

## **Appendix N**

**Public Comments**

## Appendix N – Public Comment Summary

The Lone Star Rail District collected comments through several methods during the public comment period:

- LSRD website
- Comment cards at the public meetings
- Notes on large map at the public meetings
- Online project survey
- Virtual open house

The comments are displayed as written or entered without grammar or spelling correction in order to avoid changing the content or intention of the commenter. Each comment was determined to be supportive or not supportive and categorized by the following topics:

- Freight Bypass
- Project Schedule
- Funding
- Traffic
- Connectivity
- Station Locations
- Impacts
- Alternatives
- Other

Many commenters included several issues within their submittal, with comments being categorized under multiple topics.

Numbered responses to the comments can be found in the last column of the matrix and correspond to the following:

Response Number	Response
1	Comment noted, thank you for participating in the study process.
2	The next step in the study process is to identify and evaluate passenger station and freight alignments for detailed evaluation. As appropriate, your input will be considered as the study process moves forward.
3	Project details such as construction costs, operations (vehicles, fares, and schedule), station area development details, maintenance, and possible connections to other travel modes will be defined as the study process moves forward.
4	Detailed studies will be conducted as part of the evaluation of reasonable alternatives. Those studies will address potential effects in areas including air quality, noise and vibration, socioeconomics, land use, natural resources, cultural resources, and hazardous materials.

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5	The proposed passenger rail service would not replace Amtrak service within the region.
6	As the study process moves forward, coordination with agencies, the public, and other interested parties will continue.
7	Other studies are ongoing to look at other rail transportation modes connecting cities such as Dallas and Houston. As proposed the LSRRP would serve the communities that make up the Austin-San Antonio metropolitan areas and could provide a potential future connection to those other transportation services if they implemented.
8	Thank you for your comment. You have been added to our project contact list.
9	Thank you for your comment. You have been removed from our project contact list.
10	At this time, all sources of funding for the project have not been identified. Establishing the ultimate financing plan is another key outcome of the current round of studies. The Lone Star Rail District anticipates that both construction and operation costs will be funded by a combination of traditional and innovative sources of financing from local, state and federal sources. The communities served by Lone Star Rail District would contribute some of that funding, but they will have many options for how to do so, including capturing the added value from development around new stations.
11	Planning for the candidate station locations is ongoing.

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Aaron	Charlie	Online Project Survey	I go just beyond the San Antonio area, at least once every 2 weeks, but this would have to be paired with a low cost car rental solution at one of the stops in the SA area for me to utilize this option. Since I live in Austin, I could see my wife or I using this line to get to Austin for shopping and entertainment if there was a better way to get to local attractions around Austin, like low cost car rental located at stops which rented cars by the hour or day.	X									X			1
Aaron	Sid	Online Project Survey	I lived in The Netherlands for three years and am aware of the advantages of a good inter-city trainsystem. This is very exciting for the future of the region.	X												1
Abduln	Evgeny	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: Support for the project Comments: I think the Lone Star Rail project is extremely important for the community and will contribute a lot for the commonwealth. I would like to emphasize my strong support for the project. I think the preliminary design is good and look forward to seeing it in more details.	X												1
Abraham	Andrew A.	Large Map at Austin Public Meeting	Comment #2 - (On passenger route at Parmer Lane) Would like station at Farmer [Parmer] Lane and UPRR, apartments, employments centers, existing demand								X					2
Acker	Vicki	Online Project Survey	I don't see people using this method of travel. I would need a vehicle at my destination in SA. This would serve to cause new traffic issues as people drive to train stations to pick-up passengers. Parking will become an even bigger issue. The convenience and freedom of having your own vehicle will be difficult to overcome - a don't think a fleet of smart cars is the answer.		X					X						3
Adams	Billye	LSRD Website	1/27/15: Subject: YES on Rail Project Comments: I lived in Springfield, VA many years ago when the commuter rail was built there. It took a little while for ridership to build. In a short time it was a way of life, and now no one could do without it. YES on building this regional rail. Population is increasing. I see the same thing happening here. Thanks!	X												1
Adams	Bill	Online Project Survey	Good project, highly desired.	X												1
Adams	Donna	Online Project Survey	I am from Boston and having a mass transit line is hugely beneficial in a variety of ways.	X												1
Aguirre	Emmeline	Online Project Survey	When I first started working in San Marcos five years ago, I could leave home at 6:45am to arrive at work before 8 with traffic moving at a decent pace. Now, I have to leave at 6:20, and traffic is stop and go on I-35 until after the upper-lower deck split. Also, five years ago, I knew if I left San Marcos before 3pm, I wouldn't have to worry about traffic on either I-35 or Mopac. Now, I have to leave before 2 or after 7 pm to avoid stop-and-go traffic. If I leave work between 2 and 7, I take the toll road, which adds 20 miles to my commute and takes an hour. Otherwise, I know my commute will take 1.5 - 2 hours if I take I-35. While my commute time my remain the same with a rail system, I would be able to utilize that time to work rather than having to spend 3 - 4 hours working from home when I should be spending time with family.						X							1
Alaniz	Anet	Online Project Survey	A direct rail system is long over do. I've been traveling to and from Austin for over 30 years	X												1
Aldridge	D. K.	Online Project Survey	I strongly support having a station at Stassney and Manchaca in Austin	X							X					2
Allen	Taylor	Online Project Survey	Rail is necessary as Central Texas continues to grow. Not only is Austin and San Antonio experiencing significant growth, but so are the municipalities in between. Other transit options are absolutely critical.	X												1
Anderson	Nancy	LSRD Website	1/28/15: Subject: Lone Star Rail Comments: I think this is a great idea. A great way for us to go to Austin and a great way for visitors coming to Georgetown. Much easier way to commute.. Vote Yes for Lone Star Rail.	X												1
Anderson	Patrick	Online Project Survey	Wish this were up and running years ago.	X			X									1
Anonymous		Comment Card - San Marcos	Too bad there wasn't more coordination of rail and the 130 construction. I certainly hope I can ride to Austin on the Lone Star Railroad before I die. I'm 65 so don't dawdle. Have the economic/demographic studies been done to see if this is feasible?	X			X						X	X	Economic/Demographic studies	1, 4
Anonymous		Comment Card - San Marcos	I think there should be a 'ferry-like' option, where one could drive their vehicle onto a railcar. Then at their destination there could use their vehicle to get around town. Then, when finished, they would drive back onto the ferry rail car and get back to their home.	X									X		Car ferry	1, 2
Anonymous		Comment Card - San Marcos	Will Lone Star share rail tracks with Amtrak and/or commercial freight companies? If there is a rail route dedicated to passenger use, will the rails be upgraded for comfort and safety? Will passenger rail service be routed OVER or UNDER existing roadways, with a minimum of grade crossings? How many times daily will trains run? Park-and-ride areas should be provided at stations. Rent-car facilities should be adjacent to major stations. If commercial freight rails are re-routed outside Austin, how will deliveries inside Austin be handled? Will new commercial routes involve the taking of private land? Will commercial freight railways be constructed over or under principal roadways, with a minimum of grade crossings?			X						X	X	X	General questions	2, 3, 4, 5
Anonymous		Comment Card - Elgin	I wish we had something like this in Bastrop. Maybe a rail line (already in existence?) could be used for passengers to ride from Taylor, Elgin, Bastrop, Lockhart and back.	X						X	X					2

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Anonymous		Comment Card - Georgetown	With the growth along I 35 and the already heavy traffic this will be necessary transportation in the future. You are doing a wonderful job in bring this together. I am glad Georgetown is in LSRD. Traveling without this would be unsafe, inefficient, and intolerable.	X					X							1
Anonymous		Comment Card - Georgetown	People who are natives or long time residents do not appreciate the value of public transportation the way those of us who travel to other places where not having a car is the norm. Sure - older people may not see the need unless they have used rail - subways, etc. But the next generation will and they will use it and live here and work, go to school in the cities.	X						X				X		1
Anonymous		Large Map at Austin Public Meeting	Comment #1 (San Antonio)- Need more stations in SA, need station at airport in SA without having to ride a bus to the station								X					2
Anonymous		Large Map at San Marcos Public Meeting	Comment #1 (Near proposed 130 Environmental Park) - Landfill proposed - some believe freight line is proposed to serve Need to talk to existing customers on UPRR - not lose service			X						X		X		1, 2
Anonymous		Large Map at Elgin Public Meeting	Comment #4 - (North of Manor) Airpark not shown on map			X								X	Map	1
Anonymous		Large Map at Elgin Public Meeting	(Elgin) Unsignalized crossing at Ave F/MLK LCRA - Transmission projects being considered in the areas, important to coordinate information from studies being conducted by Power Engineering/URS Santa Clara/Marion West Project and Ercot Study - start in March 2015, routing should take 8 months, process to clear by the Utility Commission will take approximately 1 year			X								X		2, 4, 6
Anonymous		Large Map at Elgin Public Meeting	(Elgin) Trains.com Train Magazine - advocate for LSTAR Freight rail traffic through Elgin: EMS issue when train stops, Main Street crossing and 5 crossings blocked, EMS vehicle access is a concern Elgin - 80 acres under consideration for development Austin Lions Club: Weekly on Thurs, Old Elks Club, Barton Sprgs Rd (possible group to present project information to) CPS Solar Farm			X								X		2, 4, 6
Anonymous		Large Map at Seguin Public Meeting	Comment BR1 - (East of Lake McQueeney) Planned development: 40/Rud Rd, residential, 1000 homes, platted McQueeney - lake/river properties, concern Branch Ranch - SH 130 east to go around Precinct 1 - County Commissioner Hydrilla - clogs Guadalupe River flow			X						X		X		2, 4, 6
Anonymous		Large Map at Seguin Public Meeting	Comment DD1 - (San Marcos) Have a stop near Texas State stadium or at existing bus station								X					2
Anonymous		Large Map at Seguin Public Meeting	Comment DD2 - (Austin-Bergstrom International Airport) Must have connection to ABIA - Aquarena Sprgs - CR SEP							X						2
Anonymous		Large Map at Seguin Public Meeting	Comment DD3 - (Buda) Buda needs a station								X					2
Anonymous		Large Map at Seguin Public Meeting	Comment JM1 - (San Marcos Municipal Airport) Because it can be used as a central focal point for transit, transportation throughout the region and allow for decongestion of the IH-35 corridor as well as enhancing the economical development of the entire area						X					X		2
Anonymous		Large Map at Seguin Public Meeting	1/29/15 - St. Joseph's Chapel near FM 482 and Schwab Rd (Schertz) has been recently recognized as historic Comal Settlement, Texas - historic El Camino Real de Tejas National Trail			X						X				1, 4
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	I would like to see more discussion about how travel would be conducted after reaching a train station destination. Rental cars, busses, bicycles, etc.							X						3
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	With the projected growth in population for both San Antonio and Austin, modern rail travel between the two cities is no longer an option, it is a necessity.	X												1
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	I spend A LOT of time on I-35 and am very much in support of a rail system to relieve congestion, improve quality of life and safety.	X					X							1
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	Is there any option to use the SH 130 corridor to relocate the the freight rail there? I hear there was a rail corridor preserved for that purpose. Please consider that. Thanks!			X							X			2
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	I would like to see a map where the proposed freight rail lines would go.			X										1, 2
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	This needs to be self-sufficient cost wise					X								1, 3
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	I liked seeing it in the mail as well as on FB.											X	Facebook	1

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Anonymous		Online Project Survey	I support creating the Lone Star Regional Rail system.	X												1
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	lets keep this discussion going! We must find a way to travel other than just building more roads!	X												1
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	Do something, traffic is so bad!	X					X							1
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	Mostly--I would love to see this also extend to Houston and Dallas! It would also be helpful to have some better transport options with Austin itself.										X			1, 7
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	Cool survey!											X		1
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	The "SURVEY" tab does not appear to allow frequency of travel to individually associate with the various reasons. This must be fixed as I fear it may skew the results of the survey as presented.											X		1
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	I very much favor the development of a way to travel between Austin and San Antonio other than by driving my automobile.	X												1
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	Another option that should be studied is the conversion of an existing I-35 lane to a variable toll express lane (or build one in the existing ROW.) Support legislation enabling buses to use highway shoulders.										X			2
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	Interesting mode for input.											X		1
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	I do not wish to incur any public cost for rail. Let private business do it.					X								1, 3
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	What do you do with these rail people once you have dumped them in Austin or SA? How do they get around from there? And if the rail fails, is the taxpayer still have to foot the bill??					X		X						3
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	I lived in Austin while I went to law school in San Antonio in a few years back. If this had been in place then, I would have used it every day. If it goes in, it will allow me to seek employment in another market that wouldn't require me driving 40 miles to Taylor every day.	X					X							1
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	evening and weekend hours need to be extended											X		1, 3
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	I use Megabus often.										X			1, 3
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	If you build it people will come.	X												1
Anonymous		Online Project Survey	Thanks for the survey!											X		1
Applewhite	Nicholas	Online Project Survey	I would like to see a high-speed rail as the highest priority of both environmental and economic development over the next several years.	X												1, 2, 7
Arredondo	Frank	Online Project Survey	VERY INTERESTED THAT THIS SUCCEEDS	X												1
Astran	Carmen	Comment Card	Train good. Wish it would go to Dallas. I ride Amtrak to Dallas. It will help senior citizens and others in community.													1, 5, 7
Babetski	Traci	LSRD Website	2/27/15: Subject: LSRRP comment Comments: Having previously lived in NYC, I personally saw the benefits of having a commuter rail line connecting areas to one another. It not only cuts down on emissions from vehicles, but also cuts down on auto accidents. I don't have to list the benefits of making travel easier from point A to B and bringing our neighbors from San Antonio the ability to come enjoy the Weird in Austin and us Austinites the ability to enjoy the Alamo and Riverwalk a bit easier. It brings jobs, it sparks commercialism and it makes our lives a little easier. Please consider this line. Austin is so advanced, why not add commuting to our list of items that sets us apart from the rest!	X					X			X				1
Bain	Joe	LSRD Website	2/19/15: Subject: Cost Effectiveness Comments: Rail systems would cost more per user than most road systems - why devote so much funding to projects that will serve such a small percentage of the population.		X			X								3
Bain	Joe	Online Project Survey	Only 6% of the population at best will use rail in this area - why spend so much time and money on 6% - why not look at solutions that would be more cost effective!		X			X								1, 3
Baird	Peter	Online Project Survey	This is a really important project for the future growth of the region.	X												1

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Barfield	Walter G.	Online Project Survey	I hope the Lone Star Rail District will work with the Union Pacific Railroad in an effort to develop a mixed Passenger/Freight operation as a prelude or option to a fully implemented freight rail relocation. If properly presented and constructed, this might offer advantages to both entities at a reduced cost. Addition of dual tracks, gauntlet tracks, and passing siding along the existing UPRR alignment offer the possibility of enhanced freight and passenger operation. This would also open the possibility of a true high speed rail line then using the SH 130 corridor. I would also investigate using a phased implementation of any proposal to build ridership, for example a Lone Star rail link from downtown San Antonio to the SA International Airport or from Downtown Austin to Kyle or San Marcos. Essentially modularizing the overall system and minimizing upfront expenses. Lone Star Rail should also work with VIA in San Antonio and CapMetro in Austin to insure that the trip does not just end at the station but may continue to a final destination. At what ever point a full SA/Austin connection is operational, it must be			X				X	X		X				2, 3, 6
Barrow	Michael G.	Online Project Survey	Informative											X			1
Beaubien	Paul	Comment Card - Georgetown	My thoughts on the rail are that they need to consider putting a stop in Round Rock so it's closer to where I live. But I think that the train rail is a successful idea.	X							X						2
Beaubien	Paul	Online Project Survey	Please consider adding a stop in Round Rock								X						2
Bell	Kara Lee	Comment Card - Elgin	Would like to see passenger station in Bastrop.								X						2
Bell	Kara Lee	Online Project Survey	Really excited to be looking at this. Glad to be able to make comments.	X													1
Bellamy	Kathy	LSRD Website	2/20/15: Subject: email list Comments: Please add me to your email list for updates and announcements of public meetings.											X			8
Blacklock	Jeffrey	Online Project Survey	Please do everything in your power to make this happen it is much needed.	X													1
Blanchard	Lucas	Large Map at San Marcos Public Meeting	1/26/15 - Comment #3 (San Marcos) - Live in San Marcos How would it impact commute to Austin on weekday? Consider station location at Centerpoint Road near Tanger Outlet Mall						X		X						2
Blanchard	Lucas	Online Project Survey	I thought this public meeting was very informative and helped e better understand the proposed plan for passenger and freight railways!											X			1
Bloch	Brian	LSRD Website	1/23/15: Subject: Austin-San Antonio Passenger Rail Comments: I was raised in South Africa, where urban passenger rail has long been an important part of the daily commute, among other needs. The number of "park & ride" locations is a testament to just how many people will drive to a railway station and leave their cars to go somewhere by rail. I have seen how industrial, commercial and residential growth has taken place along a rail corridor. The phrase "If you build it, they will come" applies here. The mental problem to overcome is that growth takes a long time. it may take up to 20 years to see the result of a completed rail line. Politicians and municipalities need to understand and accept that there won't be instant returns on the money invested in rail. I strongly support the idea of an Austin-San Antonio rail line, with the stops as outlined in the plan.	X			X			X							1, 3
Bonnette	Steve	Online Project Survey	Great format for collecting input!											X			1
Boyle	Joseph	LSRD Website	1/9/15: Subject: CapMetro Fare Cards Comments: When this rail is built, on the proposed route, I will most likely use it every day. I am hoping that some kind of partnership with CapMetro can be put in place so that people who purchase monthly commuter passes can use this train as well.	X										X	General question		1, 3

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Boyt	Jeb	LSRD Website	<p>2/27/15: Subject: Scope of Lone Star Regional EIS  Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the scope of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Lone Star rail project. The Alliance for Public Transportation is excited that Lone Star Rail has reached this important milestone, and we look forward to continue working with you on the development of this important regional transportation project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Austin Station. Currently, there are five stations proposed for Austin: Slaughter Lane, Seaholm, 38th Street, Domain, and McNeil Junction. However, only one of those stations is south of the Colorado River. We recommend that you consider adding a location in the vicinity of Oltorf/Mary. This additional location would provide rail access for people in South Austin. This station would be particularly important should Lone Star Rail partner with Capital Metro or another entity in allowing commuter rail service along the northern portion of the corridor. It is important to include this station in the initial EIS regardless of whether the station may be constructed as part of the initial system.</li> <li>• Local/Express Service. It is important that the environmental impact statement examine the varying impacts and benefits of local and express service. Express service may include a limited number of stops, such as Georgetown, Seaholm, San Marcos, New Braunfels, and Downtown San Antonio. Whereas, local service would include all stations.</li> <li>• Station Areas. The EIS should evaluate other transit connections for each station as well as bicycle and pedestrian connection within ¼ - mile of each station.</li> </ul> <p>2/27/15: Subject: Scope of Lone Star Regional EIS (CONTINUED)  • Congestion Impact. The EIS should include an analysis of the likely number of passenger cars taken off of I-35, Mopac, and other routes by Lone Star Rail and the number of trucks that might be taken off of I-35 due to the additional capacity provided by the new freight rail bypass.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Quality Impacts. The EIS should examine the impact on regional air quality and state carbon emissions resulting from trips that are shifted from cars and trucks to rail.</li> <li>• Historic Routes. Lone Star Rail generally follows two historic routes: El Camino Real de Los Tejas and the Chisholm Trail. El Camino Real is a national historic trail that was an important route during the Spanish settlement of Texas. Lone Star Rail generally follows the route of El Camino Real from San Antonio to Buda. The Chisholm Trail was an historic route by which cattle were driven from Texas to railheads in Kansas during the second half of the 19th Century. Lone Star Rail generally follows the Chisholm Trail along its entire route.</li> </ul> <p>The Alliance for Public Transportation is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with groups, local governments, and individuals to promote the development and improvement of transportation in Central Texas.</p> <p>Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the scope of this EIS.  Please contact me at 512-680-1644 or at jebboyt@hotmail.com if you have any questions regarding these comments.</p> <p>Sincerely,  Jeb Boyt  President  Alliance for Public Transportation</p>	X					X	X	X	X					1, 2, 3, 4, 6
Brandenburg	Stan	LSRD Website	<p>2/11/15: Subject: Connectivity  Comments: I have asked the question of our representative on the city council, Steve Fought, and he could not give me an answer .</p> <p>What is the possibility of Lone Star working with connection to the Rapid Transit system that is now being built between Dallas &amp; Houston.</p> <p>Stan Brandenburg</p>										X				3, 7
Brandenburg	Stan	LSRD Website	<p>2/24/15: Subject: Connectivity  Comments: Have submitted this question to you two months ago after meeting in Georgetown. Is there an opportunity to connect to the repaid transit system being built between Houston &amp; Dallas? Will you use the same type of carrier that they are going to use. carrier,engine &amp; ETC?</p> <p>Stan Brandenburg</p>							X				X			3, 7
Brieschke	Brigitte	Comment Card - Georgetown	<p>I commute from Austin, TX to Georgetown for work everyday and so do many of my coworkers. There is a growing bio-tech area, along with other businesses and health centers, along S. Austin Ave near SE Inner Loop. The old Amtrak lines are near there and the C.A.R.T.S. center, Country Bus: Capital Area Rural Transport System. That would be a great place for the Lone Star Rail to stop.</p>	X							X						1, 3
Brieschke	Brigitte	Online Project Survey	<p>I would like to know where Georgetown stop is going to be, as I spend 2 hours a day commuting to Georgetown, and would like to buy a house in Austin along the rail line. I hope you decide to put it at the Capital Area Rural Transportation System Amtrak stop near S. Austin Ave. and Inner Loop, because I would be able to commute by train and walk to work everyday. thanks!</p>	X							X						2, 3

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Brown	Doris M.	LSRD Website	1/21/15: Subject: LSRRD Comments Comments: Once I would get to Austin or San Antonio, I'd either stand on a hot street corner waiting for a bus or hire a taxi. Like high-speed rail that I've been reading about over the years on National Center for Public Analysis, it will cost more than announced, completion date will not be met and ridership will NEVER be as expected! Who is going to ride this train since a rider will need further transportation once they arrive in Austin or San Antonio. I've written letters to the mayor of New Braunfels and to my council member expressing these same views.		X					X						2, 3
Brown	Tim	Online Project Survey	Very supportive of this project!	X												1
Brown	Anna	Online Project Survey	I would most like to use the express and then have access to city transit system for trips to and from the train stations	X						X						1
Brown	Tim	Online Project Survey	We really need this project to get some traction soon!	X			X									1
Burns	Terry	Online Project Survey	I support the plan to bring passenger rail to this region. This will relieve I35 congestion, reduce air pollution, and provide a much safer travel alternative. I urge you to minimize taking of rural, agricultural and undeveloped natural areas for this project. Use existing corridors as much as possible to decrease loss of wildlife habitat and agricultural land, and minimize sprawl. I urge you to work with the TX-OK high speed rail project to coordinate corridors for the same reasons. I urge you to include safe, fully separate bicycle corridors, and pedestrian corridors in this project. We need more transit alternatives. I urge any passenger system to include user friendly means for bicycle riders. Protection of wet lands, rivers and wildlife habitat is essential. Easy station access for pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as vehicles, should be required. Stations should be located so as to link easily to local transit options, and should enhance not take away from neighborhoods where sited. The region needs interlinked multimodal transit options or we will be stalled in congestion, polluted air, and high accident rates. Building more roads never relieves congestion but only adds to sprawl and pollution and more congestion. We need this project and sooner rather than later!	X		X	X		X	X		X		X		1, 2, 3, 7
Burns	Terry	LSRD Website	<i>[Due to space constraints, comment moved to end of matrix.]</i>													
Caffey	Travis	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: Commuter Rail Comments: Hello,  Thank you for soliciting input. I fully support walking and biking everywhere, but since New Braunfels, Kyle, and Buda do not have public transportation, I think the best commuter rail setup would also allow for scooters/motorcycles and small/large passenger cars/trucks to be rapidly loaded and unloaded for transport. This would allow people the following:  1) Avoid the stress of I-35 traffic 2) Bring their pets along 3) Bring bulky or heavy materials as needed 4) Reduce vehicle mileage (important for people with leases)  For the cars/trucks, I imagine a large forklift type machine that cradles the tires would be the fastest method and reduce boarding time at the station.  For the scooters/motorcycles, perhaps having an adjustable front wheel chock/cradle (for reference: the Baxley Sport Chock) or some other securing system for the wide variety of sizes might be the way to go.	X						X			X			2, 3
Caffey	Troy	LSRD Website	1/27/15: Subject: Light Rail Comments: If you are talking about light rail from Georgetown to San Antonio, I generally support the idea as long as it includes LOTS of overpasses/underpasses such that it does not overly interfere with vehicular traffic. I DESPISE that fact that San Marcos has not done much (other than Wonder World Drive) in the way of overpasses/underpasses.	X									X			1, 2
Carson	John David	Online Project Survey	This is probably the most critical issue toward improving and sustaining this region's quality of life, health, environment, and economy. Please move as fast as possible to get to LSTAR under construction and deliver this desperately needed service. TXDOT: please stop spending so much money only on roads. You have myopia and we're going to be paying for it in many different ways if we don't refocus on a multi-modal system. It's the Department of Transportation, not the Department of Roads.	X			X						X			1, 3
Cecil	Willie	Online Project Survey	Great idea that is badly needed. Get rid of the 35th/Mopac Station.	X							X					1, 2
Chamberlain	Maggie	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: Commuter Rail Comments: I am incredibly supportive of the proposed commuter rail from north Austin through San Marcos to San Antonio.	X												1
Chapa	Joel	Online Project Survey	The rail should have a stop at the AT&T Center for the Spurs games and Rodeo. There should be rail between Dallas and Houston too!	X							X		X			2, 7

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Choundhury	Amina	LSRD Website	2/6/15: Subject: hackAustin Comments: Greetings Lone Star Rail District,  I am a volunteer with hackAustin.  It is an event that will draw thought leaders from across the country, designed as a hackathon to address two of Austin's biggest issues; Affordability and Transportation.  With your experience and expertise in transportation, I wanted to personally invite you to apply and participate. The event set-up promises to be worthwhile for Austin and the participants as they collaborate on ideas/solutions on these challenges.  Please go to <a href="http://www.hackourcity.com">http://www.hackourcity.com</a> for more information.  The deadline to apply is Friday, February 6th.  Please let me know if you have any questions.											X	General question	1
Christian	Joel	LSRD Website	12/11/14: Subject: Regional Freight Rail Project Comments: None of your project plans show the route of the new rail to take the Freight east of I-35. Are you targeting the Mokan Corridor and if now what sections are you targeting?			X										
Christian	Fallon	Online Project Survey	Very informed survey but should consider the cost to the cultural and local communities in Austin more before disrupting lifestyles to improve congestion									X				4
Christians	Cheryl	Online Project Survey	I would use a passenger rail service often. I would hope for Park and Ride options at each stop, so public buses or even short term car rentals would be necessary.	X						X						3
Chuter	Jackie	LSRD Website	1/22/15: Subject: EIS Survey link Comments: As a City of Austin Implementation Planner, I work with neighborhood plan contact teams to implement their plans. One of the plans references involvement in the Lone Star Rail planning process. I will be sending the direct link to the EIS survey to them, but I would like to suggest that the link to the EIS site be more prominent on lonestarrail.com. This website refers to the new "EIS Module," which is jargon, and does not provide a direct link to said module except via the general contact form, which is a convoluted path. I suggest adding a link from lonestarrail.com directly to the homepage of eis.lonestarrail.com so that people can find the survey easily.											X	General question	1
Clary	David	Online Project Survey	I think it amazing at what rail has done in Dallas. Born and raised there and worked there, I was there before that ever started, was skeptical about rail in the beginning, seemed like it was a very slow process, then, boom, it was suddenly finished and all connected. It is amazing to see the development that has taken place around the stations (shopping, condos, etc) with ample parking for commuters. While I am now retired, I would not have the need to use it on a daily basis at all, but, heck, if I see it in my lifetime, it would be fun to hop on it and ride to Austin or San Antonio or places in between to explore as long as there were other means of transportation available once I got there (buses, bicycle rentals, pedestrian walkways, etc).	X						X						1, 3
Claypool	Sarah	Online Project Survey	A commuter rail would be so amazing!	X												1
Clements	Andrew	Online Project Survey	The Red Line commuter rail line must be brought across downtown Austin connect to Lone Star Rail. Commuter rail vehicles (like the Stadler Red Line vehicle), instead of heavy rail vehicles (like TRE and MARC) should be used for Lone Star's service.							X						3
Coffman	Greg	LSRD Website	1/21/15: Subject: Austin?San Antonio Railway Comments: I cannot fully express what an outstanding idea rail service between San Antonio and Austin would be. Having travelled in northern and western Europe, train travel is by far an easier and more economical way to travel that by car. Commuting would be an even better reason to have a railway between the two cities. So by all means, please proceed.	X												1
Coffman	Rosemary	Online Project Survey	I am concerned about whether there would be timely connecting public transportation, such as buses, at the rail stops. I need to be able to get places after I get off the rail.							X						3
Conner	Valerie	Online Project Survey	Hope a good reliable public transit solution can be found to address this issue.											X		1
Convery	John	LSRD Website	1/20/15: Subject: San Antonio to Georgetown Comments: This is long overdue. Do it. Now!	X												1
Cornwell	Keith	Online Project Survey	I hope it happens	X												1
Crane	Robert	Online Project Survey	To be useful for Georgetown residents, public transportation to and from the current proposed rail station location would be required.							X						3
Cuellar	Luis	Online Project Survey	I am in favor of proposed lone star regional rail project.	X												1
Cusenbary	Wade	Online Project Survey	I have used Amtrak service, and like it very much for comfort enjoyable scenery. The biggest problem for Amtrak service is the amount of travel time being very long.	X										X		1, 5
Cutcher	Renee	Online Project Survey	I am Realtor in Seguin & surrounding areas.											X		1

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Dahmus	Mike	LSRD Website	1/9/15: Subject: Do not support Comments: I do not support the use of local funds to subsidize this commuter railway as the benefit will accrue almost universally to those outside the city limits of Austin. We have bigger and more important problems locally than subsidizing the occasional commute of those whose communities of origin don't want to pay (enough).		X			X								1, 3
Dahmus	Mike	Online Project Survey	I am AGAINST local subsidization of this project. Using city of Austin funds to subsidize operating costs is not a good decision for our city. We have huge transit needs not being met locally; we do not need another Red Line disaster to worsen our financial position for the benefit of the suburbs.		X			X								1, 3
Davis	Brian	LSRD Website	1/21/15: Subject: Kill the project now! Comments: How long will it take...public transportation to terminal...ride to destination with stops along the way...public transportation to destination...repeat? How much will it cost...private vehicle to terminal...parking...train to destination...transportation to destination...repeat! Yikes! Solution to what problem? I can drive to any destination on the route.		X					X						1, 3
De La Morena-	Carmen	Online Project Survey	WE NEED RAIL THAT SERVES ALL AUSTINITES--NORTH,SOUTH,EAST & WEST. WE NEED A RAIL SYSTEM THAT LIFTS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY--NOT SOME AREAS OR SPECIAL INTERESTS.											X		1
Del Angel	Alfredo	Online Project Survey	I'm really looking forward to seeing the outcome of this. It has been much need for a Long time now. Keep me updated please.	X			X									1, 8
DEL CARMEN DE LA MORENA-CHU	Maria	LSRD Website	2/27/15: Subject: AUSTIN RAIL Comments: WE NEED A RAIL SYSTEM THAT WORKS WITH A FABULOUS BUS/BIKE/PED SYSTEM. RAIL ALONE WONT RESULT IN RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION. A SOLID NETWORK OF RAIL/PUBLIC TRANSIT/PEDESTRIAL PATHS WILL! A PERIMETER SYSTEM THAT GROWS/BRANCHES STEMS INTO THE CORE OF AUSTIN SEEMS THE BEST AND MOST BALANCED APPORACH FOR PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF FAIRNESS AND FOR COST AND BENEFIT ACCEPTANCE. THE PAIN OF CONSTRUCTION OVER TIME BALANCED WITH EXPERIENCE OF RESULTS WILL TEMPER RESISTANCE TO CHANGE. BUT DEFINITELY START WITH PERIMETER AND CITY TO CITY [AUSTIN-SAN.ANTONIO-DALLAS-HOUSTON CONNECTIONS]SYSTEM.				X			X			X			2, 3
Dell	Jeffrey	Online Project Survey	I would really like passenger rail along this corridor.	X												1
DeSalvo	Cody	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: Support for Lone Star Rail in San Marcos Comments: First, id like to thank you for taking the time to collect this feedback for those of us who cant make it to the public comment on this topic. I am writing to voice my support for the construction of a commuter rail system through San Marcos and adding a stop for transit to and from the city. There are a number of very important factors Id like citizens and policy makers to consider. Primarily this commuter rail will allow access to a larger employment pool. San Marcos suffers from insufficient job growth, even as it is rated the fastest growing cities in the country. A rail line with a stop will allow unemployed and underemployed citizens to access the job markets found in Austin and San Antonio. Connecting San Marcos to a regional rail system will also provide access for even more tourism from the central Texas region and help support the growth of Texas State University, which, through student activities in the city and local contracts is the largest income generator for the city of San Marcos. The commuter rail has my full support.  Thank you, Cody DeSalvo	X						X	X					2, 3, 6
Diaz	Neil	Online Project Survey	I am very supportive of this. I am the business development manager and Secretary on our Board of Directors for ATX Safer Streets. We work with the city on transportation expansion, maintain a strong community following, our voice is effective and media outlets reach out to us constantly. We are here to provide city support to this project.  Thank you, Neil Diaz	X						X						1, 6
Dietert	S. Brady	Online Project Survey	Thanks for educating the public on your efforts.											X		1
Doering	Walt	Online Project Survey	Like presentation and display												x	1
Donaldson	Richard	Online Project Survey	Get this project completed as soon as possible. This is a no-brainer!	X												1
Donnell	Howard	Online Project Survey	Regional and/or high-speed interurban train service needed between not just Austin and San Antonio, but also between all of the largest metropolitan areas in Texas: SA-AUS, SA-HOU, AUS-HOU, AUS-DFW, DFW-HOU.	X									X			1, 7

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Donop	Perry	LSRD Website	1/20/15: Subject: passenger service san antonio to austin Comments: I can only hope this project will be built in my lifetime. It is needed badly. Not only will it reduce traffic on IH35 thus reducing wrecks and pollution but it will provide affordable transportation to Texas citizens. I am a conservative and while many of my friends may not agree I am in support of this in that it will give Texas a leg up on other states	X					X							1
Ducharme	Hayward	Online Project Survey	traffic congestion is a major problem, not sure that rail is the best answer. We are tied to our cars.						X							1, 2
Duncan	Carolina	Online Project Survey	Whatever you decide, remember to be environmentally friendly!!!									X				4
Duval	Beth	LSRD Website	2/6/15: Subject: Round Rock & Austin issues Comments: As a resident of Round Rock, I will only use this rail service if there is a stop in Round Rock. The project currently lacks any station in the city limits of Round Rock or anywhere on I-35 north of Austin. Easy access to Lone Star Rail from I-35, preferably near the McNeil Road interchange in Round Rock, is essential to the viability of this project. In addition, the downtown Austin station must be designed to connect easily with the existing MetroRail line and a future light rail system. Convenient transfers from one line to another are essential to attracting and retaining loyal riders.								X					2, 3
Easley	Clare	LSRD Website	2/2/15: Subject: Comment Comments: I hope I will be able to visit in family by rail in San Antonio in my lifetime, which is growing short. While living in DC, I rode the train to NYC, Philadelphia, and places in between. Total luxury being able to read, etc. while traveling.	X												1
Egan	Susan	Online Project Survey	Interesting idea, but it should include spur lines to both Austin's and San Antonio's airports	X						X	X		X			2, 3
Egan	Susan	Online Project Survey	Consider including direct access to both Austin and San Antonio airports from the rail line							X	X					2, 3
Elmendorf	Brett	Online Project Survey	I am very interested in anything that reduces train noise.									X				1, 4
Esker	Bill	Online Project Survey	Lone Star Rail Project should be a high priority for completion	X			X									1
Espinal	Alejandro H.	LSRD Website	2/19/15: Subject: It this happened 3 weeks ago 'n my backyard Comments: Check this it... 1. <a href="http://www.kvue.com/media/cinematic/video/22495583/one-person-killed-in-round-rock-train-crash/">http://www.kvue.com/media/cinematic/video/22495583/one-person-killed-in-round-rock-train-crash/</a> 2. <a href="http://youtu.be/NICxApDsKw">http://youtu.be/NICxApDsKw</a>											X		1
Faierso	Johanna	Online Project Survey	I commute from San Antonio to San Marcos, and am totally in favor of a commuter rail	X												1
Farnsworth	Robert	Online Project Survey	Break the stalemate and build. This project is stuck in analysis paralysis. It was evaluated to work in 1990. The need is even bgreater nbow.s.	X			X									1
Feagin	Debbie	Online Project Survey	very concerned about proposed freight rail route. I'm in the middle of the study area.			X										2, 6
Fernandez	Pat	LSRD Website	2/27/15: Subject: Lone Star Rail Comments: I think it would be a great asset to the communities in the IH 35 corridor.	X												1
Fields	Erich	Online Project Survey	Hoping to see an affordable option. i work primarily with low income clients who often have family in San Antonio that they are unable to see because of cost barriers to transportation.					X								2, 3, 4
Finch	Kay	Comment Card - Elgin	Thanks for "women" here to discuss with us homeowners - specifically Mary Kelly of Raba Kistner Engineering firm. Lots of private cemeteries - do not forget them. I do appreciate you having these open reviews. PS. Lots of truckers use 130 at deeply reduced rate! Plan 50 years in advance - not 5 yrs.						X			X		X		2, 4
Finch	Kay & Wayne	Large Map at Elgin Public Meeting	Comment #2 - (West of Coupland) Two cemeteries on 1660, Avery, Rises Crossing			X						X				1, 4
FitzPatrick	Shannon	Online Project Survey	Great presentation - it is good to get people involved and aware of this very critical project. The sooner the better - demand is now!	X			X									1, 6
Flores	Amy	Online Project Survey	Awesomepresentation.Thankyou.	X												1
Fraser	Karen	LSRD Website	2/7/15: Comments: DO YOU HAVE AN EMAIL LIST TO BLAST PERIODIC (QUARTERLY, BI-ANNUALLY) NEWSLETTERS?											X	General question	6

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Frazier	Michele	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: Rail Comments: We really need a rail system. IH35 is a mess and no one planned for the masses that use it on a daily basis. Get this started sooner rather than later. Stop just talking about it and get this done. PLEASE!	X					X							1
Frazier	Michele	Online Project Survey	Please let's do this!	X												1
Freer	B.	Online Project Survey	Thanks for hosting this, I look forward to seeing how it develops.											X		1
Friedman	Ivan	Online Project Survey	rail not roads, preferably not diesel powered	X												1, 3
Frost	Lucy	LSRD Website	1/20/15: Subject: Kudos! Comments: Just got my postcard in the mail. Probably can't make the public meeting. Wanted to add my name to the list of those who support this idea 100%. Kudos to the team who put together the survey and the website. Rail like this could save Central Texas -- economically and environmentally! Let me know how I can help.	X												1
Frost	Lucy	Online Project Survey	SO glad to know this project is in the works! It could save Central Texas. Ideally, it then gets extended to Dallas.	X									X			1, 7
Fullilove	Kate	Online Project Survey	I don't want to see family farms affected.									X				2, 4
Fussell	Jill	Online Project Survey	Please consider a rail station near Shell Rd and Hwy 195 to tap NW Georgetown residents and keep us from driving across I-35 to catch the rail								X					2
Galan Jr	Roger	Online Project Survey	I believe in this project. This train is something that is needed to connect our cities. I also feel that if we can free up the rails from commercial trains that would be a plus. I moved to downtown San Antonio to be a part of a new generation and chapter in this city's history. Whatever input that is needed i am here to help.	X												1
Galloway	Heather	Online Project Survey	I have wanted to see rail in Central Texas for two decades. I share a car with my husband and primarily use a bicycle. I really, really support commuter or regional rail although I think there are needs for both.	X												1
Garcia	Juan A.	LSRD Website	1/21/15: Subject: freight trains Comments: The proposed commuter rail line is an excellent idea and proposal. My concern is with the freight trains that currently run through many of the inner city neighborhoods. We live very close to the eastside UP yard in Dignowity Hill. The current situation of having freight trains run so close and through the neighborhood are a concern because the trains invariably will stop as they are entering the yard causing blockages on several street crossings that bisect the neighborhood. Moving the freight traffic away from the neighborhood will greatly improve the quality of the environment in these neighborhoods. Thank You	X								X				2, 3
Garrison	Mark	Online Project Survey	I was not convinced that traffic alternatives could be effective until I visited New York City and saw first-hand how effective the subway system is with respect to travel time and cost effectiveness. Some type of non-auto system has to be implemented - it's inevitable and will only get more expensive to build as time passes...	X					X							1, 2
Garry	Susan	LSRD Website	2/25/15: Subject: EIS freight rail line Comments: My comments are on the new freight rail line. First, there were problems regarding the communications related to the first round of public meetings. I live in Coupland, where we have the Coupland Civic Organization and the City of Coupland city council. I had asked for the Civic Organization officers and the city council members to be put on the Lone Star Rail email list to be notified of meetings. We were not notified. I learned about the meetings by checking the LSR website. As I understand it, our officials have since been added to the LSR email list. Also, we had been informed that the proposed alternative freight rail routes would be shown at this first round of public meetings, but they were not. Only the freight bypass study area was shown. It is impossible to make any detailed comments until actual routes are set out. Regarding the proposed freight line through the area west of Coupland, there are many reasons that this is not an appropriate location. The area is part of the Blackland Prairie, one of the best prime farmland areas in the world. Also, the farms in the area, some of which have been in families for generations, should not be split up by a rail line. The area also is home to rural communities that would be divided, and there are several historic cemeteries in the area. If there must be a new freight line, one possibility is to add a line to the existing right-of-way of the Union Pacific line along MoPac. This ROW should be studied in detail rather than discarding this possibility out of hand. As I understand it, the freight line needs only 100 feet of ROW. A second possibility is to put the freight rail in the median of the 130 toll road. When 130 was proposed, part of the description was that there would be room for rail. As I understand it, the median for the entire length of 130 is about 135 feet between where the grass meets the concrete on each side. This is enough room for the 100 feet required by the rail. This possibility should be studied in detail, also, and not ignored.			X						X	X			2, 3, 4, 6
Garza	Edward	Comment Card - San Marcos	This project is a godsend, both for Texas' present and its future. It truly is the only viable way to navigate - and harness our state's rapidly growing population. We can't afford NOT to do this.	X												1
Garza	Chris	Large Map at Seguin Public Meeting	Comments #2CD - Property owner in Redwood (1979/621 intersection) indicated they own 15 acres and a house			X						X				1

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Garza	Edward S.	Online Project Survey	This project is as necessary as it is great. Whatever environmental concerns that accompany it pale in comparison to those that would persist (and grow) if Texas kept a vehicle-only model. This project is vital to the quality of life here in our great state.	X												1
Garza	Chris	Online Project Survey	would like to be kept informed of rail road ties and locations of service yard , due to possible location of our property thank you			X						X	X			2, 3
Gayhart	Barbara	Online Project Survey	Very interested in Austin to San Marcos or New Braunfels or San Antonio rail travel								X		X			2, 3
Gillfillan	Abigail	Online Project Survey	Really want alternative options. Would improve my families quality of life and economic opportunities										X			2, 3
Gilliam	Daniel	Online Project Survey	This is a vital project for the future of Central Texas and I am proud to support it.	X												1
Godfrey	Tracie	LSRD Website	2/2/15: Subject: Lone Start Regional Rail Comments: I think it's a great idea and I know many people that would utilize it. I would certainly use it.	X												1
Goode	Gretchen	Online Project Survey	I have lived in Chicago after living in car only based cities and it is a wonderful option to have good public and train transit. The trick will be making options to get to places once you step off of a train. This would be great for event traffic between cities as well as the airport. Sober driving easy if you can have fun and take a train.	X						X						1
Gorring	Alexander	Online Project Survey	Great survey! Im excited to see this project develop	X												1
Graber	Jen	Online Project Survey	Make the rail line happen!!!	X												1
Graham	Elsa	LSRD Website	2/19/15: Subject: Lone Star Rail Comments: I welcome central Texas coming into the 21st century with this proposed rail. The highway 35 corridor is in need of a passenger rail system. Texas is way behind passenger rail. I will support this system as a rider and a tax payer.	X												1
Graham	Donald	LSRD Website	2/24/15: Subject: high speed rail relocation Comments: I do not see any positive only negative in this project. An 80 mph non stop train will create noise in the quiet countryside ,it will divide farms and ranches that have been in families for generations. It will not generate any revenue for the County or Cites .		X	X						X				2, 3, 4
Graham	Elsa	Online Project Survey	If we had passenger rail, I would use it for most of my visits to Austin or San Antonio	X												1
Gray	Lesley	Comment Card - Elgin	Would you allow the transport of pets, that is, small animals such as a cat or small dog?											X		1, 3
Green	Gordon	Comment Card - San Marcos	Project like this is long overdue for the SA-Austin I-35 corridor. Traffic has really grown on I-35 in the 10 yrs I've been at the Tx State Univ. Truck traffic is dangerous on the corridor. Don't let the anti-growth folks in San Marcos hold up the train!! This area will grow whether they want it or not.	X					X							1
Green	Gordon	Online Project Survey	this type of rail service is long overdue.	X												1
Griffith	Mary	Comment Card - Georgetown	Traffic isn't going to improve as population increases. We must prepare for te needs of the future - and build an infrastructure to meet future needs - even if our current needs do not meet this level of demand. Texans are used to driving. However, as congestion increases and alternatives become more easy to use, even Texans can learn to use and appreciate public transportation.	X					X							1, 2
Grimes	Reagan	Online Project Survey	Rail by way of sacrificing road expansion is fools gold. I not opposed to rail for rails sake, but it shouldn't be pushed through simply because it is the hip thing for politicians to push.					X						X		1, 6
Grossman	Kenny	LSRD Website	12/14/14: Subject: Track converge at W. Anderson Comments: As part of the rail relocation, it would be great to shift the converging tracks at W. Anderson Lane to a location further north adjacent to commercial properties. They are currently sandwiched between Mopac and homes in Allandale, and the homes hear the loud noise and vibrations of idling engines for many hours, both day and night. Commercial properties are generally closed at night and it would not bother them, not to mention potential air quality issues being located so close to homes.			X						X				2, 3, 4
Guerrero	Ruben	LSRD Website	1/21:15: Subject: Freight by-pass Comments: Please consider eliminating freightlines near downtown area on the eastside by Dignowity subdivision and expanding the freight by-pass off of FM 78 near Kirby.			X							X			2
Haas	Rick	Online Project Survey	its about time!!!	X			X									1
Hagemeier	Douglas	Online Project Survey	The City of Round Rock Leadership needs serve its citizens by joining the Rail District and developing Transit Oriented Development in the 300 acre former industrial property slated for redevelopment in downtown with rail frontage.										X			1, 3, 6
Hajka	Alfred	Online Project Survey	We need this for everyone to start improving mobility along the I-35 corridor. traffic is only getting worse, SH 130 is only a temporary fix to the situation is sometimes out of the way						X					X		1, 2
Hale	Janet	Online Project Survey	Look forward to having student work on connecting campuses of Texas State.	X						X						1

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Hanson	Angela	Online Project Survey	I like this feedback framework. It is much better than the open-ended "suggestion box" type of feedback request.											X		1
Harcketts	John	LSRD Website	2/22/15: Subject: Lone Star Rail stations etc. Comments: It is important that the Austin stations, at least, have good bus connections, rather than mainly being accessible by car. Of course that also requires more frequent buses -- which should be affordable given that money won't be going to an urban rail system in the foreseeable future.  It is also important that there be transit oriented development near as many stations as possible over the whole route -- with dense residential development, stores, and if possible public buildings like libraries.  There should be restrooms available, hopefully in the train cars, but if not then in the vicinity of the stations. Stores such as fast-food restaurants could serve that purpose.							X	X					3
Hardy	Joan	Online Project Survey	Older, rural, handicapped people need more options to go to work, school and healthcare.	X												2, 3
Harris	Brett	Online Project Survey	One aspect that could be solicited as a positive aspect of the rail despite the obvious is the proposed passenger rail will run on the same track/ line that the original rail system that has been in operation since the 1800's. As a tourist people would be exposed to sights and structures that would otherwise not be seen. Bridges, and other historical features would be able to be appreciated from the view of the rail system. The rail could help preserve and improve education about the history of Texas. You guys should also look at teaming up with local HUD / CDBG fund recipients ( Housing & Community Development Departments )to help promote the efforts HUD is trying to tie in with condensed urban development that relies on the availability of commuter systems as selling points to live as such without the need for cars / parking spots etc.. I have been waiting for this for a long time. Good luck!!	X				X			X		X			1, 3, 4
Harris	Tiffany	Online Project Survey	Rail should have stop in New Braunfels - please please								X					2, 3
Harrison	Michael	LSRD Website	1/15/15: Subject: Bicycle transport Comments: I strongly feel that we need a public rail system in central Texas however, people need to be able to move around at their destination without having to incur further costs. Bicycles can do this for people. Bicycles are the future of urban mobility. Will there be sufficient space for passengers with bicycles to board with their bikes? And I'm not talking about checking bikes in or anything like that. That takes times, compromises security/safety of the bike and will deter riders using bikes. What I hope and pray will happen is something like a large open car, much like the New York subway, where passengers may board/exit quickly with their bike. It isn't much good for people to travel to another city and have to rely on cabs/buses/etc. to get around. Think of the benefits to public health and how you can contribute to this by making bicycles a viable option for transportation.	X						X						3, 4
Hasdorff	Julie K.	Online Project Survey	It is absolutely necessary that we connect San Antonio and the Austin area with a commuter rail system. The longer we wait the more it will cost. I think it will eventually happen but by the time it does it will be an outrageous cost to Texans.	X				X								1
Haverlah	Heidi	Online Project Survey	I love the country. I wish the city of San Antonio would quit wanting to bring in more people. They are taking our water and our land. We are in the country for a reason. We don't need more highways, railroads, or anything else taking over our land. I don't need to travel the I35 corridor at all if I don't want to use it. Just moving the traffic to another location does NOT solve the problem. Wanting more people to move to the area is the problem.		X									X		1, 4
Highsmith	Madelon	Comment Card - Mail	Where can the public get a list of all the proposed and possible train stations/stops along the route? Who is doing the economic impact (1/2 mile circumference of ea station) and the ad valorem forecasted revenue?								X			X		2, 3, 4
Highsmith	Madelon	Online Project Survey	this is a very informative meeting. thank you.											X		1
Hinton	Nettie	Comment Card - San Antonio	I understand federal funds are available for high speed railroad linkages between major metropolitan areas nationwide. Former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson was working diligently on a project that would connect Dallas-Ft Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Houston and back to the Dallas-Ft Worth area. Why is that concept/planning associated with it being kicked to the curb. Amtrac = old technology and is slow - probably endangering air quality along the route. Who are the people behind this Lone Star Rail District - I sure hope they are NOT the people who were with Perry on the Trans-Texas corridor!!!! (Same flawed thought process). If you do get this project built DO NOT move San Antonio Amtrax Service to the Westside Multi-modal Center. Build the station at the Sunset Station area near to the River Walk, Alamo, Alamodome, and convention center.								X			X	General Comment	2, 3, 5, 7
Hinton	Nettie	Online Project Survey	Believe that Sen. Hutchinson's plan connecting all major metros (DFW, Austin, San Antonio, Houston and back to DFW) is the most appropriate solution. Environmental concerns (quality of life, air, and endangered species particularly bats) along the entire study area.	X								X	X			2, 4, 7
Holder	Bob	Comment Card - San Marcos	If this rail line will be east of I-35 in San Marcos, then we need it. Encourage houses and businesses to re-locate there.											X		2, 3, 4
Holiman	Gene	Online Project Survey	Glad to hear UP is partially on board. The public perception I've encountered is that the project will never fly because the UP doesn't want to move or invest \$\$\$ -- need to publicize this working cooperation to change public perceptions!	X		X										1, 6

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Horn	Yvette	LSRD Website	1/31/15: Subject: Lone Star Regional Rail Comments: I do not want the rail going through my property and intend to follow progress. I raise bees and am concerned about how this would affect my hives. I will rally all the neighbors (farmers)around me also, if need be.		X	X						X				2, 3
Hovland	Emily	Online Project Survey	I would love any improvements to the transportation system that do not involve cars or buses. Most especially a train from downtown to the airport. That is a good start.	X							X					1, 2
Howard	Donna	LSRD Website	2/26/15: Subject: Usage of the regional rail Comments: I would use your system, IF there was a way to get from your depot to UT and other downtown Austin areas. The whole point of having mass transit is to get people to the areas they need to get to. Current rail systems do not meet that need for me living here in Georgetown. I have to drive a long way to get to the northern end, so I may as well drive into Austin right to my daughter's dorm. Please consider how passengers will be able to get from the depot to their final destination, and bring the rail close to popular areas.							X						3
Hunt	Steve	Online Project Survey	1. Actually listen to the public as opposed to what Project Connect did for the trolley line. They appeared to ask for input but in fact had decided what they were going to put on the ballot. It didn't work,did it? 2. Give serious consideration to how high speed rail can be installed on the same basic right of way in the future. Obviously,can't use the same tracks,but could be built on piers adjacent or near the regional rail										X	X		2, 3, 6, 7
Hunt	Barbara	Online Project Survey	Consider a station at the airports in San Antonio and Austin. Lots of people living in the cities in between and even Austin or SA look at flight schedules in both cities when traveling. Would also help to alleviate the lack of parking at ABIA and SA.							X	X					2, 3
Hutchinson	Phil	Online Project Survey	The project is large enough to warrant the creation of a new type of elevated passenger rail that is affordable and can be placed in the I-35 corridor. Create a worldwide contest.	X									X			2
Hutchinson	Joan	Online Project Survey	I wish it was already constructed. BUT the commerical property around the Stations seems to be absorbing a huge part if the creation if the rail station location expense, This will be a negative consideration.								X	X				3
Insley	Diane	Online Project Survey	Rail or Subway is the preferred travel between Austin and SA. Airplanes take too long to park and do security. Buses or commuter vans are in the same traffic as everyone else.	X												2
Jackson	Seth	Online Project Survey	This is a great idea for the I-35 Corridor and I hope we can get this done soon. Cant wait to use it	X												1
Jamison	Melanie	Online Project Survey	We want RAIL :)	X												1
Janke	Tamberly	LSRD Website	1/22/15: Subject: 5 years? Seriously? Comments: I'm excited to hear that we are FINALLY moving forward on rail, after YEARS of taxpayers requesting this. However, what perturbed me about this, is that the "process" is always so blasted drawn out and long. Have you guys ever heard of MULTITASKING? Start the preliminary plans while working on your repeat of information gathering. Go back through the years and use comments and input from previous environmental studies fine for the cap metro rail line, where possible. Surely the environment hasn't changed that much. Quit wasting taxpayer time and money and get on with the project for goodness sake. Every project requires a new study, more money spent, and more darn time wasted. Enough already.	X			X									1
Jenkins	Sarah	LSRD Website	2/6/15: Subject: support Comments: Highly supportive of this project. Can't happen soon enough!	X												1
John	Charles	LSRD Website	2/19/15: Subject: comment Comments: Hurry - we need this desperately. I had to drive up to the Capitol a week ago and it was a nightmare and it is not going to get better. A train would have been sublime. One thing however, do not plan too many stops, as it will defeat the purpose of getting from point A to point B - point A being downtown San Antonio, and point B being downtown Austin.	X							X					1, 2
Johnson	Gary	Large Map at Elgin Public Meeting	Comment #1 - Property owner on Skog Road north of Elgin owns 470 acres; property in family for 100 years; raise cattle, crops; owner worked for FHWA for 41 years			X						X				1
Johnson	Terry	LSRD Website	1/27/15: Subject: Opposed to Freight Rail Relocation Comments: I am opposed to this whole project. We have 500 acres that are on Skog Road in Northeast Travis County which is in the path of the proposed relocation. We have been farming this land since 1901 and do not want a railroad running the property. From a taxpayer standpoint I do not believe this is a responsible use of money. I do not know of one farmer or rancher who wants a railroad through their property. Thanks for your time.		X	X		X								1, 2, 4
Johnson	Terry	Comment Card - Elgin	I am opposed to this project. We have 500 acres on Skog Road in Travis County. We do not want this railroad on our property. This area has been an active farm since 1901.		X	X						X				1, 2, 4
Johnson	Gary	Comment Card - Elgin	I am very concerned about the location of the freight rail corridor. Although right of way may only be 100 ft the potential to splitting farms and ranches will significantly affect farmers and ranchers throughout the length of the proposed project. My family has 470 acres of farm land in N.E. Travis County, some of which has been in the family over 100 years. We do not want the rail line through our property.		X	X						X				2, 4

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Kalthoff	Wendy	Online Project Survey	Will taxpayer money be used for rail? Will property taxes be increased?					X								3, 9
Kang	Hong Gu	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: Public transport project is not an option Comments: I am in strong support of this rail project. If we are living for a long term, 10 year or longer, this public transportation project should be supported now. Our next generation will appreciate this move. HK	X												1
Katsetos	Andrew	Online Project Survey	This area is in dire need of transportation options.						X							1
Kelly	Shawn	LSRD Website	1/27/15: Subject: Rail - yes/No Comments: No rail. We have turned this down before. Why do we have to keep saying no. We do not desire this, ever.		X											1
Kelly	Shawn	LSRD Website	2/19/15: Subject: Rail Comments: No to the rail. Rail never was a cure, never will be. Get people to live where they work. That is and always will be the only solution.		X											1
Kelly	D. Tim	Online Project Survey	It's about time!	X			X									1
Kier	Sam	LSRD Website	1/9/15: Subject: Public Rail Trans Comments: This is an idea that is way behind schedule. This needs to happen and it should run from Dallas to San Antonio with stops in Waco, Georgetown, Austin, San Marcos and where it makes sense. We need to find alternatives to gridlock and this makes so much sense.	X			X				X		X			2, 3, 7
King	David	LSRD Website	1/31/15: Subject: Environmental Impact Study Comments: Hello,  Could you please provide me with more information about the environmental impact study for the Lone Star Rail project? Please let me know how the public can provide input to the scope and components of the study.  Thank you, David King President, Zilker Neighborhood Association Austin, TX 78704											X	General question	2, 3, 4, 6
King	David	Online Project Survey	Consultants and contractors for the Lone Star Rail Project should be selected in a transparent, competitive, and fair manner.  We must stop allowing consultants, contractors and vested interests to control the process and outcome of the project.  Ninety percent of the taxpayer money for the project should be used for building the rail instead of paying salaries of consultants and "administrative overhead".  Thank you.											X		1
Klunder	Michael	Online Project Survey	Really would love to see trains connecting SA and Austin and all the development that would come with it.	X												1
Knode	Helga F.	LSRD Website	1/19/15: Subject: SA to Austin Rail Project Comments: This is really exciting to me. I don't drive anymore but would like to travel the I-35 corridor. So much to see and do in these other cities and I feel cut-off from all that. Am very much in favor. I think it ease traffic a lot too. Thank you.	X					X							1
Koenig	Anne	Online Project Survey	Very informative and hope this happens quicker than proposed	X			X									1
Kranes	Michelle D.	Online Project Survey	Please know you have our full support of the Lone Star rail initiative and we very much would like to see a stop built at Stassney/Manchaca.	X							X					1, 2
krier	joe	Online Project Survey	i wish you guys would get this thing going.	X			X									1
Kyle	Tj	Online Project Survey	I would really like to see a park and ride and rail stop at Slaughter Ln and Mopac and a connection from this location to downtown and UT Austin campus. The rail service should be frequent and run through out the day in order for it to be a viable option for working parents with children. I myself do not currently take the flyer route from oak hill area because it does not run in the afternoon. If I have to leave to attend to a sick child or for an appt, there is no service between 12:30 and 4 pm. Also, there need to be options for people to get from the rail station to their final destination. If that is not easily available, people will not take the train. Thanks!							X	X					2, 3
Labay	Patrick	LSRD Website	1/20/15: Subject: Lone Star Regional Rail Comments: Lone Star Regional Rail is the crucial connection between Georgetown and San Antonio that we are needing to alleviate traffic and lower the cost of housing and to create more efficient regional planning and lower vehicle emissions. WE NEED IT NOW	X					X							1
LaBorde	Brian	Comment Card - San Marcos	None.												Comment card blank	1
Lambdin-Abrah	Andrew	Online Project Survey	I strongly endorse providing rail service from outlying areas to job centers and regional destinations, as long as they are effectively integrated with local transit options.	X						X						1, 2, 3

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Lantelme	Cody	Comment Card - San Marcos	Please make this happen! I hate I-35. I would like easier access to recreation in downtown Austin without warning about the hassle of driving, traffic, and parking. I would rather read a book on my ride up instead!	X					X							1
Lantelme	Cody	Online Project Survey	Just waiting for this to get approved, hopefully!	X												1
Lazaro	Chris	Online Project Survey	I fully support the Lone Star Regional Rail project. Not only does it offer an alternative to a very dangerous mode of travel between Austin and San Antonio, it will serve neighborhoods by relocating freight rail that has clearly destroyed many of San Antonio's central neighborhoods and, frankly, the health and safety of residents living near the railroad and especially the rail yard at I-35 and US-281. Please don't let politics get in the way of making this project a reality.	X								X				1, 2, 4
Leach	Dawn	LSRD Website	1/29/15: Subject: Support Mass Transit Comments: I support any and all efforts to provide mass transit opportunities for those who wish to seek alternative travel modes. I will try to attend a meeting for more specific information. "Build it and they will come."	X												1, 2
Lee	Dennis	Online Project Survey	For travel between Austin and San Antonio It would reduce congestion to buy I-30 from Spain and make it a FREE way!!!		X								X			1, 3
Lehtonen	i.	Online Project Survey	Stop building roads with tolls on them. Texans do not want toll roads and rarely travel them. Use the rainy day fun.											X	Toll roads	1, 2
lende	bill	Online Project Survey	please make this railproject work as quickly as possible. the positive economic impact on all of the cities involved will be substantial.	X			X									1
Lewis	Marina	Online Project Survey	You have my entire support and I hope for the quality of life for all of us in Central South Texas, the rail system is a success!	X												1
Lewis	Karen	Online Project Survey	Regional rail would significantly affect where and how I choose to live and commute in Central Texas - station locations would almost certainly define where I buy a house (<1 mi for ease of commuting)								X					2, 3
Lizalde	Ruben G.	Online Project Survey	would like to make other meetings											X		1
Loew	Laurie	LSRD Website	1/29/15: Subject: Stassney/Manchaca Civic Center Comments: would love to see a station/stop and this location!	X							X					2, 3
Loftus	Tom	Online Project Survey	Excited to see the project moving forward	X			X									1
Long	Joshua	LSRD Website	2/1/15: Subject: Lone Star Rail Georgetown Comments: The economic, social, and environmental benefits of bringing the LSR to Georgetown would greatly outweigh costs to the city budget. Given development along I-35 corridor and continued growth of Austin, this project seems like an obvious win-win for everyone involved. Please move forward with this project and make sure that there is a stop in Georgetown!	X							X					2, 3, 4
Lucas	Charlotte-An	Online Project Survey	Love the survey, technically and conceptually. Nice tool!											X	Survey	1
Lyman	Melody	LSRD Website	2/27/15: Subject: Freight Rail Relocation Comments: Please consider the habitat destruction that has occurred along Toll 130 that has dissected Caldwell County. My neighbors and I live along a hill in western Caldwell County. We can see the toll road from our front porch. We have witnessed first hand the disruption of wildlife out here. Wildlife includes deer, coyotes, bobcats, foxes, raccoons, opossums, armadillos, nutria, rabbits, squirrels, many varieties of birds, and several types of snakes, not to mention what is left of native prairie grasses. This is beautiful land out here and we would like to preserve what is left of it for future generations and allow habitats to recover. Please consider a different route for the relocation of the freight rail.			X						X				2, 4
Lyman	Melody	LSRD Website	2/27/15: Subject: Email Contact List Comments: Please add me to email list to receive updates on this project. Thanks, Melody Lyman											X	Add to email list	8
Lyman	Melody	Online Project Survey	Please do not relocate freight in the area of 130 toll road. Please do not disrupt the habitat along the 130 toll road again by relocating freight here. Habitats need to recover. Wildlife includes deer, coyotes, bobcats, foxes, raccoons, opossums, armadillos, nutria, rabbits, squirrels, many varieties of birds, and several types of snakes. We have been disrupted enough by the toll road. This is beautiful land that we would like to keep for our future generations.			X						X				2, 4
M.	Melissa	Online Project Survey	Ready for an alternate mode of transportation. We should allow a new form of transportation before assuming it cannot benefit us and the environment. All other forms of transportation have had their turn and it's time we look at this option. Hope it turns out to be one of the best decisions we will make.	X												1
MacNaughton	Lou	LSRD Website	2/20/15: Subject: freight line Comments: If a freight line is situated along TX 183 facilitating the transportation of garbage or coal ash to the proposed "130 Environmental Park" Landfill there will be a class action lawsuit. Caldwell County is under siege and we are organized to fight this.		X	X										2, 4

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MacRae	Niall	Online Project Survey	I don't know if everyone understands what a boon this would be for the local economy, for current traffic pressure along I-35 and for sustainable development along the I-35 corridor. A good alternative to car travel will be extraordinarily beneficial to everyone.	X					X							1
Mahan	Kelly	Online Project Survey	Concerned that the freight rail bypass to the east must be essentially done in order for this passenger rail to utilize existing - project should include focus on getting freight done, the commuter part is more or less there.			X										2
Maness	Richard	LSRD Website	1/22/15: Subject: Lone Star Rail Comments: Please consider modeling of European lines using electric trains on two track system, this would get more ridership and cars off the roads. Also consider a station on vacant property at Ben White along tracks.								X		X			2, 3
Maney	Will	Online Project Survey	Thanks for putting this on, great event. Can't wait to see this happen!	X												1
Maples	William B.	Online Project Survey	I am a supporter of rail transit with rail experience in Dallas. I am willing to help in any reasonable fashion.	X												1
Marchut	Ted	Online Project Survey	There are a surprising number of scooters in San Marcos and Austin. A way to take them on a commuter train would be really helpful. They are great on gas, easy to park, and very practical around town, but they are not suited for the highway. Bringing my scooter would eliminate my dependence on public transportation within the city, and make rail between cities much more useful to me.							X			X			2, 3
Marler	John	Online Project Survey	LS Rail is a boondoggle of no merit to any community and will be sued out of existence in the attempt to lay the first foot of rail line by environmentalist		X											1
Mason-Murphy	Kate	Online Project Survey	2 requests...1) PLEASE include bike facilities along rail routes 2) include a stop at Stassney and/or the old Bergstrom Spur intersection							X	X					2, 3
Mayo	Judy	Online Project Survey	I strongly support Lone Star Regional Rail and believe it will be very beneficial to all communities along the system. In particular, I think it will change the development of Georgetown for the better.	X												1
Mays	John	Online Project Survey	I enthusiastically support regional and city rail projects. I would like to see > 50% of transit occur on rail or bus.	X												1, 2
McAdoo	Gail	Comment Card - Georgetown	Emphasize environmental benefits in your publicity ads. i.e. vehicle emissions. I hope you propose frequent "stops" in the schedule - not just a.m. and p.m. for commuters. Also, connections within city/stops to destinations in the area need to be priority considerations. Getting to the museum and theater in Austin should be as easy as boarding the regional rail.	X						X		X		X		3, 4, 6
McAdoo	Gail	Online Project Survey	When I settled, at retirement, in 2009 in Georgetown, I was 'promised' rail service to Austin and ABIA for the time when I would be too old to drive myself. That was over five years ago and I'm still waiting for news of service schedules.....				X									1
McAdoo	Gail	Online Project Survey	I am sooooo pleased that attention is finally being given to rail transport for humans.	X												1
McCabe	Terence W	Online Project Survey	I support whatever public financing that is required to get rail system built.	X				X								1
McGovern	Mitchell	Online Project Survey	Build it soon!	X			X									1
McGriff	Mary	Online Project Survey	This is the same thing as the Texas Corridor, just being put together in bits and pieces. The one the voters voted against. Save our farm and ranch lands of east Texas. Run the Freight lines from Del Rio up the western part of Texas. To improve I-35, have truckers use the far left lane or build a thru traffic road of top of I-35. No, to the Lone Star Rail. No, to the Lone Star Rail. No, to Higher property taxes to businesses.		X	X							X			2
McMillin	Barbara	LSRD Website	1/21/15: Subject: LSTAR Scoping meeting Comments: I attended the LSTAR Commuter Rail EIS Scoping meeting on January 20, 2015. Here are my comments.  I think it is important to acknowledge that climate change and finite oil need to be realistically addressed, and I support decisions that will bring change to the way we get around regionally. This region comprised of Austin and San Antonio is currently almost totally reliant on fossil fuels to get around for the majority of residents of the region. I support the LSTAR Commuter Rail that would connect the state capitol to San Antonio. IH-35 is overcapacity and the Union Pacific freight train needs to have a new track that would enable the train to carry more goods faster in the future. The new Union Pacific track will remove current hazardous loads that could impact neighborhoods should an accident occur. This region has been a fast growing region for years and now needs 21st Century Transportation solutions, including the LSTAR commuter rail, HSR, and multimodal options in the cities.	X								X				2, 3, 4
McNeel	Bekah	LSRD Website	2/7/15: Subject: Freight By-pass Comments: If LSRD can indeed lead to reduced freight traffic in the Union Pacific East Yard, then you will have my support, and I would imagine you would have the support of the entire near Eastside of San Antonio. I would request that this factor stays at the top of the priority list as you move forward.	X		X										2, 4
Melendez	Stella	Online Project Survey	Austin is the capital city of Texas. It is time for people of Texas to treat and act like Austin is the capital city not just an afterthought. A train between Georgetown and San Antonio will greatly improve quality of life and economics of the region.	X												1

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Mendoza	Jesus	LSRD Website	2/1/15: Subject: Proposed Rail Comments: I think that it is great that this service is being considered for our area. After living up north and seeing rail service like in Chicago this is something that we need in our area. Traveling to Austin and San Antonio should be possible by rail and not only cars. I support your venture 100%	X												1
Mendoza	Adela	Comment Card	I do not know enough yet, but looks very promising.	X												1
Miller	Rick & Ann	LSRD Website	1/22/15: Subject: LSRR Comments: We think this passenger service would be a great asset to both cities as well as surrounding communities! It would be great to go to nearest station park your car and have a relaxing ride either way! This would also be an asset for workers commuting. New speed improved freight line would be better for moving products faster! The US is so far behind on rail service its time to show the rest of the country what is possible!	X						X						1
Miller	Amy	Online Project Survey	I am very concerned about the potential impact to the community of Elgin and the historic district									X				2, 4
Mira	Jean-Marc	Online Project Survey	I hope that intercity rail between SA and Austin happens. I also would like to see high speed rail between Houston, San Antonio and Austin.	X									X			1, 7
Mitchell	Sharon	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: rail stop Stassney and Menchaca Rd. Comments: GIVE US A BREAK! This is a family neighborhood! We don't NEED any more noise or torn up intersections than the city has already imposed on our South Austin area.		X						X	X				2, 3
Monroe	Tami	LSRD Website	2/24/15: Subject: Freight Re-location Comments: I wanted to know where the Freight Relocation environmental impact study is and if there has any decisions made regarding where this will be located.			X										2, 3, 4
Montgomery	Jason	Online Project Survey	The San Marcos Airport I believe is vital to the possible success this rail can and should have on the entire state of Texas. I would greatly love to help out furthering this much needed opportunity for Texas to grow and enhance its transportation needs.	X									X			1, 2, 3
Montgomery	John	Online Project Survey	The project makes sense, if the demographic projections are valid-reasonable and the business case-economics make sense.	X												1, 3, 4
Moore	Shannon	LSRD Website	1/9/15: Subject: Slaughter Lane station Comments: If Slaughter Lane is the only South Austin stop - there needs to be considerable effort to expand the capacity of the Slaughter/Congress/135 intersections because with the development of Southpark Meadows on the West and all the housing developments on the East - that intersection experiences terrible bottleneck. And now HEB is developing a location on the northwest side of Slaughter/Congress which is going to make traffic even worse. It's going to be the next "Y" at Oak Hill and work needs to be planned right now on improving the intersection at this corridor if South Austin commuters heading to take the train will be there.  A better option would be to have a Park and Ride on the East side of Slaughter that takes people to drop off at HEB, to Southpark Meadows (so they can catch the MetroRapid into downtown Austin/UT) and another shuttle to take them West on Slaughter to the Lonestar Station.						X		X					2, 3
Morrissey	Jerry	Online Project Survey	The role of this project should be to help direct growth coming to the area to the least environmentally damaging and sustainable development areas.									X				4
Morsefey	Stephanie	Comment Card - Elgin	Along IH35 a commuter rail is a great idea. My biggest concern is any type of rail going through small neighborhood areas/towns i.e. Pflugerville. Any type of rail via MoKan right of way would be a disaster for Pflugerville, its schools, neighborhoods, and overall quality of life for residents.	X								X				2, 3, 4
Mott	Alison	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: Lone Star Rail Comments: I fully support this project and intend to use the rail as my transportation method to and from work.	X												1
Munoz	Karen	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: Commuter Rail Line Comments: I do support a commuter rail line (Georgetown to San Antonio) but because I live and work in San Marcos, I would not be utilizing it for work. If it ran on the weekends I would most definitely take advantage of it to and from Austin and Round Rock.	X										X	Train schedule	1, 2, 3
Munoz	Karen	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: Commuter rail Comments: I think the addition of this commuter rail would be very beneficial, not only to students but to all in the Central Texas area. I have heard some criticism of the railway, mostly that it won't do much to combat traffic. I think with proper, accommodating schedules and routes and proper exposure, this rail will do a great deal to combat traffic in the Central Texas area.	X					X							1, 2, 3
Murf	Bub	Online Project Survey	Rail, Please !!! Rails and Trails together, for pedestrians and bicyclists !	X						X						2, 3
Murphy	Larry	LSRD Website	2/2/15: Subject: RAILS AND TRAILS Comments: PLEASE INCLUDE CONNECTED TRAILS IN RR ROW FOR BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS !!! ART, MUSIC, BENCHES, SEATING AREAS, TREES BICYCLE LOCKERS AND BIKE PARKING BIKE SHARE BIKES AVAILABLE							X						2, 3

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Murphy	Larry	Online Project Survey	We need a station/stop near Stassney Also, consider the old Bergstrom Spur, unused rail line for micro station ALSO...RAILS AND TRAILS PLEASE PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE TRAILS ALONG ROW AND INCLUDE BIKE LOCKERS, BIKE PARKING, BENCHES, MUSIC, ART, ETC...							X	X					2, 3
Myart	James	Online Project Survey	Thanks!											X		1
Myart	James	Online Project Survey	this presentation is superb.. it is innovative and i am bullish on this project for the future of our city and region.	X												1
Newborg	Dana	Large Map at Seguin Public Meeting	Comment #3CD - Family owns 600 acres (2 properties) NE of Seguin. Heard TxDOT plans to study/widen FM 20 and FM 2605.			X						X				1, 2, 4
Nortey	James	Online Project Survey	We need this now. We need this badly. Please hurry.	X												1
Oliver	Wayne & Sue	Large Map at Seguin Public Meeting	Comment #1CD - Owner of 140+ acres near SH 130 and I-10. East and west boundaries front rail line; 2.6 acres currently landlocked.			X						X		X		1, 2
Olivera	Natalia	Online Project Survey	Please add a stop on Stassney, there are many of us who would benefit from this								X					2, 3
Olsen	Dillon	Online Project Survey	Thank you for hosting us, and for giving us such an easy format for sharing our thoughts! The presentation and online survey were very clear and helpful.	X										X		1
Orr	David	Online Project Survey	We don't need ANY more highways!!! Road congestion is always going to be with us no matter how many lanes we build. Congestion drives people to seek alternative transportation modes. This is what is so lacking in Texas. Air travel only serves a small segment of the population on a daily basis, and doesn't serve anyone who lives and works in the same metro area. We need to focus all public spending on HSR, regional rail, light rail, bus, pedestrian and bicycle development. This will be a tough political sell but we just can't continue trying to build ourselves out of the autos-and-roads-only trap that was set for us back in the 1950s and 1960s.						X				X			2, 3, 7
Palmer	Sue	Online Project Survey	There needs to be more frequent public transportation, not less. our local bus routes have all been cut, where I used to ride to a day shift at mall and back, the bus that was every hour is now three times a day serving more than one senior community, so insane											X	Public transportation	2, 3
Pape	Jeff	LSRD Website	1/24/15: Subject: Connections and Parking Comments: I am willing to ride the train between Austin <--> San Antonio if I can take connecting public transportation from/to my destinations or if ample parking is provided. Typically no parking is provided at the train stations, so how should I travel there?							X				X	Parking at stations	3
Pape	Jeff	LSRD Website	1/24/15: Subject: Connecting High Density Areas Comments: Please connect high density areas of people together; for example, airports and universities. How will this connect to Austin CapMetro Rail? Will you provide enough connecting public transportation or parking at each station? Typically train stations do not have enough parking.							X				X	Parking at stations	2, 3, 4
Pape	Dianne	Online Project Survey	Please don't bombard me with mail. I will stay informed through the local newspaper, television news, and events such as this.											X	Communication	9
Parker	Wendy	Online Project Survey	concerned that texas is a state that loves their trucks so system won't pay for itself. once you get to your destination there will not be a way to get to lunch vs. meetings across town, etc.					X		X						3
Parrish	Will	Online Project Survey	Please make this happen as fast as possible, it has taken way to long, and it feels like the date keeps being pushed back. I remember when people were saying we would have this by 2012. If we wait for another 10 years it will be too late, txdot will have already have screwed things up.	X			X									1
Parsons	Brad	LSRD Website	2/25/15: Subject: Scoping EIS Comment Comments: Lone Star Rail maps and website show 5 stations for Austin: McNeil Junction, Braker Ln/Domain, 35th St/MoPac, Downtown Austin, & Slaughter Ln. In December 2014, Lone Star Rail stated to Austin City Council that there were then 7 to 8 stations being considered including stations at Anderson Ln/MoPac, Apple Campus/Parmer Ln, and 6th St./Lamar Blvd. See: <a href="http://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2014/12/lone-star-rail-asks-austin-new-commitments/">http://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2014/12/lone-star-rail-asks-austin-new-commitments/</a> and <a href="http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12112014-648">http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12112014-648</a> Item 131. In your EIS document please be sure to study the environmental and fiscal impacts for all 8 of those proposed stations in Austin, esp. the Anderson Ln./MoPac proposed station.								X					2, 3, 4
Parsons	Brad	LSRD Website	2/25/15: Subject: EIS Scoping Comment Comments: Since the Austin City Council did not determine before they approved it on Dec. 11th of 2014, what are the fiscal impacts expected to be both internally for Lone Star Rail and externally to the City of Austin from the 50% 'TIF' on the new tax base within a half mile radius of each station in Austin? What is the base year for that calculation?					X								10
Parsons	Brad	Online Project Survey	For Scoping: What are the stations in Austin expected to be? LoneStar's online map shows 5 stations in Austin, but LoneStar's presentation to Austin City Council mentioned 7 or 8 stations. What are those additional stations, and what are the impacts of each?								X					2, 3, 4
Parsons	Brad	Online Project Survey	For Scoping: What will the environmental impacts be along the whole of the new Rail line that LoneStar would be expected to lay east of town for Union Pacific to replace Union Pacific's MoPac route?			X						X				2, 3, 4

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Parsons	Brad	Online Project Survey	For Scoping: Be sure to include the No Action Alternative in the EIS.											X		2
Parsons	Brad	Online Project Survey	For Scoping: Since the Austin City Council did not determine this before they approved it on Dec. 11th last month, what are the final impacts expected to be both internally for LoneStar Rail and externally for the City of Austin from the 50% similar to a TIFon the new tax base within a half mile radius on each station?					X								10
Paterson	Tom	LSRD Website	2/27/15: Subject: transportation Comments: The object of "transportation" is to safely move as much traffic as possible in the least amount of time. Deliberately choking motor vehicle traffic, taking away free parking, deliberately making vehicle ownership and use more expensive and less convenient are all very bad ideas.		X									X		1
Pecina	Ernest	Online Project Survey	thank you											X		1
Perez	Amberly	Online Project Survey	Lone Star Regional Rail is the right thing that we need.	X												1
Perez-Wiseley	Teresa	Online Project Survey	Very concerned about inadequacy of IH35 and the use of toll roads. Not supportive of the toll roads due to expense.						X				X	X		1, 2
Phillips	Richard	LSRD Website	1/31/15: Subject: rail viability Comments: The big issue is connecting (with minimal delay) to other local transit service to get to/from a destination. Unless that is "baked in" ridership will disappoint, and the whole thing wont work. For instance, how might one get from a station stop to the San Antonio botanical gardens? Will the San Antonio Int'l Arpt. be a stop?		X					X	X					2, 3
Phipps	Ken	LSRD Website	1/31/15: Subject: LSR Comments: We were unable to attend the recent presentation in Georgetown but would like to say we are 100% in favor of the project connecting Georgetown to San Antonio. Ken And Diane Phipps	X												1
Pierson	Jay	Comment Card - Georgetown	This presentation is well done. I have been a supporter of the Lone Star Rail project since the first meeting I attended in Georgetown. I will be following the project online. Your charts have been informative and it looks like this will happen. It may take many years to complete and I may never have an opportunity to ride the train. But, my children and grandchildren will!	X			X									1
Pillifant	Randy	Online Project Survey	Concerned government agencies will continue to delay needed projects.				X									1, 6
Pillifant	Helen	Online Project Survey	Continue the work toward making this corridor a better place to live and work	X												1
Piña	Brenda	Online Project Survey	I am VERY CONCERNED with the impact Elgin will have with the added freight coming through our rail lines.			X						X				2, 3, 4
Powell	Christian	Large Map at Elgin Public Meeting	Comment #3 - (General) New transmission line projects New route studies Increased demand on I35 End parties close to approval by Ercot			X			X			X		X		1, 2
Qu	Yuanhua	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: support the express rail Comments: Glad to hear that and hopefully could get it done super fast.  US is far left behind of public transportation compare to China and Japan. In China, the high speed rail will just take 30 mins from Round Rock to San Marcos. We now drive 1.5 hours -2hours and waste time, gas not to say other side effects from car driving — like accidents, road rage, fatigue, etc.  <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-speed_rail_in_China">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-speed_rail_in_China</a>  Everyday, seeing the high jammed traffic of I35, really don't understand why there is no high-speed-rail instead !!!! People must be thrilled if finally the high-speed-rail is build for people's convenience and environmental saving.  Best Yuanhua Qu	X			X									1, 2, 7

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Quintela	Dr. Melissa	LSRD Website	2/18/15: Subject: long term trajectory of rail Comments: I believe the rail system will be very much needed in the long term trajectory of Austin and surrounding areas, both in terms of sustainability and modernization. The population growth rates indicate an upward swing, which will require more and better modes of transportation. Allowing multiple passenger modes will reduce transportation effect on environment and overall congestion, which can relate positively to physical, mental and social health of the city.	X												1, 2, 4
Rabold	Raymond H	Online Project Survey	lets stop talking about IT and just do it.	X												1
Ramirez	Peter	Online Project Survey	I hope this projects gets off the ground within 5 years.	X			X									1
Reaney	Billie	Online Project Survey	Populaiton growth is far outstripping the ability of this project to solve traffic problems.						X							1
Reid	Erin	Online Project Survey	I have commuted from my home in San Marcos to my job in Austin many different ways. Amtrak is great, but in its current state very limited as a commuting option. A rapid regional bus system like Texas State used to have until they canceled it in 2013 would be great alternative to rail. Also, consider intercity bike paths like they have in other countries - ones that are strictly for bikes and do not require cars and bikes to share the road.							X			X			2, 3
Reyes	George	Online Project Survey	Lone Star is a needed transportation source for many people, especially those who have one vehicle per family. Access to quality education requires reliable transportation to contribute to the economic growth of the area.	X												1
Rice	Benny	Online Project Survey	I think this is awesome!!! I use a bicycle to commute and this would be great.	X						X						1
Rico	German	Online Project Survey	I-35 congestion.						X							1
Rinehart	Angela	LSRD Website	1/20/15: Subject: Support for San Antonio to Austin Rail Comments: I live in downtown San Antonio and travel frequently to Austin for business and to visit family living in Austin. I would happily trade the commute on I-35 and use rail transportation on a weekly basis for trips from San Antonio to Austin.	X												1
Robertson	Sam	Online Project Survey	One of the biggest problems in Austin, is East-West travel and it would be one of the associated concerns in using a Regional Rail. Much of the development of potential riders for the Regional Rail would be lite-rail access to terminals in order to access the regional rail. There don't seem to be any associated plans to connect the population centers of Manor to the Regional Rail, via lite-rail. One of the biggest problems in the Austin is east and west travel. In order to solve a connection problem you create a crossbar switch, which doesn't exist in this plan.  The second biggest problem, as I see it is the lack of desire to consider financing truck traffic on 130, so that it relieves the in-City congestion on I-35. There have been proposals to burry I-35 to improve traffic on I-35. A cheaper solution would be to make it attractive, either financially or mandated for through truck traffic to utilize 130.  Finally, I don't know where the funding is coming from to support the Regional Rail. Public/Private financing of 130 seems to have created a problem, since the cost of utilizing it from Georgetown to San Antonio or Seguin is prohibitive even for two axle vehicles.					X	X	X						2, 3, 10
Rodney	Galle	Large Map at Seguin Public Meeting	Comment #4CD - 20 acres of family owned property since 1800s located east of Geronimo; east of FM 2623/FM20 intersection			X						X				1
Rowder	Rick	Online Project Survey	The cost of this project is OVERWHELMING and I have no idea where the money will come from!!!					X								1, 10
Ryan	Thomas	LSRD Website	12/22/14: How can I help out with this project?											X	General question	1
Sabatini	Susan Sara	LSRD Website	1/22/15: Subject: I aqm in favor or the Lone Star Regional Rail Comments: I have been unemployed for 7 months. Due to not owning a vehicle, my job prospects here in San Anatonio are extremely limited limited. Having access to the City of Austin and being able to access it by rail, would greatly increase the chances of gaining full employmen within my career field.	X												1, 2
Sacharnoski	Mary	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: Commuter Rail Line Comments: Please add the rail line, we will use to connect to our campus and other businesses, shopping, restaurants, and family. Then extend to Austin, and on to Dallas/Ft. Worth please!	X						X			X			1, 2, 7
Sailors	Robert	Online Project Survey	I really hope this project finally gets some traction. I have been following this since the earliest town hall meetings in New Braunfels 10 years ago. I am about to give up hope on it ever happening. If you build it, they will come. Trust me. People in cities with reliable public transportation may complain some but they will always choose it over driving their own vehicle any day. Please, please do this! Fingers crossed.	X			X									1
Salmi	Mari	Online Project Survey	Please give us a rail option between Austin and San Antonio, Please.	X												1

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Sandridge	Carlette	LSRD Website	1/27/15: Subject: proposed rail Comments: Yes, yes, yes!! Please, please, please!	X												1
Savage	Jeska	Online Project Survey	Would love to not have to drive to Austin or San Antonio when all I am carrying is me.	X					X							1
Scalise	Jonny	Online Project Survey	i think some basic improvements to some of the more congested areas could lead to safer less congested highways. Better marked, longer devoted entrance and exit lanes could help people merge in high traffic areas and create safer conditions and help prevent the slowing down required by people entering and exiting.						X				X			1
Schexnayder	Pat	Online Project Survey	I have traveled extensively across Europe, using hi-speed and local trains, and find it comparatively absurd that America is still in the chariot age regarding transportation. We are below third world standards when it comes to rail. I know it is because special interests work against it, but please, work for the common good and the health of the planet. Thank you.	X												1
Schexnayder	Pat	Online Project Survey	The rail will be an excellent way also to get across the river, going north from Slaughter to downtown. Sometimes it takes an hour, because we are auto-bridge-dependent and there is no light rail to provide an alternative. This is a very provincial attitude in Austin. Like Houston, that postponed rail until it was too late and sprawl became unmanagable, Austin has its head in the sand.	X												2, 3
Seaborne	Mary	Online Project Survey	Really would love to see this happen!!	X												1
Seaborne	J K	Online Project Survey	I am all for rail passenger transportation. It needs to have connecting services at each stop so that riders can get to their destination by bus, car, bike, etc	X						X						3
Sears	Bruce	LSRD Website	1/22/15: Subject: rail Comments: Absolutely under no circumstances do I want any of my tax dollars going to this unneeded project. I trust that communities that will be supposedly affected by this rail will at least be able to vote to participate or not. This rail project will be of no value to Bastrop county. Oh, by the way, if it turns out to be all private with no tax dollars financing or subsidizing, ok. Except, I am against any condemnation of private property for private use of the rail.		X	X		X								1, 2
Sells	Nanette	LSRD Website	1/27/15: Subject: Lone Star Regional Rail Comments: Can you provide a map of the proposed location near and around Taylor Texas?											X	General question	2
Sells	Nanette	LSRD Website	2/19/15: Subject: Freight Rail Lines Comments: I live south of Taylor and would like to know if the rerouted freight lines will be on the existing tracks that travel down Hwy 95 or is there going to be new tracks installed? If so, where? What type of freight will they carry? Any environmental hazardous materials? When will a decision be made?			X										2, 3, 4
Senn	Julia	LSRD Website	1/24/15: Subject: proposed lone star rail service Comments: I would definitely use rail service on this proposed route.	X												1
Shandera	Wayne	LSRD Website	1/22/15: Subject: Inter urban transport Comments: We need follow Spain's example and set up rapid rail between the 5 major urban areas and consider working with the Japanese firm already actively working on a rapid Houston-Dallas line. As Texas becomes increasingly urban, the major cities need cooperate and set up more than commuter systems, inter urban rapid transit systems are a way for the future.	X						X			X			2, 3, 7
Shands	Edleeta	Online Project Survey	Keep up the good work.	X												1
Shannon	Kelly	Online Project Survey	I continue to be disheartened by the slow pace these projects are moving along...it was a bit depressing to see at the forum how early in the process the project is.				X									1
Sharp	Jerry	LSRD Website	2/17/15: Subject: time spent Comments: two points, it seems that the Georgetown city council will be procrastinating longer than it will take to build it. Also, I lived in Dallas in the 70's to 2000. The nay sayers were saying the same arguments as way back when DART trains were decided to be put in. It is a howling success. Same with Atlanta's rail system. If Georgetown does not go with it, it will be passed by like Taylor was with I-35.	X												2, 3, 6
Sheffield	Gini	Online Project Survey	I will help anyway I can!											X		1
Sifuentes	Alfonso	LSRD Website	2/20/15: Subject: LSTAR Comments: Please add me to your mailing list. Thank you.											X		8
Siltala	Jeremy	Online Project Survey	This rail should have been developed 50 years ago. Thank you for pursuing this.	X												1
Simpson	Sarah	Online Project Survey	I support rail between Austin and San Antonio!	X												1
Simpson	Annie	Online Project Survey	Thank you for involving citizens in the development and planning of solutions to the growing problem of traffic congestion. Best, Annie Simpson						X							1, 6

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Spack	Thaddeus	Online Project Survey	Find a way to build the Lone Star Regional Rail Project faster. I would be willing to pay higher taxes to build the project.	X			X									1
Spurlock	Darrel	Online Project Survey	Great to get the new information and EXCITED to see the project already at this stage and continuing to move forward. I'm all in and ready to help as needed!	X												1
Smensky	Debbie	Online Project Survey	Does approve of passenger rail, don't approve of how we are handling freight bypass. There needs to be a separate eis are freight bypass.		X	X										2
Staerkel	Adam	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: Lone Star Rail Comments: I favor the Lone Star Rail project as a sensible transportation solution for Central Texas.	X												1
Sterling	Linda	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: Commuter Rail Comments: Texas is WAY behind the times when it comes to public transportation and especially commuter transportation. I wholeheartedly support this project and hope it will be done quickly. The boon for all the economies on the line, environmental impacts, and people of Texas will be amazing!	X												2, 3, 4
Sterling	Linda	LSRD Website	2/19/15: Subject: Win Win Win Comments: I have lived in many cities that have rapid transit and it is a win/win/win. The environment wins, the economy wins, and commuters win. I sure hope this happens before I retire! Even after I retire though, I will use it! Good public transportation is where its at!	X												1, 2
Sterling	Linda	Online Project Survey	Having lived in Toronto, Vancouver, and Seattle prior to Texas, it is amazing to me that there is no commuter rapid transit option at this late stage of the corridor's development. This is an economic/environmental necessity!	X												1, 2
Stone	N.	LSRD Website	2/19/15: Subject: Lone Star Regional Rail Project Comments: Who is Lone Star ? Good idea for the few that will use it. Bad idea.....when I get off at my stop, how do I get to my final destination ??? Build a tight infrastructure first. How is this being paid for.....by those that live too far away to use it ? I prefer to drive and give up the extra time it might save me.					X		X						2, 3, 10
Stone	Neil	Comment Card - Elgin	Exactly where will it be built? Will it go through my property? How do I get to the station to board? How do I get to my destination when I get off? Who is paying for this? Why can't we vote on its acceptance or denial? Who's "ox gets gored"?			X		X			X	X		X		2, 3, 10
Storey	Janice	LSRD Website	1/13/15: Subject: Map of proposed rail Comments: Is there a link to the proposed areas to be reworked for this rail? If so where can we see targeted regions and what areas if passed would be done first etc. Also the southern section of Austin is grown towards Bastrop and want to know plans for the future to tie that area into the scheme of things.							X						2, 3, 4
Streig	Brian	LSRD Website	1/10/15: Subject: I support this! Comments: Thanks for seeking this input. I really think this could be a game changer for traffic in Central Texas and on MoPac and IH-35. I think this could be much better than Austin's failed attempt at urban rail because so many more people would have access to this rail line. Please continue to work on this and focus on how to make it easier and more efficient for people to choose this rail service to commute into downtown Austin.  I hope you can work with Austin or CapMetro to make sure there is ample mass transportation options to get around central Austin from your downtown rail stop. Good luck with that, maybe the new council and mayor will be more helpful in this endeavor and not so narrow minded in their attempt to densify Austin and suffocate all the local people here.	X					X							1, 2, 3
Sugars	Michael	Online Project Survey	I see this project as short-sighted. By the time it's operational traffic congestion on 290 and 71 into Austin will be as bad as I35 is today. And today the feeder roads into Houston, Dallas, and SA are already as bad as I35 (see TXDOT's top 100 congested highways in Texas). This project is admirable and I support it, but it misses the bigger picture which is a statewide problem. Even stopping at Austin is shortsighted when it could easily keep going up I35 to Dallas. Until we start reducing the number of automobiles on the road, Texas will always be limited in economic growth and quality of life.  Along those same lines, the freight lines are being moved East of I35 to an area that will get little to no benefit from the passenger rail. My biggest issue with traffic is my commute from Elgin to Austin, which is perpendicular to the passenger route. Put the freight lines beside the passenger lines so those who benefit also cover the negative. Or, better, how about extending feeder lines from the East so that those who have to put up with the extra freight trains at least get the benefits of rail into Austin so they can stop the 1 - 1.5 hr commute each way (no, I'm not exaggerating, I drive it every day).	X		X			X			X		x		1, 2, 3, 4
Sullivan	R.	Online Project Survey	Would like to see a station at Stassney , near Manchaca, ACC campus and Crockett HS with limited parking. Would give a south Austin stop much closer than Slaughter Lane.								X					2, 3
T	Jess	Online Project Survey	Passenger Rail Please!!	X												1

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Taylor	Navvab	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: LSR stop at ACC south Austin Comments: Propose adding a stop at ACC South Austin, at Stassney, to connect students to this higher education center. Also can connect many workers to jobs in north austin, reducing traffic congestion on ih-35.	X							X					2, 3
Taylor	Nora	LSRD Website	1/23/15: Subject: Informational Meeting Comments: Hello could you please advise if there are scheduled meetings in San Antonio.											X	General question	1
Taylor	Navvab	LSRD Website	2/4/15: Subject: stop at acc stassney Comments: We need a lone star rail stop at acc stassney campus,to connect this institution to other parts of the city and suburbs.								X					2, 3
Thornton	Alicia	LSRD Website	2/20/15: Subject: proposed rail line Comments: This is a very bad idea. There is a elementary school being purposed in the area .Do you really think people be ok with that especially with all the freight accidents in the news. Think again		X							X				1
Todd	Darius	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: All In... Comments: I'm very much in favor of the opportunities that the Lone Star Rail system could provide. I have lived in San Marcos and worked in the Austin/Round Rock area for over 20 years. I have watched traffic patterns become absolutely outrageous since the early 90s. I even moved to Austin for a couple of years but found that weekend traffic was nearly as bad as the weekday headache.  My family and I would utilize the system at least 5 days a week traveling to and from San Marcos/Austin. We also utilize I-35 often to visit family in San Antonio. Having another option that will reduce the number of cars on I-35 in the fastest growing corridor in the US is exactly what we need.  My main concerns are 1. Safety - maintenance of the rail lines and trains must be the highest priority. 2. Availability - having standard and useful timeframes for travel to/from work is a must. 3. Land Use - individual land rights must be maintained. It would be optimum if currently owned right of way can be utilized. Otherwise, fair treatment and payment for land rights must be observed.	X					X			X				1, 2, 3, 4
Toney	Keith A.	Comment Card - San Antonio	The project appears to be worthwhile, however I do have a concern that the city's Near East Side will be forgotten in the otherwise positive project. I am specifically concerned that the stations (as proposed) as too far away from the East Side to adequately serve riders who want to visit our amenities. Secondly, if the east Side is only marginally considered, local residents will be inconvenienced as they make their way back home after a quick trip to Austin or points between San Antonio and Austin.											X	Concern about San Antonio's Near East Side	2, 3, 4, 6
Torluemke	Sarah	Comment Card - Elgin	Before 130 was ever built, that corridor was supposed to provide a place for auto/truck traffic, pipelines and freight. There is minimal development along 130. I feel the original intent should be revisited. Additionally, it contains little of the blackland prairie that should be preserved.									X	X			2, 3, 4
Townsend	Nick	LSRD Website	2/23/15: Subject: LSTAR Commercial Services Proposal - FAO Mr J Black Comments: Dear Mr Black  I am currently a commercial manager (traditional Quantity Surveyor) based in London and have been focused on the infrastructure sector for the past 8 years. While visiting Austin in January, it became apparent to me that there is no rail system in a state as big as Texas. I did some research and was delighted to learn of this project; 16 new stations with additional phases to follow and over 100 miles of new track is a very excited scheme.  I'd like to congratulate you on your successful management of the LSTAR rail project, and in achieving finance agreements with Austin and San Marcos. After reviewing the project's timeline to date, it is evident that a true milestone has been reached. With the environmental impact study underway, the rapid progression of the LSTAR will really come to fruition with the challenging design and construction phases.  Having provided commercial services, both pre-contract estimating and cost management during construction on similar schemes for Network Rail, Transport for London and Crossrail, I would be exceedingly interested in discussing the current commercial services on this scheme and any potential support I could provide.  I am actively looking to relocate to Austin this year and feel I could significantly add to the already sterling project team you have at LSRD.  My experience with one project in particular, New Borders Railway in Scotland, has definite similarities with the commercial challenges ahead for the LSTAR scheme in delivering to time and budget. That project centred around 7 new stations and 30 miles of new track along both green field sites and through existing towns. The solutions to challenges, processes and procedures adopted would, I believe, benefit the LSTAR deliverables.	X										X		1, 8

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			2/23/15: Subject: LSTAR Commercial Services Proposal - FAO Mr J Black (CONTINUED) I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the project with you and look forward to answering any questions you have. Perhaps you would be able to suggest a suitable time to contact you directly via the contact number on the LSDR home page.  Yours sincerely,  Nick Townsend  Nicolas S Townsend BSc(Hons) AlnstLM e: nstownd6@gmail.com t: +44 (0) 7437 422133													
Troxel	Mary Alice	Comment Card - Georgetown	This project is a win-win. It is greatly needed. It is long overdue. This part of Texas is growing in population. The highways are too congested. IH-35 is gridlock during rush hour and at other times. No longer is there an "off-peak" travel time.	X			X		X							1
Turner	Isaac	Online Project Survey	The City of Taylor would appreciate the consideration of a passenger station at the Taylor depot as part of the initial study area. This station could serve the Taylor - Hutto area and enhance our joint economic development efforts.								X					2, 3
Ung	Lee	LSRD Website	2/7/15: Subject: Train through east side Comments: Hello, the commuter rail is very noisy, I have a child and find it extremely difficult for the baby to sleep due to the amount of noise from the trains. We would like to see the commuter rail lead to freight bypass for the Union Pacific and have reduced at the east yard! Thank you			X						X				2, 3, 4
Van Delist	Sean	LSRD Website	2/19/15: Subject: Hurry UP! Comments: Build the damn thing already. I've been waiting on this for over 15 years... I'm not getting any younger.	X			X									1
Van Delist	Sean	Online Project Survey	Please hurry up with this dang thing...	X			X									1
Van Meter	Holly	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: Support for Project Comments: As a San Marcos resident that travels to San Antonio frequently, I am in support of the Lone Star Regional Rail Project. The traffic in Austin is out of control, and is not going to get better. I would actually travel to Austin if this rail was available because I refuse to deal with the ridiculous traffic.	X					X							1
Van Slycke	Jeffry	Online Project Survey	Perchance for consideration a cargo car in which, just as a ferry, motorists could drive on, remain in their vehicle, and drive off upon arrival, thus having their vehicle with them. Thank you.							X				X		2
Vasquez	Rose	LSRD Website	1/22/15: Subject: Lone Star Rail Comments: YES YES YES YES!!!! Great idea!!!! We NEED it!!!!	X												1
Venhaus	Heather	Online Project Survey	I was unable to place information on the map input because the page was frozen. I think this rail is long overdue and support efforts to get it in place ASAP.	X			X									1
Villalobos	Andrea	Online Project Survey	Thanks for taking the time to seek input. Commuter rail/high-speed rail is very needed throughout the corridor. TOD planning has vast benefits for cities as well. San Marcos eagerly awaits the ability to implement growth around a workable TOD. PLEASE build the Lone Star Regional Rail line.	X												2, 3, 7
Wall	Jeremy	Online Project Survey	PLEASE build the Lone Star Regional Rail line.	X												1
Warren	Karen	Online Project Survey	The sooner we get regional rail the better!!	X												1
Wassenich	Tom	Online Project Survey	One of greatest needs for San marcos is the ability of students at TxState to commute not by automobile							X	X					1, 2
Waters	Rachael	LSRD Website	1/15/15: Subject: Email Back Comments: This isn't a comment to be used for public input. I would like for someone to send me an email for someone to contact regarding questions about this project.											X	General question	1
Weber	Illona	LSRD Website	1/23/15: Subject: HOORAY Comments: I would be first in line to ride the rail from Georgetown or Round Rock to San Marcos where I work. For the last 6 years I have been commuting to Texas State and would LOVE to let someone else do the 'driving'. I support central Texas starting a trend of public transportation. All aboard!	X												1, 2
Weinstein	Jonathan	Online Project Survey	Good luck!											X		1
Welch	Wally	Comment Card	I do not know enough as of yet to comment!											X	General Comment	1

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White	Aaron	Online Project Survey	I think this project doesn't need to happen. No public transportation project is in the black / makes a profit. This includes dense urban areas where owning cars are difficult, as seen in New York, Boston, and Chicago. These projects go over budget, and ridership is overprojected, as seen in Austin. This is why they are subsidized. If these types of projects were self-sufficient, I would be all for them, but they're not because tickets would be too expensive for people to use everyday. Cap Metro to use a local example subsidizes 2/3's of their operating budget. So taxpayers are paying for other people to use Cap Metro. If these projects are so needed and people truly want them, they would be profitable and private sector companies would be involved.  Overall, this rail project is more of a feel good project than a realistic way of reducing congestion, and will eat up tax money forever. The closest thing to eternity on earth is a government program. A better use of money is building more roads and expanding the current ones we have.		X			X									1
Whiteside	Heather	Online Project Survey	A rail system would also open up opportunities for people with disabilities or low income.	X													2, 3, 4
WilkinsonBark	Lisha	Online Project Survey	We need this....I am 100% in support of this rail system	X													1
Williams	Kenneth	Comment Card - San Marcos	Need a station in Buda and Kyle.	X							X						2
Williams	Kenneth	Online Project Survey	Need a station (stop) in Buda and Kyle.								X						2
Williamson	Ranger Rick	Online Project Survey	Keep up the great work you do!!!	X													1
Williamson	Philip	Online Project Survey	I believe the LSTAR project could benefit generations of Texans and serve as a model for other parts of the country.	X													1
Wilton	Wilton D.	LSRD Website	2/24/15: Subject: Taylor to San Antonio By Pass Comments: Hazardous rail lines are dangerous to the population and the environment. Adequate and cost effective alternatives for this bypass location are available and planned for by the state of Texas: Toll 130 medial. Recent disasters from rail collisions and derailments are illustrations of unnecessary exposure to the populace of this bypass. Simple engineering studies would conclude destruction of pristine farmland and residential home sites for this project is decidedly wrong. Better alternatives are available.		X	X						X	X				2, 4
Wise	Jim and Claudia	Large Map at San Marcos Public Meeting	Comment #2 (San Marcos) - owner of 640 acres at 79 and Redwood Road; Prefer freight line avoid property, been in family since 1870s.			X						X					1, 2
Wise	James K.	Online Project Survey	rail should be to the east. Only 4 miles from the High School.										X				2
Wisner	Shannon	LSRD Website	12/1/14: Hello. I'm wondering if the intersection of Manchaca and Stassney is still being considered as a stop in the Lone Star Rail system. Recently, the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan was adopted, supporting a rail stop at this location. Any information you could provide on this matter would be appreciated. Thank you! Shannon								X						2, 3
Woo	Junda	Online Project Survey	Thanks for holding open house on East Side. Have concerns about built environment and public health, environmental justice, air and noise pollution									X					4
Woodruff	Jeff	Online Project Survey	Facebook is good enough											X	Facebook		1
Word	Dean	LSRD Website	2/5/15: Subject: Cost/benefit Comments: I am bitterly opposed to any effort to utilize any funds for this effort which are generated through: 1) Use of motor vehicle fuel, registration or excise tax receipts for any transportation mode other than ROADWAYS 2) Local or County taxing district which has not been approved by the voters of the jurisdiction		X			X									10
Yeisley	Sharon	LSRD Website	1/15/15: Subject: Freight Rail Line Comments: I live in the country and have a private crossing across the UP rail line. I would be very upset if UP takes more of my land to establish this new freight line that would travel at 80 mph. I am against the LSRRP since there are express buses that travel from SA to Austin to Dallas and to Houston and would not entail so much money being spent. Also, stay out of our FARM LAND. This reminds me of Perry's fiasco called the Trans Texas Corridor!		X	X											2, 4
Ygnacio	Patrick	Online Project Survey	Thank you very much for providing this opportunity to speak with representatives and to present my comments in-person. Please continue to provide more in the future and let us know how we might be of service to the project.	X													1, 6
Zamora	Mariana	Online Project Survey	I am interested to see the outcome of this rain project and how San Marcos locals and students will utilize it.											X			2, 3

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Zettel Nalen	Catherine	LSRD Website	2/3/15: Subject: Support of Rail Comments: I think the Lone Star Rail is a fantastic idea for Williamson County. Growth is unstoppable, and traffic is already horrendous along the I-35 corridor. I know many young people who are commuting in and out of the city, whether for work or pleasure, would rely heavily on the rail system once in place!	X												1
Zimmerman	Don	Online Project Survey	Passenger rail is a terrible idea; it completely misses the demands of the people paying the taxes. People DO NOT drive because they love to spend money on cars and gasoline - they drive because they must, and a bus/train cannot take them to about 99.999% of the destinations they need to reach, in the fastest possible time.		X					X						2
	Adam	Online Project Survey	I think this project is a great idea. Especially if they can connect with the proposed high speed line from Okla. City to San Antonio.	X									X			1, 7
	Amaireny	Online Project Survey	Great project proposal overall. Parking garages and bus transportation at each stop with a small fee is something to add with each stop. Find an environmental friendly proposal to add on the stops as well as recycle bids inside and outside the passenger rail.	X								X		X	Parking	2, 3, 4
	Amy	LSRD Website	1/29/15: Subject: Stassney and Manchaca Comments: I fully support the creation of a stop on the Regional rail line at Stassney Lane and South Manchaca Rd. This intersection has a high school, community college and library in walking distance. My house is also in walking distance and I know I would take full advantage of this transportation as would the guests of my short-term rental business.	X							X					2, 3
	Amy	Online Project Survey	I think commuter rail is long over due for the region. Traffic congestion is getting worse and options in modes of transportation is something Texas is lacking.	X												1
	Bertha	Online Project Survey	I am a resident of Austin. TX I have reside here all my life of 35 years. At this time our city is facing rapid development, increasing the population with a transit transportation providing services for another City is not the best solution.		X											1
	Bob	Online Project Survey	I support your efforts. It is long overdue.	X												1
	Carmen	LSRD Website	1/29/15: Subject: Stassney Manchaca Station Comments: Yes! Yes! Yes! As a resident for 15 years of this neighborhood--this area would benefit tremendously from improved options for transportation!! We need RELIABLE options to cars! I am in favor of the plan to place a station at/near the interection of Stassney & Manchaca!!	X							X					2, 3
	Christina	Online Project Survey	I think the Lone Star project is an excellent plan to address traffic issues. I am very much in favor of using existing systems that have less environmental impact.	X					X			X				1, 4
	Dean	Large Map at Austin Public Meeting	(General comment, no marker) - Killeen: Extend out along SH 195, military base, commute to Austin Elgin: Waco sub, through Elgin HS - no, route around Sequin: Lake McQueeney area, platted residential development, route around (north) lake											X		2, 3
	Emily	LSRD Website	1/27/15: Subject: Stassney and Manchaca Comments: I would like to see a stop at Stassney and Manchaca. Will there be loud noises in the middle of the night, though? We just got rid of the freight whistles from midnight to 5:00 am last month. I would hate to hear those whistles in the middle of the night again... Emily								X	X				2, 3, 4
	Gary	LSRD Website	1/29/15: Subject: Rail bad idea Comments: This rail idea has been kicked to death. It is a bad idea with the only benefit being the money going to all the planners, surveys, construction companies and such. It will not really be used and as the "great toll road", be operating at a loss. Now the toll road operator want the State to help. The State is us, the tax payers. I35 is a problem. If you don't like the problem, don't use it. If it takes too long to get to work in Austin, move! If a new rail is built it will throw more traffic on the present SA-Houston rail line. It is already busy. More traffic will cause even more delays at the crossings. Many of us live close to the rail and have to cross it several times a day. We don't need more hold ups. More rail traffic will also mean more hazardous cargo passing our communities. Stop wasting money on this rail idea. Gary		X			X	X							1, 2
	Jeremy	Online Project Survey	I fully support the passenger rail option using the existing UP line generally west of I35. As for the freight realignment, this is generally supported east of FM 973, closer to the 95 corridor. The SH 130 corridor is not appropriate in my opinion for any freight realignment. Additionally, the existing MoKan ROW should not be considered for any road improvement or additional rail projects including but not limited to pedestrian or freight train usage. With existing neighborhoods, churches, schools, significant roadways now along this corridor, new transportation options including new roads and any rail options are no longer appropriate in this location. Thank you for the opportunity to participate. Also encourage representatives provide a presentation to the City of Pflugerville City Council to ensure they understand the possible line locations once those are penciled in.	X		X						X	X			2, 3, 4, 6
	Jessica	LSRD Website	1/26/15: Subject: commuter rail line Comments: I support a commuter rail line from Georgetown to San Antonio.	X												1, 2

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	Joannee	LSRD Website	2/19/15: Subject: Rail Comments: A ridiculous amount of money the people of Georgetown would have to provide. The rail will take away the small town charm and safety. It will create blighted areas. Definitely not need for such a small town. No one needs to have their taxes increased especially the amount quoted. Georgetown will never recover the money and will change the whole dynamics of why people choose to live in Georgetown.		X			X								1
	John	Online Project Survey	We need this passenger rail line. I35 is terrible now, just think ahead 10-15 years how bad it will be.	X					X							1
	Jon	Online Project Survey	WE NEED RAIL...WE HAVE NEEDED RAIL FOR A LONG TIME	X												1
	Lena	Online Project Survey	Great opportunity	X												1
	Lydia	LSRD Website	1/29/15: Subject: YES TO RAIL Comments: I live in Austin, TX and I go to school at Texas State University, I'm sure I am not alone in this. The drive is exhausting and should be unnecessary. The rail line would really be helpful! I could save gas and money. My time could also be well spent, I could study or read school material. I am ALL IN for this rail line to be established. I'm sure it won't happen until after I have graduated, but I know future students such as myself will greatly appreciate it!	X												1
	Martha	LSRD Website	1/21/15: Subject: Lone Star Project Comments: I think this project is a great idea for giving the people an option to travel back and forth from San Antonio & Austin. Not only would it cut down on freeway traffic but it would increase commerce in both city's. I believe it would also enhance people being able to fly out of Austin that normally wouldn't want to drive to get to that airport. I love Austin but seldom go there just because of the traffic getting there. I would definitely visit more often if a railway was available.	X												1
	Martha	LSRD Website	2/19/15: Subject: Rail system Comments: I think a project like this would be very beneficial in helping with travel and congestion. Our state is so far behind the times compared to other large cities. Our roadways are increasingly becoming more congested and dangerous and a rail system would be a fun and carefree way to travel beyond our city's boundaries.	X					X							1
	Martha	Online Project Survey	I would love to see a rail system like this become available. I would definitely travel more often in those directions discussed in the plan if this was offered.	X												1
	Mary	Online Project Survey	I am interested in the railroad crossings. Actually lights at least if not arms. Here in Elgin on MLK and Ave F (same street changes names at tracks) doesn't have lights, but is heavily traveled.									X	X			2, 3
	Meegen	Online Project Survey	great idea!	X												1
	Melissa	LSRD Website	1/21/15: Subject: Presidential Glen - Flooding Problem Comments: I think the City needs to be aware that some of us in our subdivision are experiencing flooding problems in our backyards. There is a new development occurring as we speak. The builder did not level our homes correctly. Now, we are stuck with the costs for repairs.									X				1
	Michael	LSRD Website	1/20/15: Subject: Well needed Comments: Much needed in our fast growing region	X												1
	Nai	Online Project Survey	you guys go	X												1
	Neighbor	LSRD Website	1/27/15: Subject: Preoccupation Comments: I have four beautiful girls ages 13, 8, 4 and a baby of 8 months, live in the train on the shore of Lake Creek community of Round Rock, is a working class neighborhood. The rail line crosses the street S. Burnet ST. Unfortunately it is unbearable to live every day and night with noise occurs over long distances the train whistle sounded the warning that pass through that street, I know that it is necessary to prevent further tragedies but it is intolerable that long distances at high speeds reminded them that they will go through is still interception is a residential area. ----- Tengo cuatro hermosas nenas entre las edades de 13, 8, 4 y una bebé de 8 mese, vivimos en las orilla del tren en la comunidad Lake Creek de Round Rock, es un barrio de clase trabajadora. La línea del tren atraviesa la calle S. Burnet ST. Lamentablemente es insoportable vivir todos los días y noches con el ruido que produce a largas distancias el sonar del pito del tren avisando que atravesará dicha calle, sé que es necesario para evitar mayores tragedias pero es insoportable que desde largas distancias y a altas velocidades ellos avisen que van a pasar por está intercepción siendo está una zona residencial.									X				4

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	Sarah	Online Project Survey	Hope this happens in my lifetime	X												1
	Scott	LSRD Website	1/20/15: Subject: Schedule Comments: This project is needed asap. Shame that San Antonio isn't participating.	X										X	Concerned that SA not engaged	1
	Skip	LSRD Website	1/9/15: Subject: Waste Comments: There is already Amtrak. It runs from San Antonio thru Austin to Taylor and on to Fort Worth. This Train has very few passengers that ride it. An additional passenger rail system will be a waste of tax money.		X			X					X			1, 5
	Sophia	Online Project Survey	Interested in potential TAMUSA and PORT SA locations								X					2, 3
	zel	Online Project Survey	i've experienced mass transit with BART and metro along with the chicago L tran while living. i find it a very easy and simple to use. it makes life a little simpler cause you dont have to worry about traffic or parking. payment is simple aslo you can have a yearly pass like i did.	X												1, 3
		LSRD Website	2/19/15: Subject: Win Win Win Comments: I have lived in many cities that have rapid transit and it is a win/win/win. The environment wins, the economy wins, and commuters win. I sure hope this happens before I retire! Even after I retire though, I will use it! Good public transportation is where its at!	x												1
			<p>2/27/15: Subject: LSRRP EIS Comments:</p> <p>Dear Sirs:</p> <p>Enclosed are the scoping comments of the Alamo Regional Group of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club (Sierra Club) for the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Lone Star Regional Rail Project (LSRRP). The EIS of the LSRRP should include construction, operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement in its analysis. These cumulative, direct and indirect, secondary, connected, and associated environmental impacts must be assessed, analyzed, and evaluated in an EIS so the full environmental, economic, and social benefits and costs are revealed. Impacts from the proposed reasonable alternatives, including the No-Build Alternative, on all of the important matters listed below should be considered:</p> <p>The Sierra Club favors the most energy and land conserving, and least polluting systems and vehicles. In general, the Sierra Club is in favor of rail transportation due to its energy efficiency and the role it plays in reducing car/truck and airplane travel. We support continued development of a national multimodal freight plan and optimized multimodality by removing impediments to mode sharing, using alternatives to trucking whenever possible. Increasing freight rail capacity, when Union Pacific locates to a new track, has the potential to remove a significant amount of truck traffic from the I-35 corridor, by placing the truck containers on the freight rail. Build Alternatives should attempt to project impacts on train freight traffic by the removal and enhancement of freight track to a different location, and the impacts of this on reduced truck traffic, air quality, safety etc. Freight railroads, especially electrified, are preferred over highway or air freight to save energy and land. Capacity barriers to track sharing with passenger service should be minimized wherever possible.</p> <p>2/27/15: Subject: LSRRP EIS (CONTINUED) An Alternative should consider the use of tolls on existing IH35 roadway to reduce traffic, improve safety, and maintain quality. This Alternative should consider banning through trucks of large size (e.g. 18-wheelers) from the Austin-San Antonio section that can be bypassed by the SH 130 Tollway. We strongly encourage efforts to minimize the taking of currently undeveloped private and public lands in route considerations. We urge that new rail line for displaced Union Pacific freight traffic be added to existing right of way (ROW) wherever possible, e.g. along SH 130, or in conjunction with the proposed Texas Oklahoma Rail. Sierra Club supports safe, convenient and cost-effective public transit service that provides connectivity between concentrations of destinations. Sierra Club believes public transit service should be coordinated, and transit facilities should facilitate intermodal transfers, including convenient and safe bicycle access to public transit vehicles, and secure bicycle storage in public places and stations. High speed intercity rail which affords comparable city center to city center access times, or which offers comparable overnight convenience, is preferred to air travel because it can save energy, and should allow some airports to be closed or airport expansions to be avoided. Therefore, new or improved rail facilities are preferred to new or expanded airports. No more limited access highways ("freeways") should be built or widened, especially in urban-suburban areas or near threatened natural areas. High occupancy vehicle (HOV) and high occupancy vehicle/toll (HOT) lanes should come from converting existing highway lanes rather than constructing new lanes. Toll rates on HOT lanes should vary by time of day, and revenues above operating expenses should be used to improve travel opportunities for low income travelers and to operate public transit. Transport control measures should be implemented rather than increasing road capacity for vehicles. Intelligent Vehicle/Highway Systems (IVHS) should not be designed to increase highway capacity and stimulate additional traffic, off-highway congestion, sprawl, energy consumption and pollution.</p>													

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			<p>2/27/15: Subject: LSRRP EIS (CONTINUED)            Sierra Club supports Smart Growth. Healthy communities yield positive benefits for people: Vibrant, walkable communities have higher densities and mix housing and commerce with safe, enjoyable walking and cycling (resulting from short trips for mixed purposes, complete streets, unbundled driving &amp; parking costs, and reduced driving speeds) and great public transit. It's "healthy" for the individual because he or she walks more, positively impacting our sedentary lifestyle and obesity problems. It's "healthy" for the community because neighborhood commerce flourishes and there is more opportunity for social interaction while open spaces are more abundant. It's healthy for the consumer because less money is wasted on gas, vehicles, etc. It's healthy for the planet because more compact construction requires fewer resources for streets and buildings and saves heating, cooling and transportation energy and emits less greenhouse gas (GHG) and other pollution. We support transit oriented development (TOD) and Complete Streets solutions when evaluating traffic problems. Level Of Service (LOS) requirements should be replaced with prioritizing accessibility and reducing regional vehicle miles traveled (VMT). The required "No-Build" Alternative should be comprehensive, including impacts of projected traffic congestion, impacts on community development and sprawl, impacts on accident rates and healthcare costs, impacts on air quality, noise, water quality, wildlife and endangered species habitat, impacts on agricultural, business and economic development, impacts on cement and road construction industries, impacts on social activities especially outdoor activities and fitness, including bicycling and walking, impacts on obesity, impacts on economic justice, impacts on at risk and impaired populations, and impacts on other area transit systems.</p> <p>Build Alternatives should mandate inclusion of linkage options to other area transit systems in all alternatives. Build Alternatives should mandate inclusion of pedestrian/bicycle options in all alternatives. Build Alternatives should coordinate with other proposed transit systems.</p>														
			<p>2/27/15: Subject: LSRRP EIS (CONTINUED)            Alternatives must address land use plans including effects on land use and evaluation of total and per capita VMT (increased or decreased) as a result.            Projects that reduce VMT should be given priority.            Land use patterns should be designed to improve pedestrian access, encourage shorter trips, increase public transit use, enhance the economic viability of public transit and decrease private motor vehicle use. Therefore zoning, financing, land-use controls and other policies should:            • concentrate employment near transit stations or stops and support in-fill development; • densify residential areas to provide greater housing choice and allow shorter trips; • integrate pedestrian-oriented neighborhood commerce (markets, restaurants, services, etc.) into residential neighborhoods; • provide pedestrian amenities such as a complete regular pedestrian street grid; sidewalks on both sides of the road; slow streets [traffic calming], speed bumps and stop signs or lights to keep traffic safe and comfortable for pedestrians; auto-free town and urban centers; street furniture and shelters; and buildings that front onto the sidewalk rather than isolated behind parking or landscaped areas; • reduce parking requirements and eliminate parking subsidies; • provide adequate parks, natural areas and plantings for humans and wildlife, aesthetic enhancement, pedestrian protection and building/ sidewalk cooling; and • protect land outside presently developed areas from urban sprawl through urban limit lines or other restraints.            Existing communities should be revitalized or retrofitted, as necessary, to achieve these qualities and to enhance their quality of life. Planning And Public Participation Urban transportation systems and land use should be planned for whole regions. Transportation-land use models should fully project the reduction in driving and increase in transit experienced when transit is improved and areas are made more pedestrian accessible (see above); and modelers should provide decision-makers with compact, transit-oriented alternatives.</p>														

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Burns	Terry	LSRD Website	<p>2/27/15: Subject: LSRRP EIS (CONTINUED)            Projects should be evaluated on the basis of a comprehensive set of performance measures which include minimizing climate change and maximizing safety.            The EIS must provide to the public an analysis of the air pollutants emitted from this system versus car/truck and airplane systems that will be displaced by LSRRP. This analysis should include construction, operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement air pollutant emissions and any air pollutant emissions from associated facilities of each of these transportation systems. What amount of what types of air pollutants will be generated? Air pollutants considered must include, at a minimum, sulfur dioxide (SO2), nitrogen oxides (NOx), particulate matter, carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), and volatile organic compounds (VOC), which along with NOx, create ozone. The public needs to know the predicted tons/year of these different air pollutants, as well as diesel exhaust and air toxic compounds--including carcinogens--that are generated by the project and its associated facilities and alternatives. Climate change air pollutant emissions and the effects this project will have on climate change and that climate change will have on the project must be analyzed in the EIS. The public and the decision-makers must know the air pollution burden on health, welfare, and the environment that are to be generated by the project and compare these with alternatives.</p> <p>The impacts on wildlife habitat caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>The impacts on bird rookeries caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p>			X			X				X	X			2, 3, 4,
			<p>2/27/15: Subject: LSRRP EIS (CONTINUED)            Threatened, endangered, rare, or sensitive plant species occur in the project area. In addition, important vegetation communities, like sand Post Oak communities, exist in the area. These unique plants and plant communities must be protected and not diminished by the project.</p> <p>Threatened, endangered, rare, or sensitive animal species occur in the project area. These animal species must be protected and not diminished in numbers and habitats by the project.</p> <p>Construction, operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the LSRRP and associated facilities can cause the spread of non-native invasive plants species (NNIPS) along the rail ROW. An analysis of this problem must be conducted and preventive measures must be proposed that will eliminate this problem.</p> <p>The impacts on freshwater wetlands, isolated wetlands (regulated or unregulated), riparian wetlands/woodlands, and bottomland hardwood forested wetlands, caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities, must be addressed.</p> <p>The EIS should provide a historical baseline for wetlands and all other natural resources so the public's review and comment is based upon understanding what changes or losses have occurred in the past for each resource that may be impacted by the project and associated facilities.</p> <p>Loss of bottomland hardwood forested wetlands, riparian woodland wetlands, prairie wetlands, and many other area watersheds and floodplains along the entire ROW must be analyzed and mitigation measures must be implemented to the maximum extent possible to avoid, minimize, and compensate for any potential environmental impacts.</p>														

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			<p>2/27/15: Subject: LSRRP EIS (CONTINUED)</p> <p>In particular, the mitigation measures that will be implemented to reduce any cutting or vegetation removal from riparian forest areas along streams must be comprehensively analyzed in the EIS.</p> <p>The environmental report must discuss mitigation for, not just wetlands, but environmental impacts on prairie, Post Oak savannah, and other ecosystems.</p> <p>The impacts of drainage and flooding caused or encouraged by the project must be addressed. Run-off water pollution to all watercourses, groundwater sources (shallow and deep groundwater sources), and other water bodies caused or encouraged by the project must be addressed. What amount of storm water run-off will be created? What levels of water pollutants will be generated in the storm water run-off? What impacts will this additional storm water run-off have on aquatic life? How much additional stream bank and bed scouring will occur?</p> <p>The Sierra Club urges LSRD to support the restoration of native habitat along some if not all the ROW. These native plants are adapted to many changes in climate and will provide better wildlife habitat.</p> <p>The impacts that the project and associated facilities will have and the interaction with fragmentation of wildlife habitat must be addressed. For example, existing fragmentation in the study area must be presented along with current fragmentation effects. Qualitative and quantitative effects of fragmentation must be discussed as they exist currently or as they will exist in the future. Some of the fragmentation effects that should be quantified for current and future foreseeable actions include increases in meso-predators, increases in nest parasitism, increases in habitat isolation, associated gene pool isolations, reductions in overland flooding, decreases in habitat size, increases in pet or feral predator populations, increases in road kill, NNIPS, invasions of upland species in wetlands or riparian areas, etc.</p>														
			<p>2/27/15: Subject: LSRRP EIS (CONTINUED)</p> <p>The impacts of light pollution caused or encouraged by the proposal and associated facilities must be addressed. Dark sky initiatives should be included throughout the planning and development of LSRRP.</p> <p>The environmental report must discuss aesthetic impacts and mitigation measures to reduce impacts to scenic beauty.</p> <p>Historic and archeological features, including cemeteries and Native American sites, must be analyzed so that they are avoided, protected, and any damage mitigated.</p> <p>The impacts on rural, farming, and ranching way of life (rural/agricultural communities) and impacts caused by physical/psychological barriers in these communities created or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>The impacts on the loss of quiet, the loss of hearing natural sounds, and the increase in noise pollution caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>The impacts on solitude caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>The impacts on attitudes and life styles caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>The impacts on community cohesion caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>The impacts on transportation patterns and use caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p>														

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			<p>2/27/15: Subject: LSRRP EIS (CONTINUED)</p> <p>The impacts on the cleanliness, sanitation, and trash generation/disposal in the study area caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>The impacts of sign and visual pollution caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>The impacts on existing and planned roads and the expansion of roads in the study area caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>The impacts any development caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>The impacts that the project and associated facilities will have on fishing, hunting, canoeing, kayaking, birding, swimming, nature study, and other low impact tourism and recreational activities must be addressed.</p> <p>A comprehensive hurricane/disaster plan is needed. This plan must include an analysis, assessment, and evaluation of what will occur due to damage to the LSRRP line and its associated facilities; what effects will the loss of power have on LSRRP; what mitigation measures will be required to address this problem.</p> <p>The impacts on increases or decreases in population caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>The impacts on displacements/relocations of people and commercial, industrial, and other businesses caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>2/27/15: Subject: LSRRP EIS (CONTINUED)</p> <p>The impacts on economic patterns caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>The impacts on employment levels and occupational distribution caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed. The impacts on income levels caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>The impacts on land use and land values caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed. Increased land values and speculation along the ROW may, for example, lead to more suburban sprawl and fragmentation and loss of undeveloped lands.</p> <p>The impacts on tax levels and patterns caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed. Often taxes that are collected from new development do not pay for the service costs that result from that development. These costs must be articulated and quantified in the EIS.</p> <p>The impacts on types of housing and occupancy levels caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed. The impacts on health and social services demands caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed.</p> <p>The impacts on educational resources caused or encouraged by the project and associated facilities must be addressed. Environmental Justice requires special consideration and assessment of these many human health, economic, and social impacts on minority, special needs and low-income populations.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,  Terry Burns, Co-Chair, Alamo Group, Lone Star Chapter, Sierra Club  2/27/15</p>														









