

**Kendall County Boerne Fair Oaks Transportation Study Committee Meeting  
Agenda**

**Boerne City Hall Staff Training Room  
2:00 p.m., September 7, 2021**

*Developing a countywide transportation plan to mitigate current and future traffic congestion in Kendall County in a way that preserves cultural and environmental resources and promotes appropriate economic development.*

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*A long-range program of transportation improvements that addresses current and projected travel demand; and*

*A program of recommended policies to guide the planning and design of the transportation/land use system within Kendall County.*

- I. Opening Remarks
- II. Consider Approval of Minutes of August 17, 2021 and August 31, 2021 (if available)
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Consideration of Certain Projects – Northern Hendricks
- V. Consideration of Chapter 1 of the Final Report
- VI. Presentation of a Project Proposal by Committee Member John Kight
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    - ii. County

- iii. City of Boerne
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    - b. City of Boerne
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      - i. City of Carmel, Indiana
      - ii. Dr. George Veni
      - iii. Kimley-Horn, (Jeff Whitaker and Amy Avery)

# **Kendall County Boerne Fair Oaks Ranch Transportation Planning Committee**

## **Steering Committee**

**Darrel L. Lux, Kendall County Judge**

**Tim Handren, Mayor City of Boerne**

**Garry Manitzas / Greg Maxton, Mayor Fair Oaks Ranch**

## **Study Committee**

**Don Durden, Co-Chair**

**Bob Manning, Co-Chair**

**Bryce Boddie, Precinct 1**

**Bob Hartwig / Mary Lee Pratt, Precinct 2**

**David Anderson/Del Eulberg, Precinct 3**

**Gary Louie, Precinct 4**

**Tim Bannwolf, City of Boerne**

**Jonah Evans, City of Boerne**

**John Kight, City of Boerne**

**Rich Sena, City of Boerne**

**Dan Banks / Bobby Balli, City of Fair Oaks Ranch**

**Marcus Garcia, City of Fair Oaks Ranch**

**Kim Blohm, Boerne Chamber of Commerce**

**Ben Bunker / Steve Sharma, Boerne Kendall County Economic Development Corporation**

**Ben Eldredge, Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District**

**Northern Hendrix, The Hill County Alliance**

**Rankin D'Spain, Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Stephen Zoeller, Kendall County Farm Bureau**

**Henry Acosta, Boerne ISD**

**Josh Limmer, Comfort ISD**

## **Background**

### **Purpose**

The Kendall County Boerne Fair Oaks Ranch Transportation Planning Committee (KCBFOTC) was created July 22, 2019 by Kendall County Commissioners Court Order 07-22-2019. That Court Order defined the purpose of the Committee as being

*to develop a countywide transportation plan to mitigate current and future traffic congestion in Kendall County in a way that preserves cultural and environmental resources and promotes appropriate economic development.*

The Court Order charged the Committee with producing a report that includes

*A short-range program of projects and operational improvements that can be implemented in the short term to relieve current congestion;*

*A long-range program of transportation improvements that addresses current and projected travel demand; and*

*A program of recommended policies to guide the planning and design of the transportation/land use system within Kendall County.*

### **Participants**

The Court Order specified a two-tiered committee structure that included a Steering Committee and a Study Committee. The Steering Committee is comprised of County Judge Darel L. Lux, City of Boerne Mayor Tim Handren, and City of Fair Oaks Ranch Mayor Garry Manitzas. The Court Order envisioned a Study Committee comprised of twenty people who would be appointed by a broad array of elected officials and local organizations.

Between late July 2019 and late September 2019, individual citizens were appointed to the Study Committee, and its initial meeting was held September 23, 2019. The Study Committee met twelve times over the next five months, affirming decision-making protocols, creating a website, establishing subcommittees, gathering public comment, listening to public experts, and reviewing BISD's Demographic Study.

The Study Committee was working diligently to develop recommendations for the short-range program, with the specific intent of formulating a list of projects that might be included in possible November 2020 bond issues at each sponsoring agency. However, in early 2020, State and local response to the novel coronavirus pandemic led to temporary suspension of the Study Committee's work. As the pandemic progressed, the Steering Committee and Study Committee Co-Chairs met. They agreed the limited stay-at-home orders and the mandated closure of many non-essential businesses were likely to reduce economic activity and render the contemplated November 2020 bond issue imprudent.

While some consideration was given to conducting the Study Committee business by Zoom, the consensus of the group was that a Zoom meeting approach could be detrimental to the credibility the Study Committee had begun to engender.

As a result, the Steering Committee and Study Committee Co-Chairs agreed to suspend the work indefinitely and members were advised by email. It is notable, though, that the group stopped short of dissolving the Study Committee or terminating its work. It was noted that the regional transportation planning work done under the auspices of the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization were ongoing, and that TxDOT's planning was also proceeding.

In December 2020, Steering Committee members asked that the Study Committee review its work to see if it was in a position to recommend projects that the participating agencies might want to submit to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) and/or by TxDOT for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). They also asked that those recommendations be presented to the participating agencies in time to facilitate their responses to AAMPO and/or TxDOT calls for projects, due April 1, 2021.

The Ad Hoc Committee developed an interim report and subsequently presented it to the Kendall County Commissioners Court (January 11, 2021) and to the Boerne City Council (January 12, 2021). The primary purpose of this Interim Report and Recommendations is to respond to that request. A copy of the Interim Report can be found in Appendix "###".

With the incidence of COVID19 beginning to wane, a Committee "re-start" meeting was scheduled for April 12, 2021. Over the next several meetings, the committee filled positions that had been vacated in the interim. Because it had not been vetted with the full Committee, the Committee decided to not endorse or ratify the Interim Report recommendations, but to consider those recommendations along with other projects as it moved forward in the planning effort. Some adjustments were made to the previously established subcommittees and a modified protocol for making decisions was adopted.

Community members who participated regularly in various sub-committees include:

Seth Mitchell

While those who participated as members of the Committee are to be commended for their diligence and tenacity in completing this effort under adverse circumstances, commendations are due also to members of the public who monitored and participated in the Committee's meetings.