



STATE LOOP 360

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Travis County, Texas

**CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS
SUMMARY**

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Loop 360 Context Sensitive Solutions Report August 2019 Workshop and Survey Feedback

In August 2019, TxDOT gathered public input on wall treatment aesthetics as part of the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) features being considered for incorporation along Loop 360. CSS is a collaborative approach to developing roadways that fit within their surroundings. It incorporates public input to determine what natural, historic, environmental and social resources best enhance the roadway design.

Members of the public had the opportunity to view and provide feedback on wall treatment aesthetic options at the Walsh Tarlton Lane project workshop held on August 8, 2019. The community also had the option of providing feedback via an online survey included in the virtual workshop for the Walsh Tarlton Lane project. The survey remained open during the 15-day comment period following the workshop. It was advertised using a flyer handed out at the workshop, as well as through e-blasts sent to the entire corridor-wide listserv.

Participants viewed two display boards (see Appendix A). The first board contained information about the overall CSS process, and the second board contained three options for different wall treatment aesthetics in places where walls are needed.

TxDOT received a total of 19 written comments at the public workshop, and an additional 7 comments via the online survey. A summary of feedback is below. See Appendix B for photographs of written comments received at the workshop, as well as the online survey questions and each response.

Preferred Option

Participants tended to prefer Option 1 for Loop 360, commenting that it resembles limestone and is relatively natural looking. Option 2 received some support, and participants disfavored Option 3. Some respondents commented that the options seemed too neutral or were not aesthetically pleasing.

Additional Feedback about Walls

Respondents commented that noise reduction and amount of right of way required are important factors for the walls. They also requested that walls be made of a material that allows for easy removal of graffiti.

Additional Feedback about CSS Features

Participants requested that the project team maintain natural landscaping and preserve wildflowers along Loop 360. Suggestions were also made to add artistic trailheads and art panels along the corridor. Finally, respondents suggested to design the bridge abutments to deter camping under overpasses.

Appendix A: Boards

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Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) is a collaborative approach to developing roadways that fit within their surroundings.

CONSIDERATIONS

The CSS approach considers not only physical aspects or standard specifications of a roadway, but also the scenic, environmental, historic, economic and social resources in the surrounding community.

INVOLVEMENT

The process involves all stakeholders, including community members, elected officials, interest groups, and affected local, state and federal agencies.

OUTCOME

CSS processes help to preserve and enhance community resources while improving safety and mobility along the corridor.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Nov. 2018: TxDOT conducted a survey to receive feedback from the community.


Mar. 2019: We shared the results of that survey and collected further public input.

Jun. 2019: We collected and incorporated additional feedback on the refined options.

More details about the CSS process can be found at Loop360Project.com



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WALL TREATMENTS

Feedback received to date has indicated that the community prefers a natural look along the corridor. Below are three options for wall treatments in places where walls are needed. We welcome your input.



OPTION 1



OPTION 2

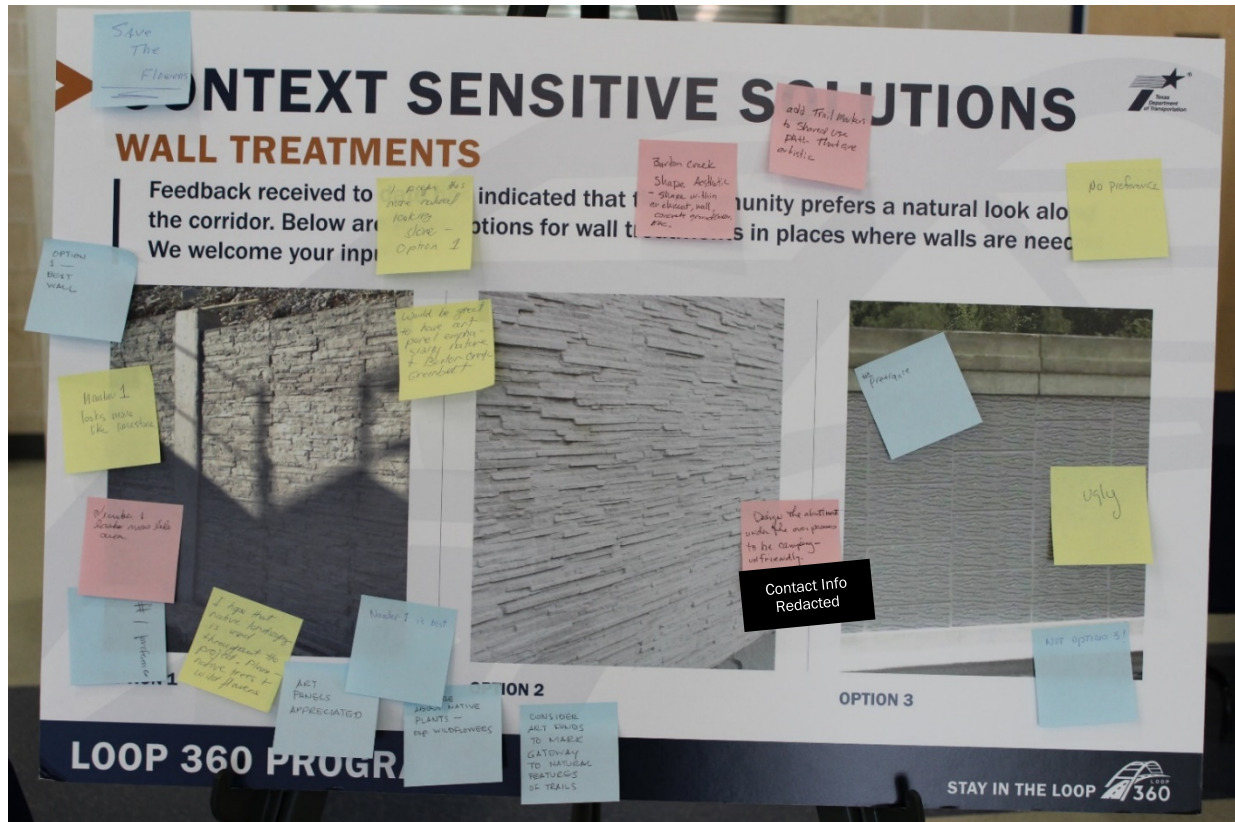


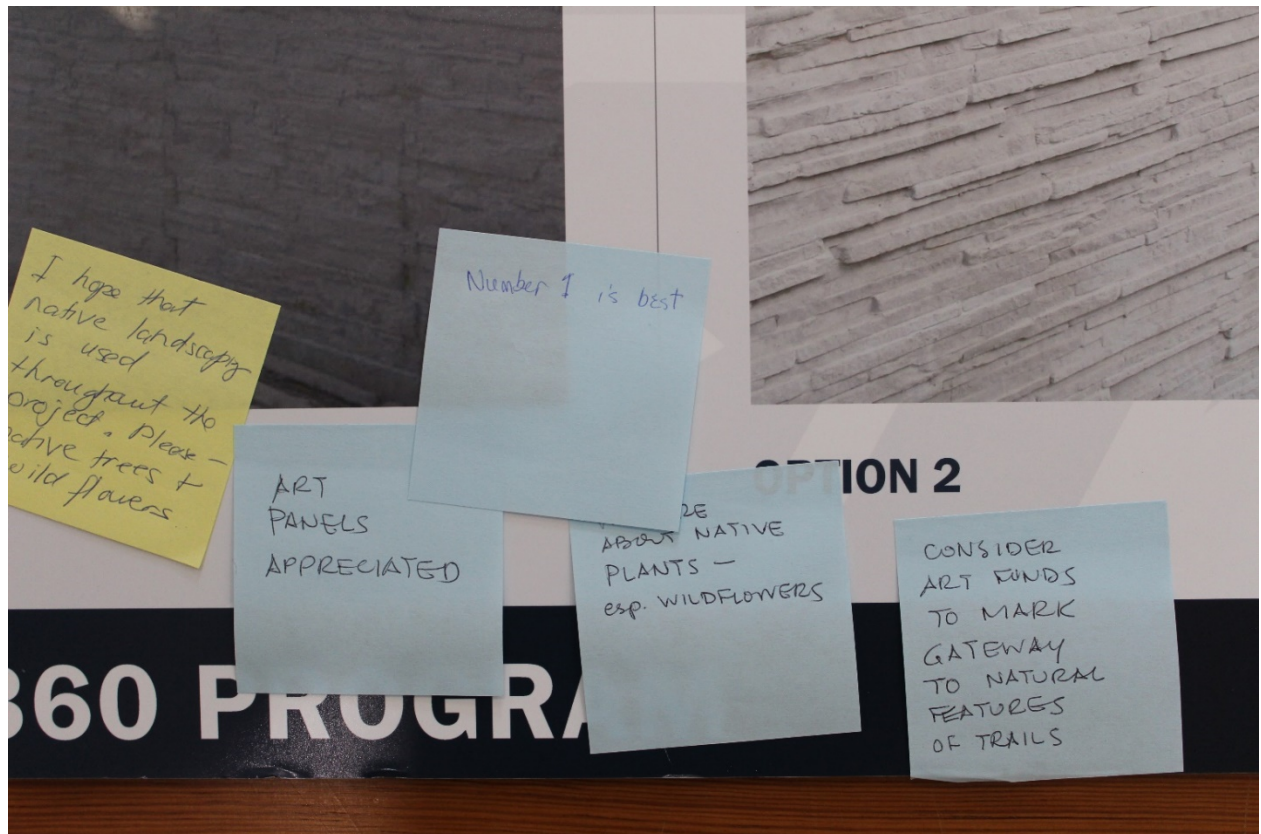
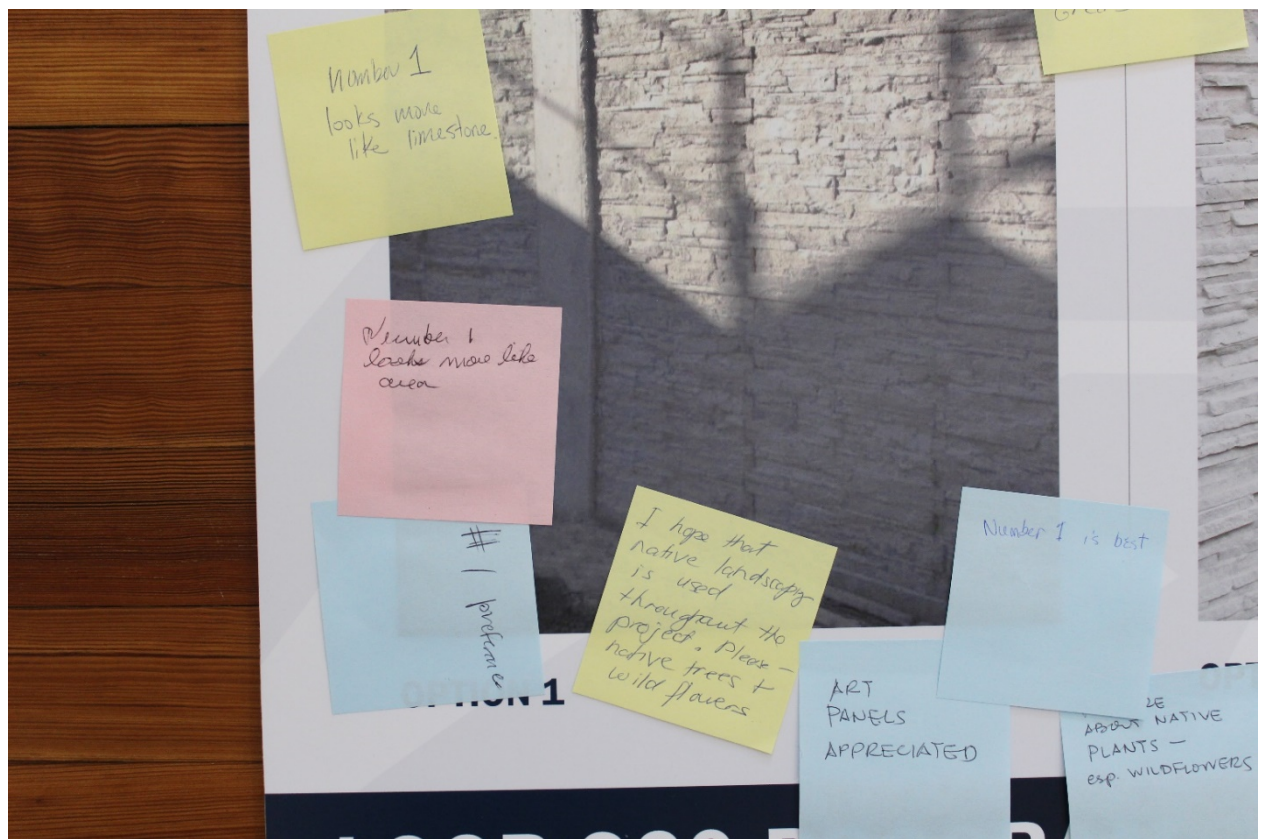
OPTION 3

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Appendix B: Comments and Survey Results





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add Trail Markers
to Shared Use
PATH that are
artistic

Barton Creek

Shape Aesthetic

- shape within
an element, wall,
concrete groundcover,
etc.

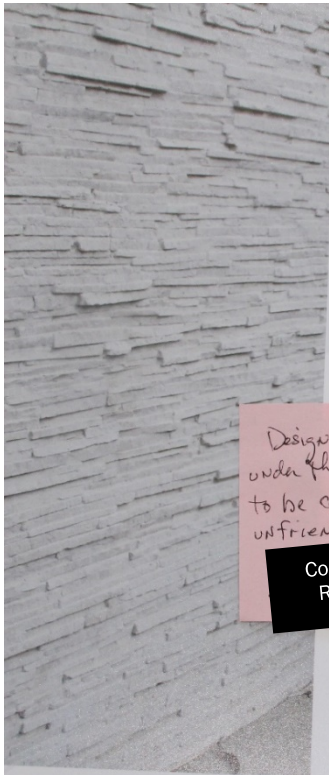
No preference

community prefers a natural look along

s in places where walls are needed.

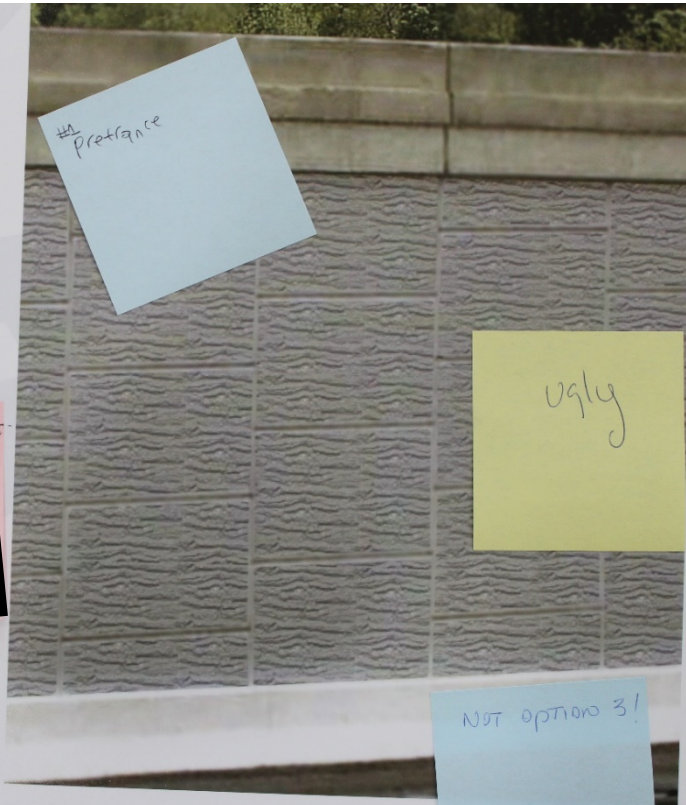


No Preference



Design the abutment
under the overpasses
to be camping-
unfriendly.

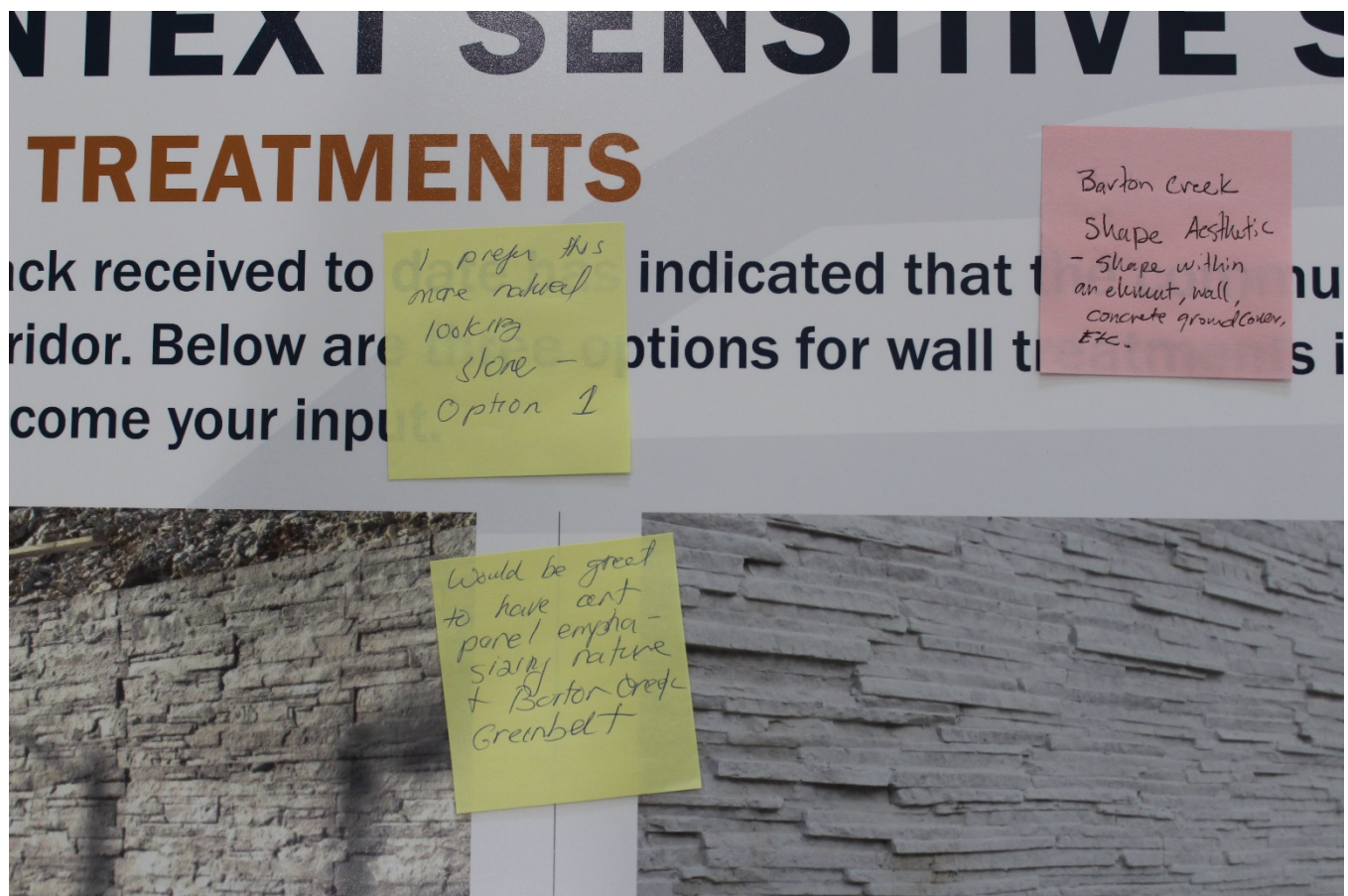
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No Preference

ugly

NOT options 3!



What do you like about the proposed wall treatment options?


1	Option 1
2	Like the look of Options 1 and 2
3	Those are all really boring looking. Y'all can do better
4	I think it would be good, but it depends on how well it reduces noise for residences in the neighborhoods, as well as how much Right Of Way it takes up.

What do you dislike about the proposed wall treatment options?

1	All those lame options
2	They are not aesthetically pleasing and take away the natural view of the greenbelt and other views along this portion of Loop 360.

What other comments or feedback do you have about the proposed wall treatment options?

1	It would be nice if they are made of a material that can be sandblasted to remove graffiti. All these types of walls start out nice, and then look terrible later. For example, look at the Pennybacker bridge. Graffiti has been painted over on the rusted steel, but
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perhaps some kind of removal could have been done instead. Or, at least match the paint color to the steel.