



Legislation Text

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Discuss the IH-35E Corridor Vision Study including review of analysis and research conducted for the corridor.

BACKGROUND:

This is the second of four anticipated steering committee meetings for the IH-35E Corridor Vision Study. In this meeting the consultant, Interface Studio LLC, will present the results of initial analysis and research conducted related to the IH-35E corridor for discussion, and seek feedback from the Planning and Zoning Commission/Steering Committee related to the information presented. The presentation and discussion outcomes will form the basis for identifying opportunities and constraints within the IH-35E corridor.

The City's 2020 Strategic Plan identifies the IH-35E Corridor Vision Study as a project to help fulfill C2 of the Strategic Plan: provide attractive, unique and connected spaces for community interaction. The vision study will guide development within the IH-35E Corridor for approximately the next 20 years and include recommended action items to leverage existing assets in order to increase property values and allow for higher quality land uses within the corridor. This is an optimal time to conduct the study as the IH-35E highway infrastructure will be widened in the near future, further impacting properties particularly along the west side of the highway.

On November 12, 2019 City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with Interface Studio LLC for completion of the study. Interface Studio LLC will serve as the primary consultant, with Ninigret Partners and Big Red Dog a division of WGI teaming together as sub-consultants. The Planning and Zoning Commission, which acts as the Steering Committee for the project, has held one Steering Committee meeting to date, on January 13, 2020, in which an introduction and project overview was presented and discussed.

ACTIONS:

The Planning and Zoning Commission/Steering Committee should provide feedback related to the results of initial analysis and research information presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Staff report
2. Study area map
3. Consultant presentation