

sam hughes neighborhood association

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Jennifer Burdick Toothaker
City of Tucson Department of Transportation
201 N. Stone Ave., 5th Floor
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Re: Broadway - Euclid to Country Club Roadway
Improvement Project

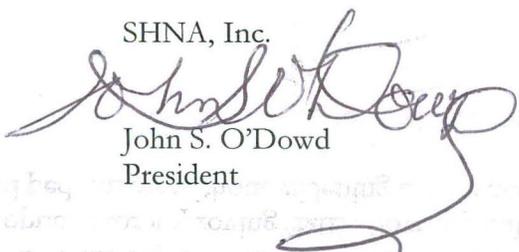
Dear Ms. Toothaker:

The Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association supports the improvement of Broadway Boulevard within the existing right-of-way. While we fully support improvements to the efficient movement and safety for all modes of travel, we believe this can be accomplished without widening the roadway and demolishing numerous businesses and residences. Destruction of existing buildings, many of which are or will be eligible for historic registration, for a wider roadway which doesn't appear necessary given growth projections is unconscionable. The existing businesses on Broadway enrich our neighborhood and bring tax revenue to the city of Tucson, in addition to providing livelihood for their owners. There are many options for improving traffic flow and enhancing the transit experience for bus riders, bicyclists and pedestrians without widening the roadway.

The streets in our neighborhood are crumbling, with no indication that more than cursory repairs can be implemented for the foreseeable future. Even the recently passed bond election is not sufficient to provide badly needed maintenance. It makes no sense to widen Broadway Boulevard and install costly landscaping when the City already struggles to maintain the streets we have now.

We appreciate the opportunity to have a neighborhood representative on the Citizen's Task Force, which was appointed in Spring of 2012 to plan the Broadway improvements on behalf of the lead agency, the City of Tucson. We encourage the task force to honor the voice of the public, which has been clearly expressed by the majority in attendance at all three public meetings, by planning improvements within the current roadway width.

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