	KCSRR	Widen existing roadway	\$509,495
16005	092038257	CS	Hardin County Line	Houston Avenue	Port of Port Arthur Entrance	\$1,250,000
TOTAL FUNDING						\$463,983,254



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