

RESOLUTION OF SAM HUGHES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

OPPOSING THE BROADWAY CORRIDOR PLAN AS THE BASIS

FOR RTA ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 17

WHEREAS RTA Roadway Improvement Project 17 is based upon the City of Tucson's 1987 Broadway Corridor Plan that calls for a 150' wide street with eight lanes and a 24' landscaped median as well as a 30' landscaped buffer and sound wall. This would necessitate demolishing all structures on the north side of the street between the alley and Broadway from Euclid to Country Club. This would wipe out virtually all local businesses, several dozen historic structures, and two churches. It would also jeopardize Rincon Heights Neighborhood's application for registration on the National Register of Historic Places by removing 19 contributing properties that face Broadway, and deprive this neighborhood of 39 potentially contributing properties to its designation as a historic neighborhood, and

WHEREAS the 1987 plan to widen the Euclid-to-Country Club section of Broadway was adopted by the City despite opposition of this neighborhood in 1987 and in 2005; and

WHEREAS this 23 year old plan is based on outdated approaches and inaccurate predictions of traffic volumes, would cost \$71 million taxpayer dollars that could be better spent; and would increase air and noise pollution of the residents of this neighborhood, and

WHEREAS this stretch of Broadway contains several dozen historically and architecturally significant buildings and contains 287 taxpaying and tax-generating businesses facing the street alone, and over 500 in the vicinity; and

WHEREAS the Broadway business district serves local residents for at least a mile radius many of whom are elderly, disabled or students, and

WHEREAS destroying viable businesses is counterproductive to job and revenue growth and recovery and would deprive the City of Tucson, Pima County and the Rio Nuevo TIF taxing district of revenues from these businesses on Broadway; and

WHEREAS doubt about when the City will widen the street discourages reinvestment and causes blight that depresses property values and in turn reduces revenues, and;

NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION hereby joins Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association in opposing the City's 1987 Plan to widen Broadway and proposes instead that street improvements within the existing footprint would preserve businesses that serve the community along with promoting goals of livability, sustainability and walkable streets for residents of urban neighborhoods.

Adopted by SHNA Inc this 19th day of October 2010

SHNA Inc

Attest
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