

Jennifer Burdick - Re: Broadway Should Stay In Existing Right-of-Way

From: Jennifer Burdick
To: John Manning
Date: 5/16/2014 6:09 PM
Subject: Re: Broadway Should Stay In Existing Right-of-Way
CC: Broadway; Mary Durham-Pflibsen

Mr. Manning,

Thank you for your email and suggestions for the Task Force. My apologies to you for not responding sooner. Luckily, Mary Durham Pflibsen was included on your email and was able to see your comments. I will include this their Public Input Report for their upcoming meeting on 5/22.

The funding for this project comes from voter approved County bonds and from voter-approved Regional Transportation Authority plan and sales tax collections. The funding cannot be reallocated to fund pothole repair. However, the City voters did pass Proposition 409, which is a bond program focused solely on repairing roads within the City. You can read more about that program and where repairs are programmed online at: <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/street-bonds>

The intent of the project is not to turn the roadway into an expressway; however, we have a responsibility to be sure that whatever facilities we construct will support the immediate and future transport needs of our community - for pedestrians, bikes, transit, and auto.

The work the volunteer Citizens Task Force is weighing numerous considerations, including how to effectively use investments already made to acquire properties on the north side of the roadway, and widening only as much as needed to achieve a progressive roadway design, and connecting appropriately with existing roadways at either end.

We appreciate your concern for fiscal responsibility, and are working hard to find the most appropriate solution and recommendations.

We hope you will consider coming to upcoming meetings to learn more about the project and provide additional thoughts:

- Broadway Citizens Task Force Meeting

Thursday, May 22
5:30pm
Child & Family Resources (2800 E. Broadway)

- Broadway Project Open House

Thursday, June 5 OR June 12
5-8pm
Sabbar Shrine Hall (450 S. Tucson Blvd.)

The Task Force will continue to meet as design moves forward and you are on the project listserv, so you will continue to receive updates.

Thank you, again, for emailing your comments and suggestions to the Task Force.

Sincerely,
~Jenn

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>>> On 3/5/2014 at 11:19 PM, John Manning <jonman50@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Broadway Task Force, et al

As I understand, the Broadway widening proposal calls for the acquisition of north side properties resulting in a Euclid and Country Club corridor that is wider than any other part of the Boulevard. If so, I ask why ?

Certainly the money saved from those acquisitions would go a way toward permanent re paving of so many Tucson streets that were never paved properly when they were built and require constant repair.

Is the intent to eventually turn Broadway from a boulevard into cross town expressway ? I think such a plan would hurt remaining Broadway businesses and would negatively impact their tax revenue.

Can't the corridor be widened enough using the existing city right-of-way on the north side ? To my untrained eye it would then match, but not exceed, what already exists on either end.

I realize there was a bond issue approved for this project, but I don't think it needs to be blank check, especially in the times we now face. Isn't it time to re think this entire proposal ?

Respectfully submitted,

John Manning
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