

**Jennifer Burdick - re: widening of roadway**

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**To:** aisycogui@cox.net  
**Date:** 2/4/2014 6:05 PM  
**Subject:** re: widening of roadway  
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Ms. and Mr. McCallum,

Thank you for emailing in your thoughts about the Broadway improvement project. I understand the concerns you raise, and they are ones that have been brought up by others. I am sharing your comments with the Task Force, who meet this Thursday at 5:30pm, and will include the Public Input Report.

It may be helpful to know that there are some projects underway that will complement the downtown entry along Broadway.

\* An extension of the Barraza-Aviation Parkway is almost completely designed/ready for construction that will extend the parkway north and west of Broadway, terminating at St. Mary's/I-10. This would create a bypass around downtown.

\* An intersection study, which is now leading to construction of some remedies, was done on the Broadway/4th Ave/Toole intersection. Design is underway on that and construction slated for the near-term.

These projects may assist with the bottleneck envisioned, and it is certainly part of our design process to track and coordinate with these projects.

Your point about trying to keep the neighborhoods connected is understood. How to not create a "chasm" between the neighborhoods by construction of roadways that don't foster connection is something we will need to discuss as we move forward on the design.

Thank you, again, for emailing in your thoughts. I hope you will remain engaged in the project and process as we move forward. I also apologize to you for the delay in my response. I am normally much better at responding in a timely manner, and I lost track of your email. No excuses, but my apologies to you.

Respectfully,  
~Jenn

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>>> On 12/4/2013 at 7:02 PM, Jennifer Burdick wrote:

>>> Aisling McCallum <aisycoqui@cox.net> 12/04/13 11:59 AM >>>

My husband and I reside in Barrio San Antonio. We wanted to give some input into the potential widening of Broadway. I have heard most of the reasoning behind it which leads us to pose this one question. If you are seeking a greater, brisker traffic flow into downtown, how does it make sense to spend that kind of money when the actual entrance into downtown is a huge bottleneck? Fixing the existing roads makes much more sense to us at this time. Making roads bigger and faster instead of better and more community friendly only encourages a greater use of cars in an environment screaming for us to lessen car use.

Thank you,

Peter and Aisling McCallum