

MoNAC Minutes July 17, 2007

Joyce Basciano called the meeting to order.

Kay Newell motioned for approval of the minutes, seconded by Frances Allen

Joyce announced there would be a NA meeting Thursday

Mark Herber – TxDOT – TxDOT is expanding their noise and traffic studies along the MoPac corridor from the river to 183. They will be coordinating with CapMetro and Emergency Responders on long term improvements to MoPac. Under consideration is a bus only/auxiliary lane from Far West to 35th. Also under consideration is a future direct connect from 183 to MoPac. It would be difficult if not impossible to control HOV traffic on MoPac. The main goal of the managed lanes is to move more people not make revenue. Sample noise barriers should be built by fall. TxDOT is looking into absorptive coatings for some of the sound walls along MoPac.

A public hearing will follow the approval of the environmental document by the FHWA.

There have been four AAC meetings, safety is a top concern. When the ROW is tight, cast in place will be used.

Catherine Judd – TCM – The AAC meetings have built on a visual preference survey. The meetings have included power point presentations, surveys, brainstorming, and email discussions. The sound study is still ongoing, Noise Workshops will be at the end of the year or the beginning of 2008. They will involve 13 meetings along the corridor. Neighbors whose property butts into TxDOT or COA property (along Great Northern) will be the ones voting for or against sound walls.

CTRMA & HTNB – 183A – Brushy Creek to 1431. Based on the environmental process the walls are 12' high, 4" thick, 20' spacing on columns. CTRMA took the classical approach when designing the walls. The sound walls CTRMA built were based on the environmental process, the neighborhood walls CTRMA built were based on the needs of the neighbors that did not qualify under the environmental process. The FHWA did not participate in the neighborhood walls. The neighborhood walls are split face formliners – these walls provided better sound reduction than the sound walls CTRMA built. The neighborhood walls cost approximately \$300-400 per linear foot.

Meeting adjourned