




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Marc A. Ott, City Manager
Robert Goode, P.E., Assistant City Manager

FROM: Robert J. Spillar, P.E., Director 
Austin Transportation Department

DATE: July 15, 2014

SUBJECT: CIUR 1349 – I-35 Capital Area Improvement Program (CAIP) Segment 4

On June 26, 2014, Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to communicate to the Texas Department of Transportation the need for a stakeholder working group for Segment 4 of the I-35 Improvement Project to explore mobility improvements.

This memo is to inform you that a letter indicating Council's direction has been sent to TxDOT. Public and stakeholder meetings are already in progress to ensure the neighborhoods surrounding the portion of the I-35 corridor north of Downtown, including the Mueller community, are informed of the process and have an opportunity to voice their opinion. I personally attended a meeting with the Dellwood 2 Neighborhood group on the evening of July 10th.

In addition, as the study progresses, the study team has assured me that they will continue to work with the community to determine the best format for a working group or other meaningful community stakeholder involvement.



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July 10, 2014

I-35 Capital Area Improvement Program (CAIP)
Segment 4 – Airport Boulevard to Martin Luther King Boulevard (MLK)

Mr. Terry McCoy
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Austin District
P.O. Box 15426
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Dear Mr. McCoy,

Thank you for the continued work by your team on the I 35 corridor project and for the on-going partnership between the Department and City of Austin. As you know, we have been working with you to facilitate a Downtown Working Group. We are also working with you on the Planning and Environmental Linkages Study and a variety of other projects in various stages of project development throughout the corridor.

At the June 26th City of Austin City Council meeting, staff was directed to communicate to TxDOT that the neighborhoods surrounding the portion of the I 35 corridor north of Downtown and including the Mueller Community desired a formal working group to discuss planning efforts on the portion of I 35 in Segment 4. I have previously communicated this to the project staff during one of our June project management meetings, but wanted to formally communicate this desire via written communication.

I will report to council that you are aware of this request and that you are addressing the concerns of this community with scheduled public and stakeholder meetings and will continue to do so. I will report that as the study progresses that the study team will work with community members to determine the best format for a working group or other meaningful community stakeholder involvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Spillar".

Robert Spillar, P.E.
Director,
City of Austin Transportation Department