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To: CLMD Land Management
Subject: re: the proposed closing of Samsung Blvd. in NE Austin

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Good morning,

It has come to my attention that the City of Austin is considering closing a portion of Samsung Blvd. in NE Austin at the corner of E. Parmer Lane and Samsung Blvd. I am under the impression that the Samsung Corporation is wanting to expand their facilities and that they are requested the road to be removed in order to proceed.

As a resident of the Pioneer Crossing East Neighborhood, I believe this action by the city would be extremely detrimental to the neighborhood. There are only two existing exits from our neighborhood: Samsung Blvd. north to East Parmer and Samsung Blvd. south to Sprinkle Cut Off Rd. Removing one of the exits would reduce more than 1100 households to a single egress point. Not only would this cause incredible traffic backups, it would very clearly be a safety hazard in case of an emergency evacuation situation. Sprinkle Cut Off Rd. is a small, winding, two-lane road and is not equipped to handle that volume of traffic. Sprinkle Cut Off already backs up for hundreds of yards every morning as is. I can't imagine if that were they only egress point in the future.

Please reconsider closing Samsung Blvd. The only other viable option I can imagine is extending East Braker Lane from its east terminus to connect to Samsung Blvd, which I believe was the original plan that was never completed. That alternative would provide a secondary exit from the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration and for putting public safety above a corporation's wishes.

Sincerely,

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