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To: Jennifer Toothaker Burdick Project Manager, Broadway Project
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Rincon Heights Neighborhood wishes to draw your attention to a troubling matter affecting the Broadway Citizens Task Force.

The Broadway Citizens Task Force (CTF) was appointed in Spring 2012 to plan the Broadway road improvements on behalf of the lead agency, the City of Tucson.

Over the past several months, Task Force members have directed staff to produce documentation to aid the CTF in their deliberations, but this documentation has not been produced, month after month.

–In the May 30, 2013 meeting, Colby Henley asked for information on nonconforming business parking which has not been produced.

–In the July 25, 2013 meeting, Mary Pflibsen, neighborhood representative, asked for information about Phoenix's light rail system, which was built without extensive demolition. This information has not been produced.

–On April 18, 2013, Diane Robles, business representative, first asked for up-to-date traffic figures, as PAG have recently revised their traffic projections downward. She repeated this request in a meeting in summer 2013. Not only have up-to-date figures not been produced, but projections the Design Team knows are outdated were presented to the public meeting on September 26.

The outcome is that the CTF is about to embark on a Design Charrette without the information it needs, some of it requested months ago. The information requested is crucial to the CTF's mission and ability to do its job.

Continual failure to provide requested information, therefore, makes it difficult for the CTF to work effectively.

As residents and stakeholders in the Study Area, we wish to express our frustration over the continued refusal of the Design Team to provide the requested information and to cooperate with and serve the CTF.

We therefore request that the Design Team be instructed to produce the materials described above before the next CTF meeting on October 21. We further request that any information the CTF requests in the future be produced before or at the subsequent meeting so as to facilitate the ability of the Task Force to proceed as legally mandated.

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cc: Tucson Mayor & Council
Nicole Gavin Ewing, COT Assistant City Manager
Darryl Cole, COT Director of Transportation.