



TDOT Public Meeting 2  
SR-18 from Bolivar to SR 100  
Bolivar City Hall  
October 30, 2007  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

### Overview

Upon arrival, attendees were asked to sign in. A court reporter was present who documented all comments during the meeting. All attendees were given comment forms to collect information on the following questions:

1. Which type of alternatives would you like to see considered for this project?
2. Why do you prefer these types of alternatives?
3. Are there any cultural/historical assets or environmental concerns that you want to make sure are considered during planning?

The comments captured by the court reporter and those provided in the comment forms are briefly summarized in this meeting overview.

Pamela Marshall, TDOT Community Relations Officer, opened the meeting and assured attendees that TDOT values their opinions and wants to be in harmony with the communities they serve. Ms. Marshall summarized the results of the first public meeting held earlier in the year. Purpose and need as defined by the first public meeting:

- Provide an efficient and safe transportation facility that would yield maximum benefits to road users and be compatible with local and regional goals and objectives.
- Relieve existing and future congestion between Bolivar and Jackson along the route.
- Connectivity to Interstate 40 and regional transportation system
- Eliminate and/or reduce truck traffic through Business District of Bolivar
- Economic Development related items
- More direct routes to industrial sites/jobs with proper infrastructure
- Project needed for future and existing economic growth
- Move people and goods from Bolivar to Jackson
- Expand Jackson market and allow Madison County residents better access to rural and suburban areas of Hardeman County.
- Improve safety and road deficiencies
- Lessen congestion at both ends of project
- Better connection to regional medical facilities/hospital

The comments indicated an overwhelming commitment to build the project.

Sharon Younger with Younger Associates, the public involvement consultant, explained that the purpose of the meeting was to gather public input on potential project alternatives. Ms. Younger also

assured meeting participants that at every step of the project TDOT wants input from people in the area. She also said there will be a public meeting at every major step along the project. This is a second meeting in a series of public meetings that we have had. A formal hearing will be held after the completion of the Environmental Impact Statement. Younger explained that the remaining time of the meeting would be an interactive workshop. There were large maps of the project posted around the room. Representatives from TDOT and Arcadis will explain the map and answer questions. Before leaving, Younger requested the attendees to complete their comment cards and sketch their preferred route on the attached maps so their input can be documented and incorporated into the project.

Parrish Strickland with Arcadis, the lead consulting firm for the project, explained in more detail how the map was constructed and identified known environmental issues highlighted within the color coded legend. This familiarized the attendees with the known environmental obstacles surrounding the project.

Ms. Younger asked for any other questions before breaking into groups. There were none, so the interactive workshop started. She reminded everyone that if there were any overall comments or questions the group will reconvene before dismissing. The meeting continued with a 30 minute interactive workshop. After the workshop portion of the meeting, Ms. Younger reminded everyone to complete their comment card.

Ms. Younger reminded the meeting participants that the purpose of this second public meeting was to identify answers for the following three questions.

1. Which type of alternatives would you like to see considered for this project? (check all that apply)
2. Why do you prefer these types of alternatives?
3. Are there any cultural/historical assets or environmental concerns that you want to make sure are considered during planning?

The first question on the comment card focused which alternative routes were preferred for SR-18. The majority of the respondents indicated that they preferred a bypass route from SR-18 tying into US-64 west of town and the same number indicated they preferred a bypass route from SR-18 tying into US-64 east of town. Two respondents preferred improvements of SR-18 through the Bolivar Historic District and on to the US-64 bypass. Some of the respondents included a sketched map with further written descriptions.

The second question on the comment card asked why they preferred the chosen alternative. Respondents preferences were based on the projects overall impact on environment, existing development, traffic concerns, socio-economic considerations, and historical/cultural assets.

The third question on the comment card asked if there were any cultural/historical assets or environmental concerns that they wanted to make sure were considered during the planning process. Many respondents indicated that they did not want to disrupt the historic district areas. Other areas of concerns were; the disruption of residential areas, wetland areas, and hazardous waste sites.

A tabulation of the number of attendees, comment cards received (whether or not the attendee included a map with their comment card of their sketched preferred alternative) and specific comments made are as follows:

Public Meeting #2  
Identifying Potential Alternative Routes  
SR-18 from Bolivar to SR-100  
Hardeman County, TN

October 30, 2007  
Bolivar City Hall

**Summary of Meeting Results**

No. of TDOT and ARCADIS employees in attendance	11
No. of people in attendance (from sign-in sheet)	<u>34</u>
Total attendance	45
Total no. of response forms/letters received at meeting	13
Total no. of responses verbally received at meeting	1
Total no. of response forms/letters mailed in	<u>10</u>
Total no. of responses received	24
Total no. of comments in support of the project	24
Total no. of comments NOT in support of the project	0