



Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
New Braunfels Outer Loop Study
Open House

Thursday, January 31, 2008
Canyon High School
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

GENERAL COMMENTS

MY FARM LOCATED ON FM 725 SOUTH OF NEW BRAUNFELS LIES IN THE PATH OF YOUR PROPOSED ROUTE OF THE **OUTER LOOP**. THIS FARM HAS BEEN IN THE ALTWEIN FAMILY FOR 155 YEARS. MY PROPERTY HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS IN THE FAMILY LAND HERITAGE PROGRAM FOR A CENTURY OR MORE OF CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION AS A FAMILY AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE. THIS CERTIFICATE WAS SIGNED BY REAGAN V. BROWN, COMMISSIONER, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. THE CERTIFICATE SAYS "TO THE DEDICATION AND PERSEVERANCE OF THE FOUNDERS AND HEIRS OF THESE LANDS, WE OWE THE BASIC WEALTH OF TEXAS." WE ARE MAKING APPLICATION FOR THE RECOGNITION OF 150 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS OWNING AND WORKING THIS LAND. EVIDENCE HAS BEEN FOUND INDICATING THAT INDIANS CAMPED ON THIS LAND.

OUR FAMILY CEMETERY HAS BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE STATE AND WE HAVE HAD THE DEDICATION AND HAVE ERECTED THE HISTORICAL MARKER FOR THIS CEMETERY. THE ORIGINAL OWNER, MY GREAT GRANDFATHER AND MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER ARE BURIED IN THIS CEMETERY. MY GRANDFATHER AND MY GRANDMOTHER ARE ALSO BURIED HERE. SOME OTHER INDIVIDUALS ARE ALSO BURIED HERE.

THE HOME ON THIS PROPERTY WAS BUILT IN 1910 AND HAS BEEN WELL MAINTAINED. IN ANOTHER 2 YEARS THIS HOME WILL BE 100 YEARS OLD.

TAKING THIS LAND IN THE NAME OF PROGRESS IS A TRAVESTY. THE PAST WITH SUCH RICH HISTORY SHOULD BE PRESERVED. THE PROPOSED ROUTE WILL TAKE ALMOST ALL OF OUR RIVER FRONTAGE. OUR RIVER FRONTAGE IS UNIQUE IN THAT THE LAY OF THE RIVER PREVENTS OTHERS FROM COMING DOWN THE RIVER OR UP THE RIVER. THIS MAKES THIS RIVER BOTTOM IDEAL ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL TYPES OF WILDLIFE, ANIMALS AND BIRDS. WE ARE TRYING TO PRESERVE THIS HABITAT WHICH IS SO CONDUCIVE TO WILDLIFE. THE PROPOSED ROUTE WILL CUT ME OFF FROM THIS RIVER FRONTAGE.

PLEASE REFER TO MY PREVIOUS COMMENTS WHICH ADDRESSED THE 30 FOOT EASEMENT WHICH RUNS FROM F.M.725 TO THE 2 HOUSES ON THE RIVER. THE **LOOP** WILL CUT OFF ACCESS TO THESE TWO HOUSES.

PLEASE GIVE THIS **PROPOSED LOOP** MORE CONSIDERATION. DO YOU REALLY WANT TO DESTROY THIS PIECE OF TEXAS HISTORY? ONCE IT IS GONE NOTHING CAN REPLACE IT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL BE DEPRIVED OF THIS LEGACY.


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Please include your name and mailing address with all written comments. Comment cards and/or letters should be sent to the Texas Department of Transportation, c/o RJ RIVERA Associates, Inc. by mail at 7410 Blanco Road, Suite 250, San Antonio, Texas 78216, by fax to (210) 340-5664, or by email to info@nbolstudy.com. Submission of written comments does not preclude your making verbal comments at the Open House January 31, 2008. Comments on the recommended corridor must be received no later than ten (10) days following the Open House to be included in the Final Study Report. The deadline for submitting comments is Monday, February 11, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Cale Vela at (866) 704-1114.

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