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TASK 5.0: SPECIAL STUDIES

A. OBJECTIVE

The objective of Task 5.0 is to further the goals and objectives of the transportation planning process through special studies undertaken by MPO staff or consultants in support of existing or projected national, statewide, and regional transportation related issues and needs. Special Studies include Management System planning, Transit studies, bicycle/pedestrian studies, freight movement studies, hazardous freight route studies, site impact analysis, and other specific studies not included elsewhere. These activities will be performed with the anticipation of receiving Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) Funds from TxDOT. Anticipating 2022 and 2023 SPR Funds to assist with consultant involvement in this subtask.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

- Thoroughfare plan in FY 2022
- Serve as project manager for consultant-led activities.
- Coordinate and facilitate meetings, provide oversight of the project managers.
- Conduct special studies {i.e., alternative truck route, transit studies, site impact analysis, parking, access, etc.}
- Safety Planning
- Site impact analysis of designated Transload Facility
- US 82 Corridor Freight Mobility Plan-Multi-jurisdictional
- Long-range planning and Short-range planning

C. PREVIOUS WORK

- Coordination with the City of Texarkana, TX in the development of a Comprehensive Plan
- Completed a new Texarkana Regional Active Transportation Mobility Plan, adopted September 11, 2018.
- Completed a Freight Mobility Plan, adopted January 21, 2020.
- US 71/Stateline Corridor Study, adopted January 26, 2022.

D. SUBTASKS

SUBTASK 5.1 - THROUGHFARE PLAN/MAJOR CORRIDOR STUDY

FY 2022 - The Texarkana MPO will develop a regional concept for corridor analysis that would address economic development, emergency evacuations, land use and increasing congestion. A thoroughfare study will be used to guide the public and

private sector of the region and the various municipalities in the future decisions involving thoroughfares. The study of the transportation network will take into consideration planning to accommodate or reroute traffic related to growth both inside and outside of the metropolitan planning area. The study will involve analyzing and providing complete street alternatives that will help address the need to improve multimodal access, reduce traffic congestion and increase safe connections from the surrounding communities to area employment centers. Leaders, staff, and transportation stakeholders at the cities of Texarkana (AR & TX), Nash, Wake Village, Miller County, Bowie County, Texas A & M, Texarkana College, Christus St. Michael, Wadley Regional Medical Center, ARDOT, TXDOT, Transit, and the Texarkana Regional Airport will be solicited for input to develop priorities to improve corridor development. It will evaluate transportation connectivity issues and improvement alternatives along IH 30, IH 49, IH369, US 59, US 67, US 82, FM 559, FM 989, FM 1397, etc. Studies may be general, encompassing corridors in general or may be specific to jurisdictions, areas, or corridors.

The study will:

- Identify and document connectivity problems in the Texarkana study area.
- Create and evaluate alternatives for the most efficient and effective transportation improvements needed in association with existing and planned local job opportunities.
- Improve multimodal connectivity, safety, people movement, goods movement, and traffic flow.
- Explore both the optimal set of regional transportation improvements and phasing strategies connected to the redevelopment of the downtown funding strategies and corridor plan concepts.
- Prioritize transportation improvements for engineering design, and then seek funding for implementation; and
- Integrate this Study with future planning and environment analysis of other planned developments in the vicinity of the region.

Improved connectivity will be emphasized to lessen the traffic burden on collector and arterial roadways. Expanding the travel and bicycle systems will also assist in reducing vehicular traffic. Likewise, ensuring transit has an appropriate role, particularly serving the elderly and low-income population, is essential to building a truly multi-modal system.

It will serve as an indication of locations and capacities that need to be designed into the construction of new or upgrading of existing thoroughfares. The goal of the plan would be to assist in identifying Capital Improvement Program needs, provide for the efficient movement of vehicular traffic into and through the region, and serve as a planning and coordination tool with other agencies.

FY 2023 - Completion of the Thoroughfare Plan which will develop a regional concept for corridor analysis that would address economic development, emergency evacuations, land use and increasing congestion. The Thoroughfare Plan will be used to guide the public and private sector of the region and the various municipalities in the future decisions involving thoroughfares. The study of the transportation network will take into consideration planning to accommodate or reroute traffic related to growth both inside and outside of the metropolitan planning area. The study will involve analyzing and providing complete street alternatives that will help address the need to improve multimodal access, reduce traffic congestion and increase safe connections from the surrounding communities to area employment centers. Leaders, staff, and transportation stakeholders at the cities of Texarkana (AR & TX), Nash, Wake Village, Miller County, Bowie County, Texas A & M, Texarkana College, Christus St. Michael, Wadley Regional Medical Center, ARDOT, TXDOT, Transit, and the Texarkana Regional Airport will be solicited for input to develop priorities to improve corridor development. It will evaluate transportation connectivity issues and improvement alternatives along IH 30, IH 49, IH369, US 59, US 67, US 82, FM 559, FM 989, FM 1397, etc.

~~FY2023—Safety Action Plan~~

~~The MPO will work with TTI and TxDOT on a Safety Action Plan which will help in reducing rural roadway departure crashes requires an integrated, disciplined approach. A safety action plan is a powerful way to prioritize safety improvements and justify investment decisions. A formal plan will also help to communicate more clearly with stakeholders and access funding opportunities.~~

~~Benefits of a Safety Action Plan:~~

- ~~• Communicate with stakeholders~~
- ~~• Justify safety investment decisions~~
- ~~• Access funding~~