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Mashell Smith,
I live in the Pioneer Crossing development off of Parmer Lane & Samsung Blvd. I have lived here for 2 years. What I can tell you from my time living here is that it is not easy to get to or get out of. What was originally promised to me, and I am sure many other residents, is that Braker Lane would be extended to Samsung Blvd. to provide better access to the neighborhood. To my knowledge, there is still no actual plan from the City to do so. Instead, the only public improvements that have happened, is the nearest connection to the south, Sprinkle CutOff Rd. has been repaved , but remains a winding, one lane road with no shoulder and plenty of blind spots. Compounding this choking access, both ends of the road terminate to roads with stop signs, while the connected roads, Sprinkle and Braker, are not forced to stop. This is a very dangerous condition and gets backed up easily during high traffic times often resulting in 10-15 minute waits for a clear opening. Sprinkle Road is one of the most uneven and bumpy roads in Austin that I drive daily. It has lacked regular maintenance and the road is in disrepair. In addition to all this, DR Horton is in the process of building 30+ additional homes and the public improvements needs for this area are going to increase.

Now, imagine cutting off the main connection to this neighborhood and forcing all residents to take the lesser route for any amount of time. The impacts would be disastrous. This would overwhelm our community and our abilty to enter & exit safely. Deliveries. school related traffic and residents would all be forced to use a route that is already crumbling under the pressure of this neighborhood.

What should be asked of the developer & builder representing Samsung suggesting closing Samsung BLVD entirely is:

1. Has there been an updated traffic study done of the area and the impacts of a full closure?
2. Is this the only option or can partial lane closures be implemented instead of a full closure? The width of both lanes can handle two lanes of traffic if a partial closure is considered. In addition another option is leaving one lane still open and utilizing a flagger or temporary light to direct traffic.
3. What is the total construction duration for the closure? Is it weeks, months? As a builder I know how long these closures can stretch to, and closing Samsung BLVD for a few weeks can be done, but if it is months, that's a completely different scenario that I believe is unreasonable to the resident in the neighborhood.

The City of Austin has a duty to protect the residents from construction and help mitigate any construction negative impacts to the community. With enough planning, this situation can be controlled in a way that the developer/builder can achieve their goals while not putting the community residents at a risk and damaging the neighborhood. I recommend not closing

Samsung BLVD entirely and finding alternate ways to complete the construction. I also implore you that if this is the only option, that improvements are made to the surrounding streets that allow residents to travel safely.

Thank you

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