

Infrastructure Master Plan Committee Meeting  
Angelina County Vision 2020  
January 16, 2007

The Infrastructure Master Plan Committee met on January 16, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. at the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce. In attendance were Paul Parker, James Flournoy, Richard Joseph, Keith Wright, Don Hannabus, Barbara Thompson, Dorothy Wilson, and Susie Cardwell.

With Paul Parker, City Manager, presiding, each of the specific areas gave a brief update on their status as follows.

**1. MSMA** - Dorothy Wilson and Paul Parker

The project of the mock census is moving forward with Roy Knight as the lead. He is in need of specific housing and economic data for the area and is in the process of interviewing demographers who might be able to provide this information. Roy hopes to have a demographer selected by the end of January

The Census Bureau has contacted the City and is starting to look at block groups. Dorothy will be the point person to work with the Census Bureau. She stated that the Bureau will not look at re-clustering until 2007. A population of 1,000 is approximately equivalent to 400 homes.

Paul Parker hopes that education of the population will begin possibly later this year or next year. He is hoping that Roy Reyes will help with the Hispanic segment of our population in understanding the importance of participating in the census and how to complete the census forms.

**2. Water** – Keith Wright and Paul Parker

Possible options are being reviewed for acquiring more water to be able to supply the needs of prospective new businesses in the community. Filing for easements are underway as well as environmental studies. These two processes are the most time consuming.

**3. Transportation** - James Flournoy and Paul Parker

The I-69 route is still unclear with one route running east of Lufkin and one running west. There should be a final determination on the route by the end of the year.

On the North Loop and 59 project (near Charlie's), TxDOT will be putting in a fly-over with construction starting in 2008. They will raise the railroad bridges, create feeder roads, and do away with the circle at loop 287.

On the 59 south project (Daniel McCall/Whitehouse bridge), it will be ready to bid this summer. This will be a three-year process and will start on the bridge first.

**4. Parks, Recreation and Downtown** – Don Hannabus, Barabara Thompson  
Don Hannabus mentioned the need for bikeways, a new recreation center, and a skate park. He does not know the needs of Diboll and Hudson.

Paul Parker discussed promoting downtown, downtown events, and a façade program. He will get estimates and then go to City Council.

The downtown underpass is in need of possibly power washing and painting. There is no action on this at this time.

**5. Communications** – Paul Parker and Jim Watkins

The City is looking into wireless communication for the downtown area, courthouse, WalMart area, hotel district, Angelina College, mall, Kiwanas Park, library, and First Christian Church. We will need to get Jim Watkins involved in the wireless process.

The next meeting will be on **February 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** at the Chamber Community Room. At this next meeting, Paul Parker would like to establish more specific goals and realistic time frames, and assign specific projects to individuals/groups to accomplish. This will be a very important meeting, so please mark your calendars!