

COMMUNITY CONTEXT SURVEY

Purpose: The Community Context Survey is intended to be the first step in identifying unique characteristics of each community that make each transportation project unique to its residents, its businesses and the public in general.

Each of the four parts of the survey will help us understand more about your community.

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Name: _____ Community:_____

Address:_____

Affiliation (resident, business, public interest group, etc.)

Date: _____



Section I: Community Characteristics and Land Use

In this section of the survey, you will evaluate community characteristics and land use. Please check yes or no to indicate if each item listed is currently present in your community. We will use this as a basis for discussion and for identifying the location of each item.

Community Characteristics and Land Use		Present?	
In yo	our community, are there any	Yes	No
Ι	densely populated urban areas?		
2	major residential districts?		
3	transportation centers that serve cars, trains, buses, and pedestrians?		
4	commercial centers of local/regional significance?		
5	major industrial districts?		
6	mixed residential/commercial city centers?		
7	agricultural lands of local/regional importance?		
8	archaeological features (areas where artifacts have been found)?		
9	architectural features (structures that convey information about your community)?		
10	historically significant features (landmarks, monuments, etc.)?		
11	social or community features (churches, monuments, cemeteries, etc.)?		
12	natural features (rural areas, streams, hills, valleys, etc.)?		
13	manmade features (railroads, pipelines, lakes, prisons, quarries, mines, etc.)?		
14	public use facilities (schools, fairgrounds, parks, gathering spots)?		
15	entertainment centers or key attractions?		



Section 2: Transportation System Assessment

For this part of the survey, you will evaluate transportation-related items. Please check yes or no to indicate whether each item listed is currently present along US 51. We will use this as a basis for discussion and for identifying the importance of each item.

Transportation System		Present?	
	Are the following present in your community <u>along</u> US 51:		No
Ι	sidewalks?		
2	bicycle lanes/paths/facilities?		
3	connections to public transportation?		
4	street and pedestrian lighting?		
5	pedestrian crossings and crosswalks?		
6	signals (traffic & pedestrian)?		
7	convenient access to the interstate?		
8	access to east/west or north/south State routes?		
9	access to commercial/retail areas?		
10	access to residential areas?		
11	access to farming operations?		
12	access to airports and regional air travel?		
13	Is the roadway network compatible with existing business?		
14	Does traffic travel in a safe manner?		



Section 3: Economic Development

For this part of the survey, you will evaluate economic-related items. Please check yes or no next to each question based upon your knowledge of the community. We will use this as a basis for discussion and for identifying the importance of each item.

Economic Resource		Present?	
In yo	In your community		No
I	have areas been identified for new development or redevelopment?		
2	are visitors regularly attracted to the area?		
3	is the local economy supported by historic, natural, cultural or entertainment spots?		
4	is US 51 important to businesses?		
5	is improving movement along US 51 a local/regional concern?		
6	is sprawl a concern?		
7	does US 51 serve as a commuter route (primary route for going back/forth to work)?		



Section 4: Community Planning

For the last part of the survey, you will evaluate community planning. Please check yes or no next to each question based upon your knowledge of the community. Please explain your answer or comment in the space provided. We will use this as a basis for discussion and for identifying the importance of each item.

Community Planning		Yes	No
I	Does your community have a plan for growth and development? If yes, describe the proposed plan:		
2	Are you aware of any growth management plans adopted by local governments? If yes, describe the plan and its location.		
3	Do you think an expansion of US 51 will serve local transportation needs in addition to regional travel? If yes, explain why:		
4	Are there any other scheduled or planned projects that may tie into this project or impact this project? If yes, list project names and describe project:		
5	Are there any community / traffic safety issues within your community? If yes, please list:		
6	Are aesthetics important within your community? Comments:		
7	Are community parks and open areas important within your community? Comments:		
8	Are there any locations where access to a recreational area is important within your community? If yes, please list:		
9	Are there any seasonal events that may be affected by the proposed US 51 expansion in your community? If yes, please list:		