

9. UPDATE ON THE LIBERTY COUNTY MOBILITY STUDY

Background

The Liberty County Mobility Study is examining existing transportation conditions and recommending multi-modal improvements intended to manage growth, maintain mobility and focus on safety of the transportation system for all users within the study area. The study area consists of Liberty County (as shown in Map 3 on the following page), with special emphasis on conditions in and around the cities of Cleveland, Dayton and Liberty. H-GAC staff are coordinating with a consultant team to analyze the existing transportation network, consider existing and future land use and growth scenarios, and recommend ways to improve transportation mobility for residents, businesses and visitors now and in the future.

This study began in October 2020. Since that time, there have been three Steering Committee meetings, two Stakeholder Committee meetings (one for the Cleveland area and another for the Liberty/Dayton area), and a public meeting, conducted virtually, to share information and collect public input on specific concerns. There have also been one-on-one meetings with individual stakeholders including the Greater Cleveland Chamber of Commerce and the Brazos Transit District.

Current Situation

Using existing conditions data and input provided through public outreach using the engage.h-gac.com website, initial recommendations have been developed. These recommendations include intersection and roadway improvements, grade-separated railroad crossings in selected locations, new sidewalk, crosswalk and bus stop locations near schools and other areas of pedestrian activity, and a potential bypass around Dayton. It is also recommended that Liberty County incorporate new platting and development standards into its subdivision recommendations and conduct a comprehensive update of its thoroughfare plan to better manage future growth.

The review of these initial recommendations and alternatives continues with Steering Committee members and will be presented to the Stakeholder Committees and the general public in early 2022. Afterwards, a final report describing the Liberty County Mobility Study's recommended improvements will be created and presented to the Liberty County Commissioners' Court, the City Councils of Cleveland, Dayton and Liberty, and the general public.

Action Requested

Information only.

Map 3: Liberty County Mobility Study Area

