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NEPA and Public Participation

The 1969 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to evaluate the effects of their proposed actions prior to making decisions. Two major purposes of the environmental review process are better informed decisions and citizen involvement. As we move forward through this process, you will have multiple opportunities to stay involved. Please review the following objectives of NEPA. To learn more about how to participate in the environmental process, visit the NEPA 101 Classroom found at www.morefor1604.com/EIS.

NEPA'S Objectives

- ☆ Fulfill the responsibilities of each generation as trustee of the environment for succeeding generations;
- ☆ Assure for all Americans safe, healthful, productive, and aesthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings;
- ☆ Attain the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment without degradation, risk to health or safety, or other undesirable and unintended consequences;
- ☆ Preserve important historic, cultural, and natural aspects of our national heritage, and maintain, wherever possible, an environment which supports diversity, and variety of individual choice;
- ☆ Achieve a balance between population and resource use which will permit high standards of living and a wide sharing of life's amenities; and
- ☆ Enhance the quality of renewable resources and approach the maximum attainable recycling of depletable resources.



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About the Alamo RMA

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority is an independent governmental agency created by the Texas Transportation Commission and the Bexar County Commissioners Court in December 2003, to accelerate needed transportation projects in Bexar County.



Overseen by a seven member Board of Directors, the Alamo RMA professional staff and consultants are committed to finding ways to empower our local community to take charge of our transportation future.

The Alamo RMA's purpose is to provide Bexar County with opportunities to accelerate needed transportation projects, through the direction of a local board making local choices about local mobility needs that enhance the quality of life and economic growth for all residents in our region.

Project Partners



LOOP 1604 STUDY PROCESS

Need & Purpose	Begin July 2009
Alternative Analysis	Anticipate Begin 2010
Environmental Documentation	Anticipate Complete 2012
EIS Project Timeline	2009 - 2012



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LOOP 1604 EIS STUDY



By improving mobility, we spend less time in traffic and we increase the time commuters have available for family, work, and recreation.

"More mobility . . . for commuters."



One of the needs along the corridor is the need to increase safety. Increased congestion leads to an increase in the number of accidents on our roadways. By reducing congestion, we can provide a safer roadway for our community today and tomorrow.

"More safety . . . for future generations."



With the projected population growth, we also need to look at alternative modes of transportation to help improve mobility in this corridor.

"More consideration . . . of alternative modes."

What is this study about?

The Loop 1604 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be the most comprehensive environmental study ever conducted on potential improvements to Loop 1604 from FM 1957 (Potranco Road) to IH 35 North. The corridor is approximately 33 miles in length and provides circumferential mobility in north central Bexar County. The EIS is estimated to take approximately three years to complete, and will evaluate a wide array of environmental and socio-economic concerns, as well as a variety of alternatives to help address current and projected mobility and safety issues in this corridor.

What types of transportation improvements will be evaluated by the EIS?

Before the team begins to develop reasonable options, they first solicit input on the need and purpose for the improvements so they can better understand the problem areas. They then work with the community to develop solutions that best meet those needs. Several alternatives intended to satisfy the identified need and purpose will be considered.

How does public input influence the EIS decision making process?

Public input helps those conducting the study learn how residents and travelers in the area feel about existing and future transportation needs, alternatives that should be examined, and issues that need to be addressed by the EIS. The comprehensive public involvement program outlines a variety of ways to ensure that the public has opportunities to comment throughout the process. These include the use of a Community Advisory Group (CAG), the project website, a project hotline, comments completed online or at public meetings, and presentations in smaller meetings with civic and community groups.

How will improvements benefit you?

More choices and more safety for Loop 1604 -- for your quality of life and for your tomorrow.