

Broadway Boulevard Improvement Project

The Broadway Blvd Improvement Project, part of the RTA plan approved by voters in 2006, is currently in the planning and design stage. The original plan as listed on the 2006 ballot included widening Broadway Blvd between Euclid and Country Club to 3 lanes in each direction, 2 additional lanes devoted to public transit, plus bicycle lanes and sidewalks. Residential and business properties along the north side of Broadway were to be acquired to accommodate the additional lanes. A 13-member Citizen's Task Force (CTF) made up of stakeholders from neighborhoods, businesses and other interests was appointed in June to proceed with the planning and design.

As the CTF proceeds with the planning process, some interesting facts have emerged. The traffic volumes projected for Broadway Blvd based on a 1987 traffic study have failed to materialize due to a number of factors, such as the economic downturn, changing demographics, and increased use of alternate modes of transportation. Additionally, we have learned that many of the buildings along this stretch of Broadway, originally known as "the Sunshine Mile" are mid-century modern architectural gems, and there is great interest in preserving this area.

Ward 6 Councilman Steve Kozachik has brought this information to the Mayor and Council. As a result, the City of Tucson, as Lead Agency for the project, has advised the CTF that they may consider configurations that are less than 8 lanes in width, although the "functionality" of the original plan as written in the 2006 ballot "cannot be diminished". What does this mean? Everyone is in general agreement that this segment of Broadway can be improved for motorists, busses, bicyclists, pedestrians and future transit needs. Additionally, there is a great opportunity to better integrate and interconnect the businesses and surrounding neighborhoods. The CTF is still in the early phases of formulating a vision and goals for the project. The vision and goals will be developed in accordance with public input. While there is great local interest in reducing the scope of the planned improvements, some people are still supportive of making this stretch of Broadway into a major artery as per the original ballot language.

There are a number of ways you can ensure your voice is heard:

- Visit the Broadway Project webpage at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/broadway> to get information about the project and the CTF, including upcoming dates and agendas for CTF meetings and public meetings
- Call the Project Info Line at 520-622-0815 or email your comments to Broadway@tucsonaz.gov
- Attend the CTF meetings and provide your comments during the Call to Audience
- Attend public meetings to provide your input and learn more about the project
- Contact Mary Durham-Pflibsen, your Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association representative on the taskforce via email at marypflib@hotmail.com.
- [A group of neighbors and businesses has formed the Broadway Coalition to advocate for the preservation of this area. For more information or to join, visit their website at https://sites.google.com/site/broadwaycoalition/home](https://sites.google.com/site/broadwaycoalition/home)

SHNA sends our sincere appreciation to:

October 2012 - SHNA Garden Tour

We thank the homeowners who so graciously opened their gardens for the tour, our garden tour sponsor (see our web-site www.samhughes.org for more details), our volunteers, and Sam Hughes School, for their part in making this event a big success. SHNA members received free admission to the garden tour. Over 200 attendees enjoyed the garden tour. The garden tour raised over \$1,000 for SHNA.

December 2012 – Doug Donahue Retires from SHNA Board of Directors

Thank you for your years of wise and steadfast service!

January 2013 – SHNA Annual Meeting

We thank the gelato shop on the corner and the pizza restaurant across the street (see our web-site www.samhughes.org for more details) for bringing gelato and pizza to the annual meeting. The gelato and pizza was enjoyed by our attendees.

Thank You!

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Become an SHNA member by completing the membership form and mailing it with your membership payment to PO Box 42931, Tucson, AZ 85733. Or go to www.samhughes.org and pay online using PayPal or Credit.

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All memberships renew January 1st of each calendar year.

I am interested in volunteering: ____ Yes ____ No

____ Garden Tour ____ Park/Library/Water Tower ____ Newsletter ____ Zoning ____ Grant Writing/Fund Raising

____ Special Events ____ Historic Preservation ____ Membership ____ Schools ____ Campus/Community Relations

____ Casitas on BW ____ Traffic/Park Wise ____ Home Tour ____ Web/Tech ____ Military/Community Relations

I am interested in participating in neighborhood watch: ____ Yes ____ No

Voting members must be 18 years of age and reside within the Sam Hughes Neighborhood which is bounded by

Broadway, Speedway, Campbell, and Country Club. Businesses, organizations, and non-residents may join as non-voting association members.

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