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**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2015 12:48 PM  
**To:** [Sirwaitis@austintexas.gov](mailto:Sirwaitis@austintexas.gov)  
**Cc:** Denkler, Ann - BC; Anguiano, Dora  
**Subject:** RE: {EXTERNAL} Ballantyne Subdivision Traffic Mitigation in Travis County

Ann,

Can you forward this to sirwaitis? My email to her got bounced back saying the recipient's e-mail provider rejected it.

**From:** David Greear  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2015 11:12 AM  
**To:** 'Sirwaitis@austintexas.gov'  
**Cc:** 'Denkler, Ann - BC'; 'dora.anguiano@Austintexas.gov'; Anna Bowlin; Teresa Calkins; 'Gross, Scott'  
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I would like COA to make sure Travis County's comments are placed in the back-up. I have been coordinating with Ann Denkler and Dora Anguiano, but I understand you are the case manager and that I need to make sure I go through you. Below are my comment strings from past conversations.... But at this point, the Travis County stance is as such....

"Travis County feels strongly that this subdivision should not connect to the local County roadways, as the existing County roadways are not sufficient in width (only 18' wide), have no curb and gutter (bar ditches) and have no sidewalks. We feel any additional cut through traffic would be unsafe and not recommended. We would recommend emergency access gates only." There has been some discussion with regards to having only one road connection if traffic mitigations and inclusion of sidewalks are approved, but after some discussion, the County does not feel that the City can take adequate measures to ensure such improvements could be completed to everyone's satisfaction and that the only acceptable, safe and reasonable solution is to not allow access to the local County roadways.

**From:** David Greear  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 1:42 PM  
**To:** 'Gross, Scott'; Anna Bowlin; Steven Manilla  
**Cc:** Joe Arriaga; Teresa Calkins; 'Denkler, Ann - BC'; 'dora.anguiano@Austintexas.gov'  
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Scott,

Actually, signage and markings alone would not be adequate as acceptable traffic mitigation, but would be acceptable as supplemental measures.

Furthermore, ANY street with vehicular connection would trigger the requirement of a continuous sidewalk on one side AND traffic mitigation. We are OK with the idea that if only one street is chosen for vehicular connection, that Delahunty would be the preferred street, but we are also OK with all

streets having vehicular connections if a continuous sidewalk and traffic mitigations are included on each of those streets.

**Ann and Dora,**

I know I had sent an email out earlier stating that “Travis County feels strongly that this subdivision should not connect to the local County roadways, as these roadways are not sufficient in width (only 18’ wide), have no curb and gutter (bar ditches) and have no sidewalks. We feel any additional cut through traffic would be unsafe and not recommended. We would recommend emergency access gates only.” But we do feel that if some of the traffic mitigations and inclusion of sidewalks are approved (as stated and discussed below with Scott Gross), then we could support connection to our system.

**From:** Gross, Scott [<mailto:Scott.Gross@austintexas.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 11:39 AM

**To:** Anna Bowlin; Steven Manilla

**Cc:** David Greear; Joe Arriaga; Teresa Calkins

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Thanks again, Anna and David.

To confirm, the County would require:

- Traffic mitigation on all streets with a vehicular connection
  - Acceptable traffic mitigation measures include bulb-outs or other neck-down techniques and traffic circles at the intersections. Signage and markings are also acceptable but less effective.
  - Vertical mitigation techniques, such as speed cushions or bumps, would not be permitted.
- One street will need continuous sidewalk on at least one side, similar to the sidewalk construction on Vincent Pl. Delahunty Ln is the preferred street since there is newly constructed sidewalk on the west side from Vincent Pl north to Old Austin Pflugerville Rd.

Thanks. We'll keep you posted.

-Scott

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**From:** Gross, Scott

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 10:30 AM

**To:** 'Anna Bowlin'; Steven Manilla

**Cc:** David Greear; Joe Arriaga; Teresa Calkins

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Thanks, Anna! Just one of those tools in the box. Let us know what could work. At this point we're looking for agreement in principle and subject to further discussions and ultimate design considerations.

Regards,

-Scott

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**From:** Anna Bowlin [<mailto:Anna.Bowlin@traviscountytx.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 10:28 AM

**To:** Gross, Scott; Steven Manilla

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Scott,

Thanks for the email. We will try and get back to you early this afternoon, but I can pass onto you now that it would be unlikely for the County to support a speed cushion.

Thanks,

Anna

**From:** Gross, Scott [<mailto:Scott.Gross@austintexas.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 10:19 AM

**To:** Anna Bowlin; Steven Manilla

**Cc:** Jain, Sangeeta; Linseisen, Andrew; Borkar-Desai, Dipti; Sirwaitis, Sherri

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**Importance:** High

Anna and Steve-

We have an urgent request for comment regarding an item on TONIGHT's ZAP Commission agenda. Just met with applicant late yesterday to discuss options.

I imagine you're familiar with this project, which is in zoning but because of the preliminary plan development, has also 'triggered' subdivision requirements for connectivity. We are requiring full connections to the adjoining streets to the north for a variety of reasons, including:

- Code requirement
- Imagine Austin/Complete Streets Policy
- More direct, safer connections – and non-arterial – to Spring Hill ES, Pflugerville MS, and Wells Point Park
- Existing streets intended to be connected as they terminate in stubs
- Precedent with Tacon Ln connection

The existing neighborhood to the north is very concerned about the connections and, while we absolutely recognize those concerns, we feel that they're driven by misconceptions and any adverse impacts are mitigatable. Additionally, an adjacent connection on Tacon Ln was made previously.

What we'd like to know from Travis County's perspective is whether you'd be amenable to the developer making traffic mitigation improvements on some or all of the connecting streets to the north (Hebbe, Horborne, Spring Hill, Delahunty)? Those mitigation measures could be a mix of sidewalk (similar to cross street Vincent Pl), speed cushions, signage/stripping, and traffic circles. Alternately, does the County have plans/budget for improvements to any of these streets?

Happy to discuss if you'd like to give me a call.

Thanks!

-Scott

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