

The red outline is a pocket of land currently including 1,665 households and two churches. SF6 has been approved for the 27 acre Messinger project, [ C ], which has a potential of 268 units. All development in the 623 acres, including ETJ, are dependent on Bilbrook

There is no access from [G] to [F], [F] must use Slaughter Creek Dr. to Genoa, to Bilbrook.

A - Subject tract - on Genoa Dr.

B - Hollows at Slaughter Creek - SF4

C - Messinger - SF6 approved - at site plan phase.

D - Malone - SF4 - 50% Complete

E - Church

F - Slaughter Creek acres neighborhood- ETJ

G - Texas Oaks

H - Chappell Lane - No access



Bilbrook is the only collector, providing only one way dedicated in/ out for entire 623 acre pocket. The Bilbrook Slaughter Intersection has no room for further improvement.

David Moore Dr. can only be reached through residential streets, it is an inadequate width for a collector street, parking on both sides. David Moore only allows for east turns.



Wildfire Risk

Lowest	Elevated	Railroad Tracks
Moderate	High	Structures (2017 Data)
	Highest	

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January 2020



## Neighborhood concerns about 1434 Genoa Drive rezoning (C14-2020-0131)

5.2 acres in far South Austin. Existing zoning: DR. Proposed: MF-5. See reference materials at <https://texasoaksneighborhood.com/zap>.

### No Direct Access to Slaughter Lane

**All multifamily zoning** along Slaughter Lane, Menchaca, S. Congress, and S. First has **direct access to a major arterial street. The subject parcel does not.** Access to Slaughter requires travel through two level-one streets.

### Safety should be a priority

**Our neighborhood has significant fire and flood risk, limited access, and a failed intersection**

The impacts of the proposed development contradict the City of Austin Vision Zero and Strategic Mobility Plan, which direct decision-makers to "Prioritize the protection of humanlife over all else in the planning, design, and operation of Austin's transportation network."

Due to unique geographic constraints, **all of the current 1,665 households, two churches, and all future developments rely on Bilbrook and David Moore Drive.** The NTA states that the **Slaughter Lane / Bilbrook intersection is already at capacity and there is no room for additional improvements.**

- The November 2020 TIA for the approved SF6 Messinger project shows that even with the agreed mitigation strategies the **Bilbrook/Slaughter intersection will have an LOS of F (fail) in the AM and PM hours and a delay of 329.9.** Bilbrook provides the primary access and is the only west bound option for the entire 623-acre area .
- Additional traffic on Bilbrook will impact daily commuter safety and **delay or potentially block emergency vehicle access and neighborhood evacuation routes** needed for fire and flood. **FPT will significantly increase the delay and exacerbate the inherent safety concerns with failed intersections.**
- **The Bilbrook and Slaughter intersection experienced a 400% increase in crashes** from 2017 to 2018. ATD has identified **Slaughter as is one of 13 high-injury roadways in Austin.**
- **The capacity of David Moore Drive is limited.** Traffic exiting the neighborhood can **only turn east from David Moore onto Slaughter**, which will have a **LOS of E and a 35.8 delay.** The road is often **blocked by traffic on Slaughter stopped at Texas Oaks Drive.** This level one street can be accessed only through other neighborhood residential streets that have parking on both sides and inadequate width for commuter traffic.

The **Slaughter Lane RR Overpass Bridge** has been identified by Austin Public Works as requiring **"immediate rehabilitation or replacement."** The proposed development is directly adjacent to the bridge. In addition, the **NTA is directing multi-modal traffic to a bridge that has "experienced movement/deflection which have both caused noticeable separation"** between the sidewalk and the street and have triggered major cracking in the roadway surface."





## Fire and Flood

**This area is located within the Wildland-Urban Interface and is identified as high fire risk by AFD. The neighborhood had a road-closing wildfire in 2011. AFD has noted that there is a “serious evacuation problem in this neighborhood.” Priority evacuation may be required. AFD did not review evacuation impacts of the MF3 staff recommendation.**

**High rainfall already causes damage downstream.** Stormwater from the project would be directed to existing waterways which currently **exceed their banks and cause flooding issues for St. Paul Catholic Church, David Moore Drive, and Mary Moore Searight Park.** The drainage ditch along Slaughter Creek Drive floods during heavy rains and carries debris, blocking detention ponds that service the Hollows at Slaughter Creek neighborhood. In addition, Bilbrook and Slaughter Creek Drive have low-water crossings south of the proposed development, and additional runoff would make these crossings impassable more often.

## **Zoning greatly impacts our neighborhood issues and is where our voice must be heard**

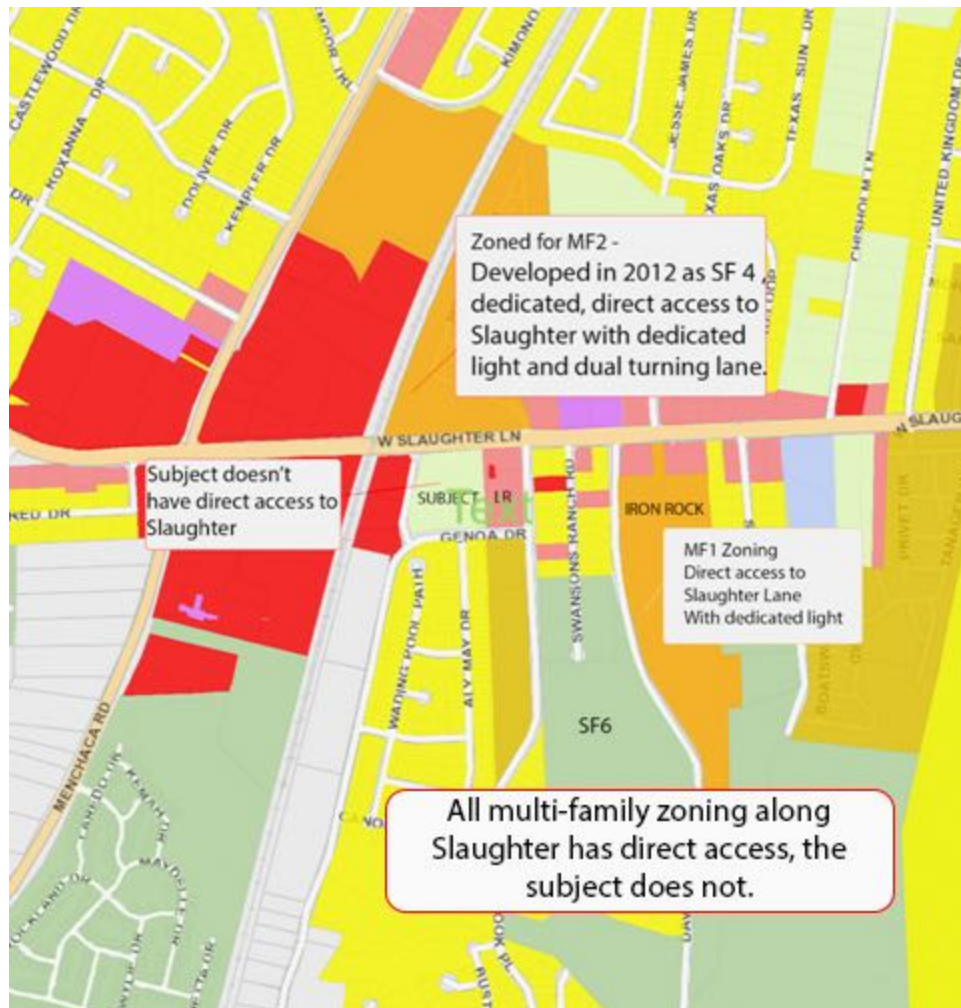
Our neighborhoods received the following **feedback from COA Senior Planners regarding the site review process.** “There really **isn’t much opportunity for neighborhoods to engage actively in an administrative site plan process.** You can submit comments which will be passed onto the developer, but we lack any enforcement mechanism. So long as projects comply with Code, we **\*must\*** approve them. **That dynamic all but nullifies any opportunity for neighborhoods to collaborate or negotiate on project details.”**

**We ask the Commission to recognize the safety, traffic, flooding and wildfire concerns of the acre area.**

- Recommend transitional density zoning of MF1 or lower.
- Ask the City to work with our neighborhoods toward a comprehensive neighborhood plan that accommodates new development while also protecting the safety and livability of the 623-acre area which includes City and ETJ.

## Contact Information

Several neighborhoods are working together closely on this issue. For ease of communication, we have one point of contact: Michelle Adams, Texas Oaks South Neighborhood Association, 611 Kingfisher Creek Drive, Austin TX 78748; 512-574-2969.





Subject tract does not have direct access to Slaughter Lane.



Bridge is separating from sidewalk causing pedestrian and bicycle safety concerns. Repairs are failing.

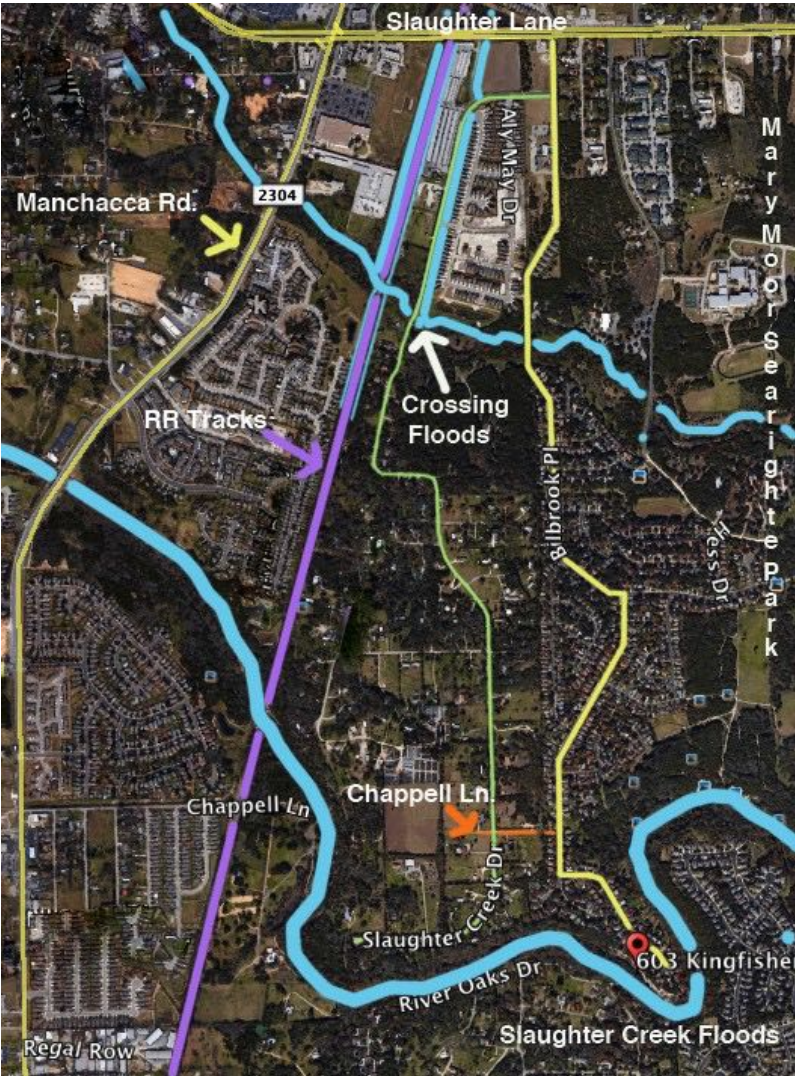


Bridge cracks are large enough to catch bicycle tires which increases the likelihood for accidents and propelling riders into Slaughter traffic.

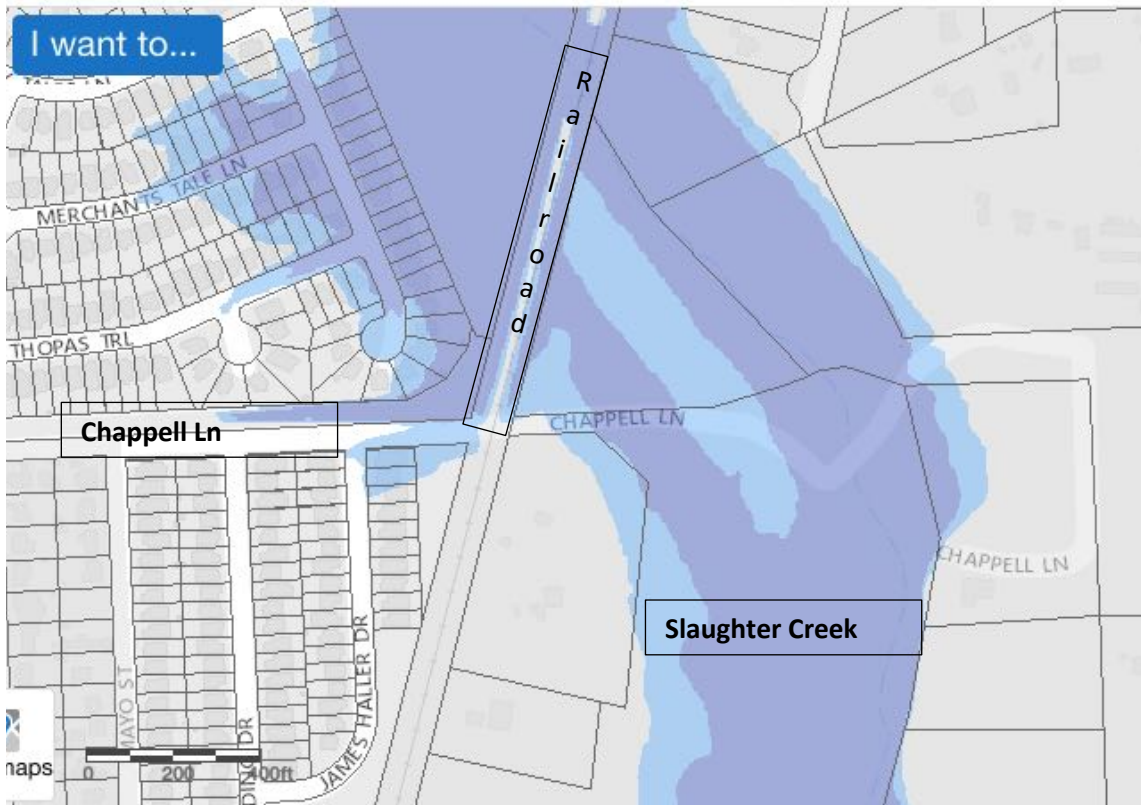




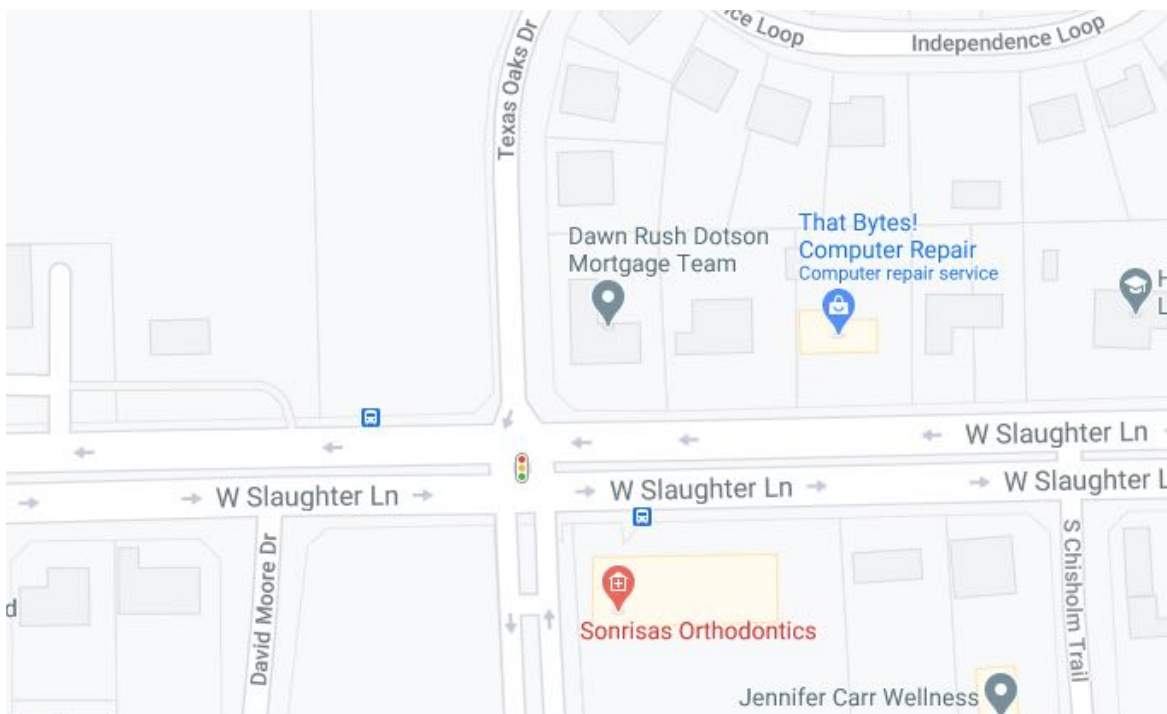
Flooding along eastern edge of subject track. This stormwater flows into the detention pond at the Hollows at Slaughter Creek and often carries flood debris causing potential blockage. Slaughter Creek drive is impassable during large storm events.



Our neighborhoods have approached the County several times regarding connection to Chappell Ln in our area and the Chappell Ln off Manchacca. The requests have been denied due to the RR crossing and need for an extensive bridge to address the floodplain shown below.



Austin Floodpro map: Chappell Lane west crosses Slaughter Creek and is impassible during high water.



At David Moore Drive and Slaughter, drivers can only turn left (east) due to the median on Slaughter Lane. Ingress/Egress at David Moore is commonly blocked by traffic waiting at the Texas Oaks light. Our neighborhoods requested connection to Texas Oaks when Iron Rock Ranch apartments were built and was denied.