

Substandard Roads Task Force
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2024

Sign in sheet attached. REMINDER TO SIGN IN, attendees names are missing

Online attendance: Nicodemus Abowd, Warren Kull, Ge'Nell Gary (task force member), Larry Coulter, and Jim Lavender

1. Citizen Communications: A petition for Deer Creek is being developed. We received letters from Deer Creek community members. Two young speakers provided their notes. These documents will be filed on the webpage.

The following citizens spoke about roads they live on or travel on

- Mr. Hansen & Carrie Williamson – 17709 Westlake Drive (Deer Creek)
- Bruce Roberts & Mercedes Perez – 10414 Parkwood Drive (Deer Creek)
- Phillip Mullins - 10301 Parkwood (Deer Creek)
- Jackie and Gentry Boone – 10609 Creekwood Cir (Deer Creek)
- Sarah Perez & family – 10412 Parkwood Dr (Deer Creek)
- Nicodemus Abowd – 15003 Julie Lane (Cardinal Hills)
- Larry Coulter – 4201 Noon Day Cv (Travis Settlement)
- Jim Lavender – 4101 Noon Day Cv (Travis Settlement)
- Warren Kull – 17404 Village Drive (Deer Creek)

Summary of concerns:

Self-maintenance that only lasts until the next rainfall

No drainage

EMS response time for medical events, coming and going

Cars are damaged traversing the substandard road

Children cannot ride bike due to condition of road

Family, friends & siblings cannot or won't visit due to road condition

Quality of life will be improved with a better road

Properties along substandard roads are seeing more and more development

Some roads were never built

Traffic and rain continually damage road

One way in/out

Access for trash collection is hampered

Bus and school traffic is haphazard

No waterlines – Travis County does not develop waterlines. Community should reach out to service providers

No lighting – Travis County does not install streetlights with upgraded roads and roads in general.

Community can contact power service provider for lighting.

Transitions from unimproved to improved roads are not in good condition, including no signage.

Some paved roads, paved long ago, are starting to deteriorate.

Travis County review of substandard roads might exceed substandard road standards, Kathy will follow up.

Many roads in Deer Creek are substandard and travel is difficult including Deer Creek Skyview, Janet, Village, Lake Park and Creekwood Cir.

2. Brief discussion of the Substandard Road Program Example provided by Deer Creek community Cindy. She addressed each of the matrix criteria. Kathy explained some concerns to assess the roads beyond desktop review. Cindy's example is good, but some information is unknown. Cindy was not in attendance. Cindy's example includes Lake Park Drive, Lake Ridgeview Cir, and Parkwood Drive. Roads off these roads are not included. If included, length of improvements increases by 3148 lf to 6606 lf, 1.25miles.
3. The Task Force did not need additional road assessments from Kathy.

4. Review of Task Force draft presentation/goals and draft matrix by Rajeev
 - All column headers reviewed explaining logic and tie to other cells.
 - Kathy wanted to make sure she understood how each benefit is defined and was thinking about where to get the information from to score benefits and costs as the Task Force anticipates.
 - Most agreed with benefits included request to include “Env/Drainage” benefit.
 - Rajeev will make some minor adjustments to the matrix and provide an explanation of spreadsheet logic.
 - Most agreed that the weigh factors for each benefit need discussion and Task Force to come to agreement at or by next meeting.
 - Rajeev may send out updated matrix on Friday by email. The matrix will be placed on the webpage if requested by the Task Force.
 - It was generally agreed the list of roads will be reduced to 20 or so.
 - Community outreach is a priority for the Task Force. Timing of when that occurs to be further discussed.
5. David requested a list of roads from Precinct 3 which they provided. He will make the request to other Precincts and the Judge. We discussed that a minimum number of roads should be on the review list, perhaps a minimum of 20 total. These roads may be ranked via the matrix.
6. Standards and Funding discussion
 - Not discussed in detail but changes to Chapter 384 should be made at a future meeting and a spending plan for the bond funds. John mentioned that overtopping of the road will not be allowed. Storm frequency associated with that statement was not discussed.
 - A question regarding how much it costs a rate payer for a \$10M bond. Rajeev may have that information.
7. Review future agenda discussions and timing
 - Appoint a task force member to lead/chair the group. To be made at the next meeting. Two roles for consideration, managing the task force and presenting at Commission. Could be same or two task members, to be determined by the Task Force.
 - Move items to next agenda that are not discussed tonight.
 - Include items requested by Task Force.

Draft Current and Future Task Force Agendas

~~Week 1 — January 10, 2024~~

- ~~——— Introduce County staff (Katharine Hardin, John Routh, and David Greear)~~
- ~~Introduce Task Force Committee members~~
- ~~Discuss history, summarization, and challenges of substandard roads program~~
- ~~Lay out budget~~
- ~~——— Bond budget for Substandard roads is: \$10M~~
- ~~——— Provide list of Substandard Roads to Committee (attached)~~
- ~~—Provide general guidance on the cost per foot for a project~~

~~Week 2 — January 17, 2024~~

- ~~Task Force discuss how they would like to brainstorm ideas for assessing roads.~~
- ~~● What would move a road to the top of the list?~~
 - ~~○ Kathy will scribe ideas for group~~
 - ~~○ The Task Force can decide what parameters to consider and how to rank.~~
 - ~~○ Task Force to provide Kathy with a list of parameters. She will work on developing a draft road list for future consideration.~~
- ~~Determine cash flow over 5 years for projects~~
- ~~Based on Task Force parameters, Kathy will work with Jaime to create a road list. Timing for the next meeting to be determined. Depending upon the time to create the draft list, a week may be skipped.~~
- ~~Continue discussion of standards for Substandard Roads if necessary. If a decision is made to take an item to Court for their consideration, keep in mind it will take 2 weeks to get on their agenda.~~

~~Week 3 — January 24, 2024 (may be a skip depending upon time to create draft list)~~

- ~~—Continue selection of roads~~

~~Week 4 — January 31, 2024~~

- ~~Committee to review their selections and adjust their selected road segments.~~

~~Week 5 — February 7, 2024~~

- ~~Committee to review their final selections and draft report.~~
- ~~Creation of report by Task Force or with assistance from Kathy~~

~~Week 6 — February 14, 2024~~

- ~~Committee review final report.~~

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Sign-in Sheet

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Lake Park Dr

.7 mile road in Travis County

1	Cost (total)	Estimated \$2.2 M
2	Cost (per resident)	\$14,966
3	# of residents affected	46 houses (2 under construction) -- approximately 147 residents
4	Connectivity	1 way in and 1 way out
5	Emergency Response	response time slowed by an estimated 3 - 5 min. Causes excessive wear and tear on emergency vehicles.
6	School Bus & transportation relief	No bus drop off or pick up. Even for special needs transportation. Stop is at the entrance of the road and blocks main traffic patterns for neighborhood.
7	Equity	
8	Poor visibility (trees and lighting)	narrow curves, trees, and steep hill.
9	Traffic volumes	traffic from 46 homes as ONLY exit and entrance to the homes.
10	Safety	Currently not possible for children to play on the street. Emergency vehicles struggle to pass. Too narrow in sections for Emergency vehicles to pass side by side
11	Environmental Impacts	lake and walking trails at end of the road. Available walking trails
12	Flood plain	Not available
13	Volume of calls to the county	Multiple over the years.
14	Community Support	70% of the neighbors have joined into a fund to help in filling wholes. Currently forming a road association to help maintain as needed

