



Open House Comments

FM 2304: from Ravenscroft Dr to FM 1626

February 20, 2018

Austin District

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**COMMENT
FORM**

(optional contact information)

Name: Christina Roman

Address: 11728 Easy St Austin, TX 78748

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Comments:

My home backs up to the Manchaca Rd project. As a community, we are very excited to expand the road and add bike lanes and sidewalks. We feel the noise wall is very vital to the project not only for noise but for the safety of our children and pets. The area has had many accidents in the recent past, and I think this project could help keep drivers, cyclists, and walkers safer. The design looks great and I am excited for this to move forward.

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Name: GLEN JORDAN

Address: PO Box 91942 AUSTIN 78709

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Comments: NO CONNECTION TO TXDOT

The project is a good idea. I drive Manchaca Road and 1626 daily and know of fatal pedestrian incidents on Manchaca Road. Sidewalks are a good idea to prevent more deaths. Traffic is terrible at rush hours. More lanes are needed. Bike lanes will still be dangerous as thousands of cars use Manchaca road daily. Bike riders over on Old San Antonio Road for instance, like to ride in rush hours and put themselves and cars at risk. I hope Manchaca road will not become the same with increased bike traffic attracted by this project.

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Name: James L Van Wyk

Address: 9333 Alex Lane Austin Tx 78748

I attend Redeeming Grace Lutheran Church @ 1626 E Manchaca

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Comments:

Most locations within .5 miles of 1626 E Manchaca are on
Septic Systems. It would be greatly beneficial to all properties
to have City Sewers installed prior to this construction project.
I will be contacting City officials about this issue and hopefully
your agency would push to tie the city funding to this
project to complete them together.

Thank you for this meeting
Jim Van Wyk

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Name: LETICIA ESTAVILLO

Address: 600 Dryden Lane Buda, TX 78610

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Comments:

I was wondering. The two sections to the north have 12.5-foot shoulders with the anticipated growth that there could be 7 lanes. ~~So why~~ It has a similar Row width.
So, why is this have only a 8' shoulder?

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If I were to mail this then I this part would stick out.



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Name:

MARTHA JOHNSON

Address:

13205 TURKEY ROOST 78652

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Comments:

AT THE INTERSECTION OF 1626 AND MANCHACA:

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THERE WERE 2 LEFT TURN LANES WHEN TRAVELING SOUTH ~~ON~~ ON MANCHACA.

I REALIZE THAT 1626 CURRENTLY HAS ONLY 1 LANE HEADING EAST. WITH THE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC ONCE 45 INTERSECTS W/ 1626, WE WILL NEED 4 LANES FROM 1626 TO 135/MOPAC.

Thanks

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Name:

Nancy M. Morgan - Giddy Ups

Address:

Po Box 717

Manchaca TX 78652

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Comments:

Want to know & keep posted on all future hearings - also want to know where start point is - from FM 1626 or from Kovenscraft

Thank you
Nancy

email: giddyupsTexas@gmail.com

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From: [Jesse Bullard](#)
To: [Anthony Horne](#)
Subject: RE: Manchaca Road Public Comments
Date: Monday, March 05, 2018 10:51:51 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Anthony,

I'll be meeting with Rob Amoroso soon to receive his ideas/comments (listed in his comment below).

The other comment I received from Valli (below) gives insight to congestion along 1626.

-Jesse

From: Rob Amoroso [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 11:12 AM
To: Lucas Short; Epigmenio Gonzalez
Subject: Re: Manchaca Road and 1626

Hi gentlemen...

It was good to see you Tuesday night at the Manchaca Rd open house.

I had a major epiphany after seeing the new road plans after some thought. Something about the turn from westbound FM 1626 to northbound Manchaca Rd.

It has 100% to do with safety and flow. Would you be willing to meet me at my business to hear me out and show you on the whiteboard? It's really obvious when explained in person.

Let me know if that's doable.

Thanks, and have a great weekend!

Kind Regards,

Rob Amoroso

Director of Brand & Operations

[Manchaca Village Veterinary Care](#)

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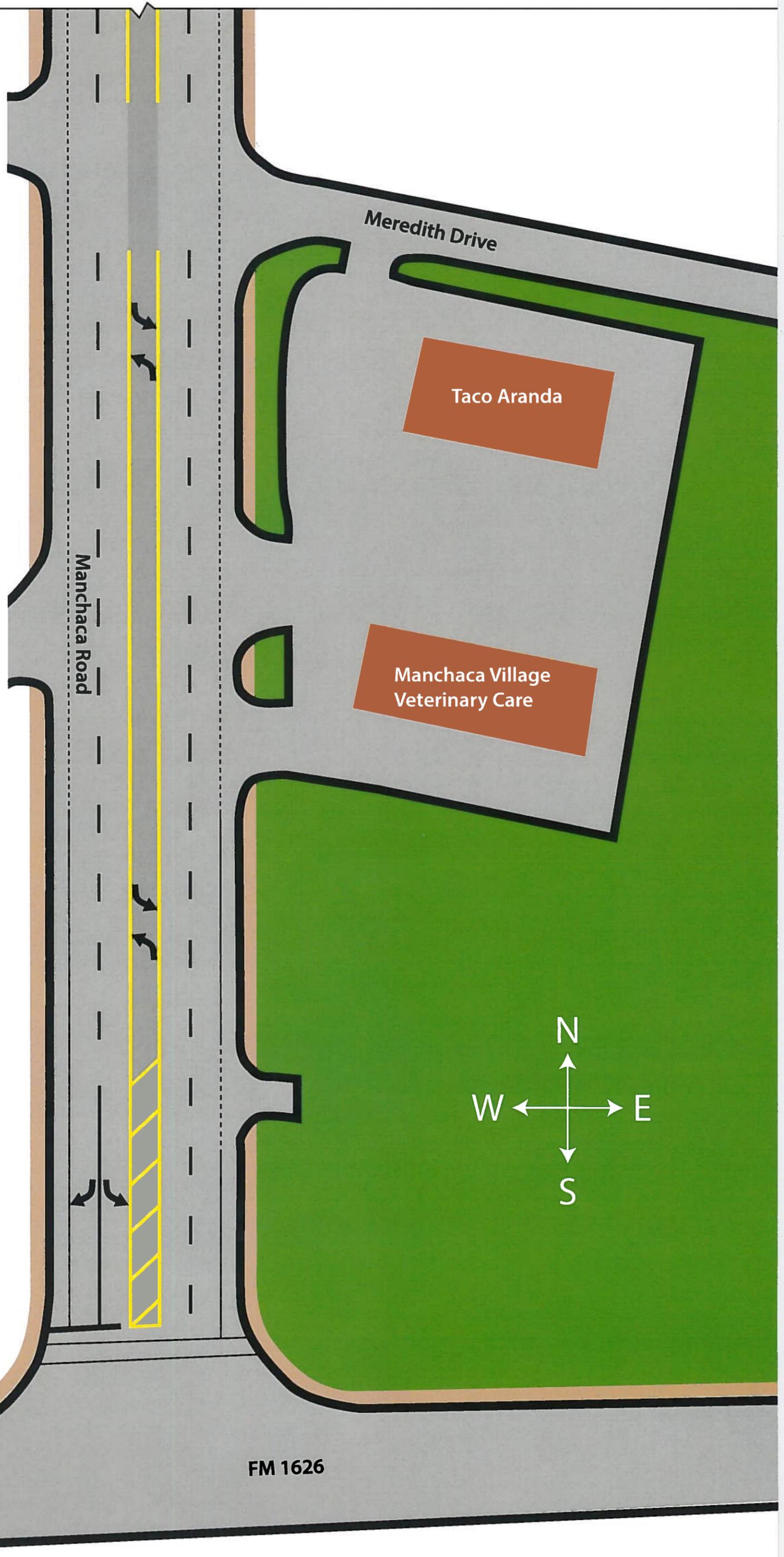
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I am a resident of Manchaca. I live off Old San Antonio Road on Turley Dr. While I am pleased at the prospect of widening Manchaca Rd, the real problem in our area is the gridlock that occurs daily on FM 1626. It seems that proving two turn lanes from Manchaca to 1626 will just amplify the traffic

1. TxDot Manchaca Rd Expansion Plan

This is TxDot's new plan for Manchaca Road as it currently stands.

The following pages illustrate a small design modification request that addresses safety and access for the businesses that reside within just 250 feet of the intersection...

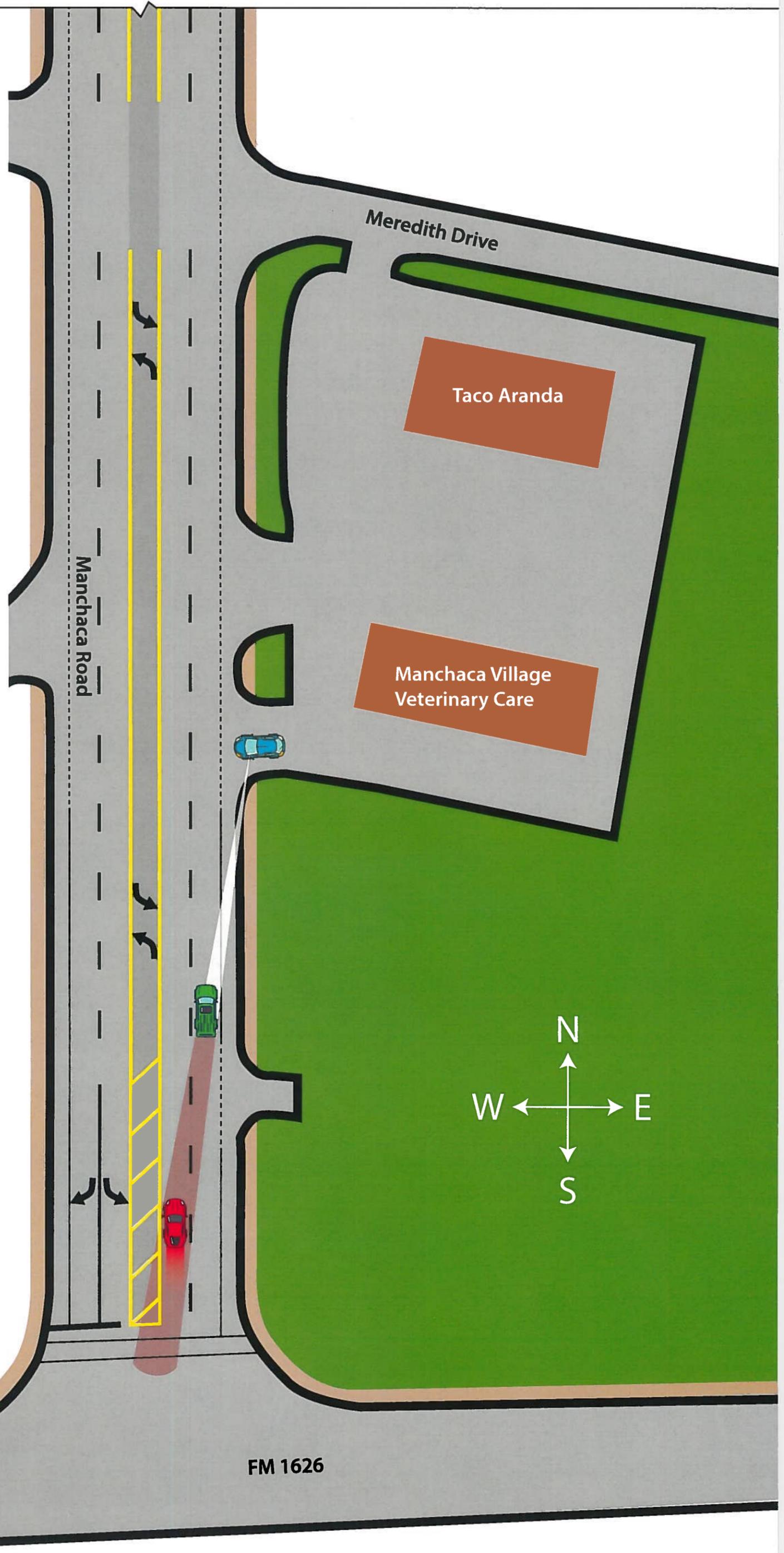


2. Example of Dangerous Situation

This illustration shows the vantage point from a car leaving the business (blue car), making a left onto southbound Manchaca Road. With two lanes of oncoming northbound traffic, visibility of a fast-moving car in the left lane (red car) is obstructed by the car in the right lane (green car).

This creates a dangerous situation for cars trying to make that left in this *very short distance to the intersection*, because exiting cars can't accelerate to the speed limit to merge in as they normally would with the intersection right there.

Please see page 3 for how this danger can be resolved.



3. Proposed Design Modification

With this modification to the center divider seen here, westbound FM 1626 traffic turning right onto northbound Manchaca Road would be restricted to one lane, only until that traffic passes the first businesses (which come up very quick on the right side), and would open up to two lanes just before the first intersection at Meredith Drive. This restriction would only exist for 350 feet in total, but please read below for how a small can vastly improve safety and access. (Westbound FM 1626 only has one turn lane, so this design would not cause congestion—it would just *delay the scattering* of new traffic across two lanes of Manchaca Road.)

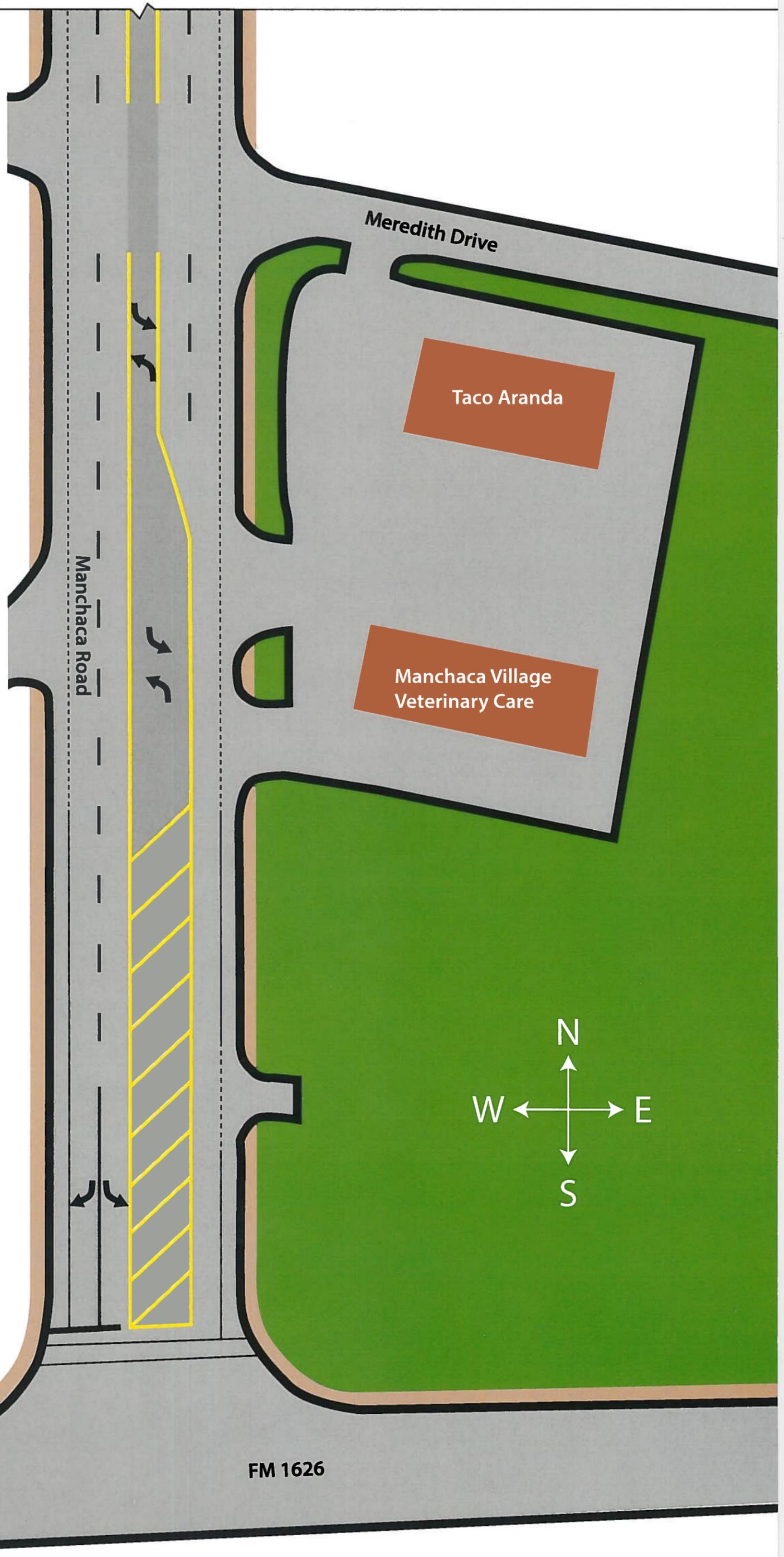
REASONING: SAFETY AND ACCESS!

Under the current TxDot plan, drivers exiting the businesses and making a left turn onto southbound Manchaca Road will have to cross TWO lanes of traffic. This is dangerous because northbound cars in the right lane can obstruct the view of cars in the left lane, from the vantage point of those exiting drivers (see illustration on page 2). Crossing two lanes of traffic is more difficult *in any situation*, but it's even riskier when there's so little "runway" to merge in from the business to the intersection. All of these factors are unique to this location where frequent customer activity is so close to the end of the road.

In the modified design above, making that left out of the businesses would be much safer because the driver only needs a break in ONE lane of approaching traffic. A similar advantage exists for southbound Manchaca Road drivers trying to enter the businesses (again just one lane of traffic to get through, without impeding Manchaca Rd flow). As a side benefit to this modification, large trucks that frequently service the businesses of Manchaca would have wider clearance at that intersection, both ways.

Thank you for your consideration!

Robert Amoroso
12117 Manchaca Rd.,
Austin, TX 78748
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rob@manchacavet.com



FM 1626

problems on 1626. I have sat at the intersection of Old San Antonio Road/1626 for 20 minutes in traffic jams because of the nonstop traffic from both directions. I see at least one wreck there a week as it is. I can't believe that an EMS station is being built at this intersection, but no stoplight is being installed. Good luck to the future emergency vehicles trying to wade through a solid line of cars all the way to IH-35. Please provide us some relief.

Valli Irvine
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(512) 463-1155 ext. 1462

From: Anthony Horne
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Jesse Bullard
Cc: Diann Hodges
Subject: Manchaca Road Public Comments

Hey Jesse -

Just out of curiosity, have you received any comments via USPS or email? I've prepared a quick matrix of the comments received at the open house. After the comment deadline passes on the 6th, we'll consolidate comments and forward the draft matrix to you to address design related issues.

Thanks,
Anthony



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Thank you for making this process transparent and listening to
people who are directly affected by these improvements!

I am absolutely FOR this long overdue expansion of south Manchaca Rd.!

Please do what you can to coordinate the extension of the SEWER LINE down
the south end of Manchaca Rd., while road construction is going on.

Businesses down here desperately need to be on sewer!

Thank you.

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I am a member of the Campus Architectural Team at Manchaca Elementary. We are working on the design of the new school slated to be built in fall 2018 - winter 2020 and open in Jan 2020. We would love to coordinate with TxDOT as we complete the site plans over the next 2 months. I've been in contact with Bruce Merrill already and provided him with our current plans.

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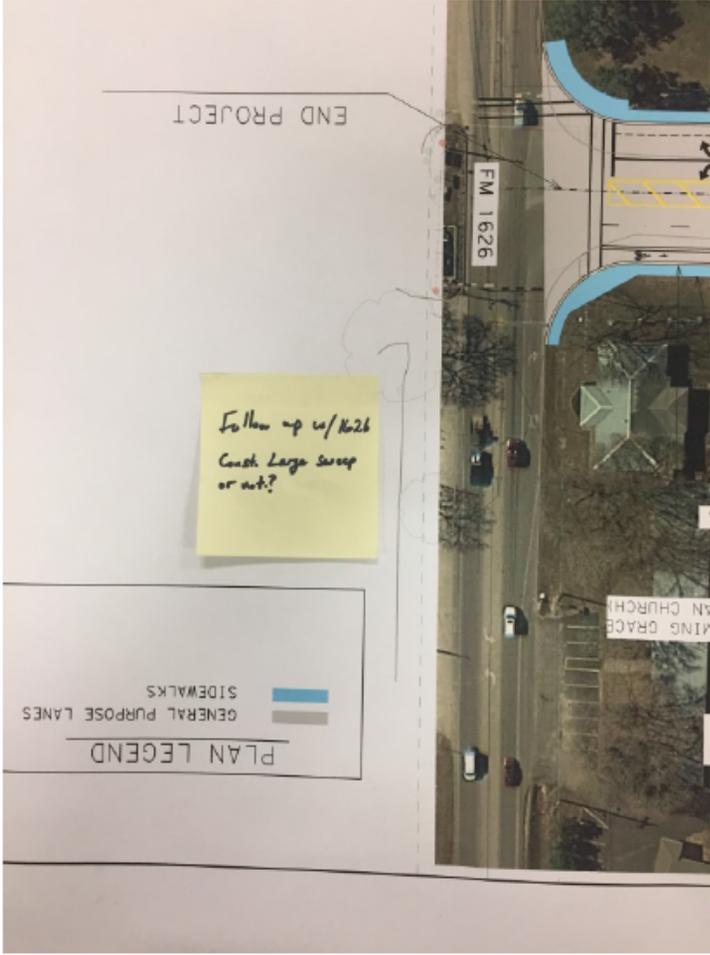
Comments:

Traffic analysis for intersection of Manchaca and
 Melibee/Marcus Abrams for left hand turns? Marcus Abrams
 is a primary entrance/exit for Olympic Heights neighborhood and
 Melibee is a secondary exit for Canterbury Trails and Ravenscroft
 Townhomes

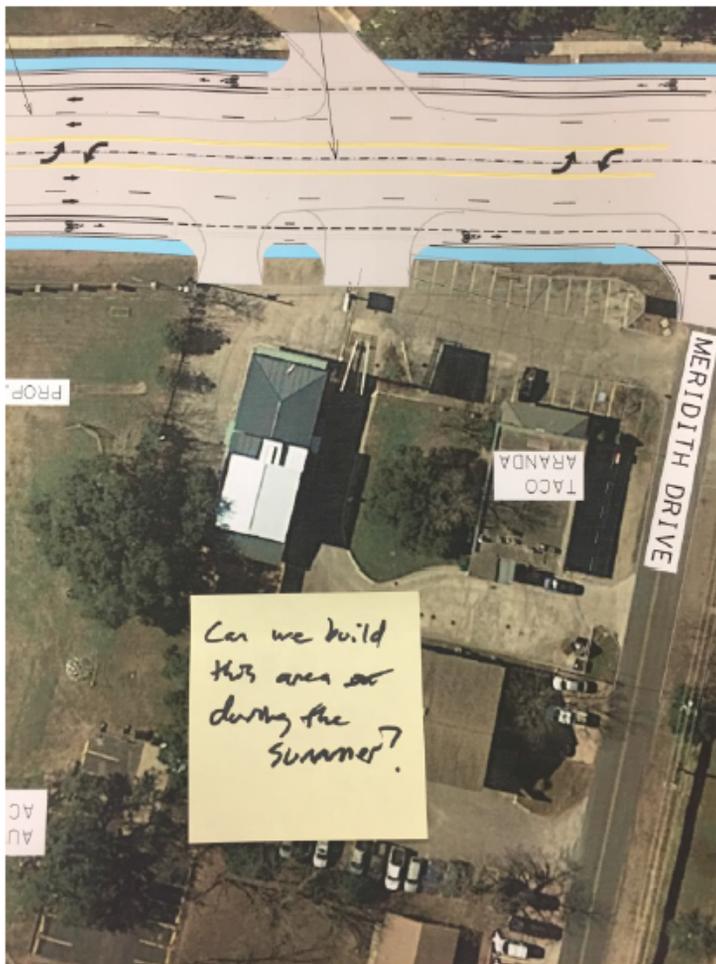
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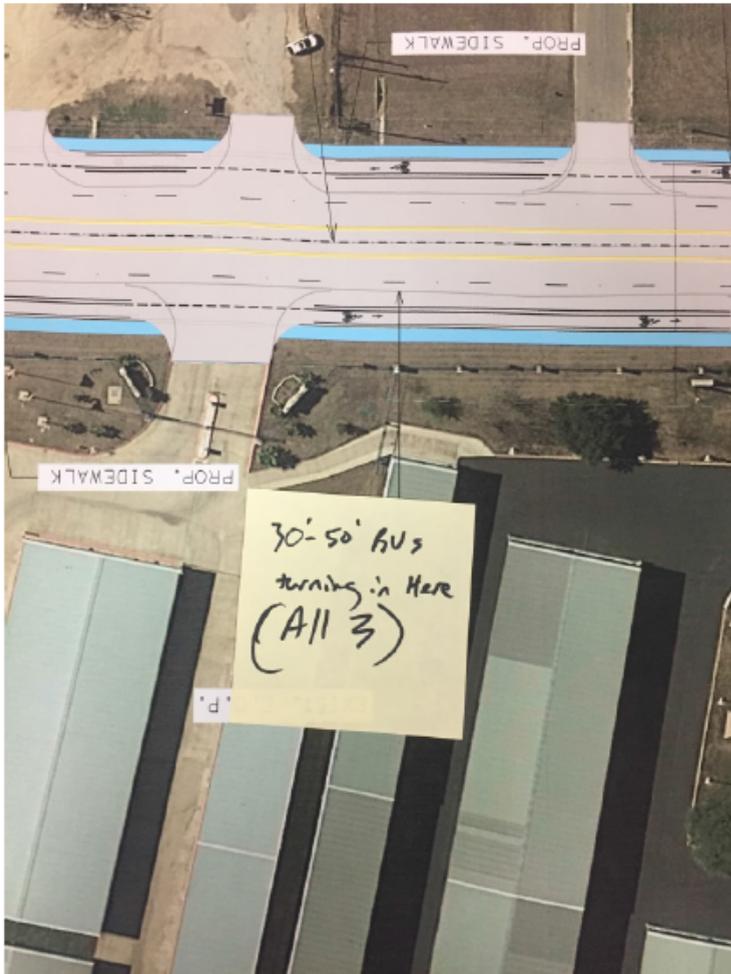


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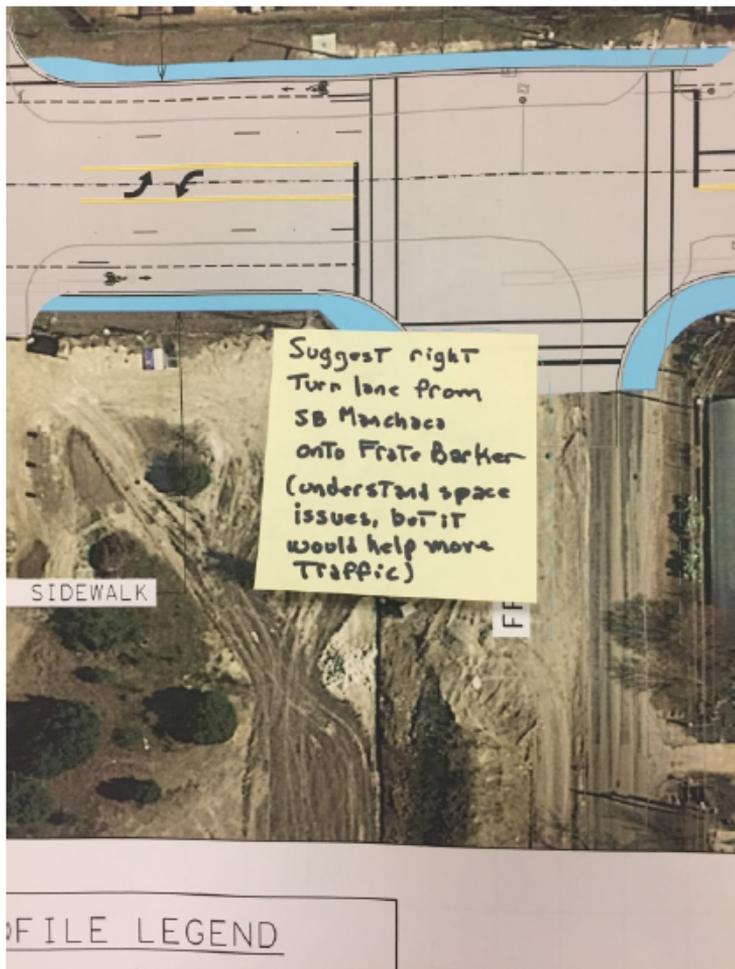


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this area out
during the
summer?

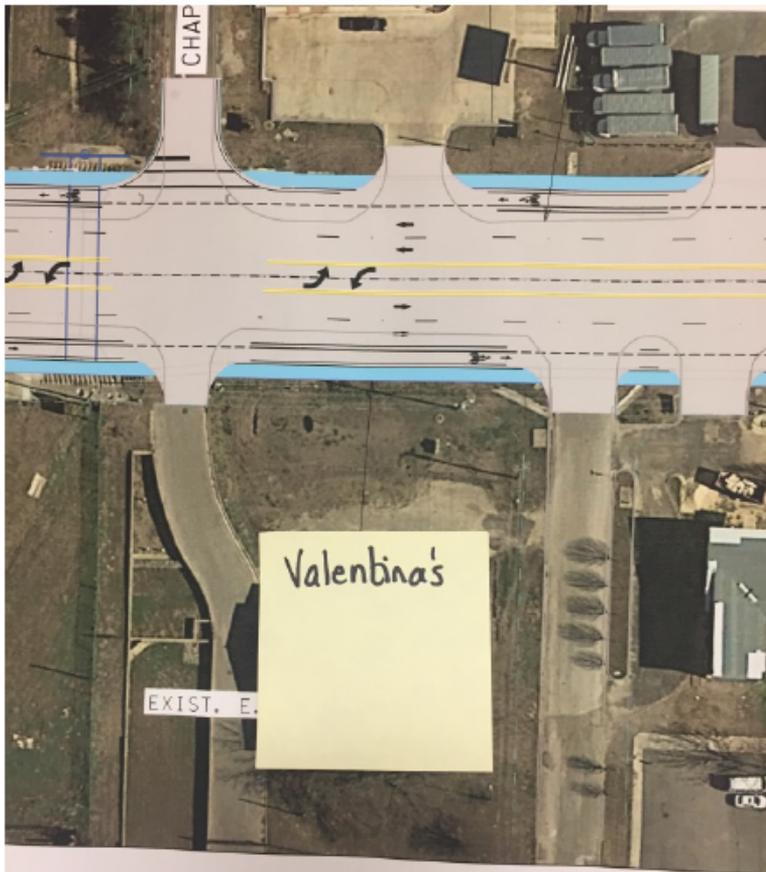
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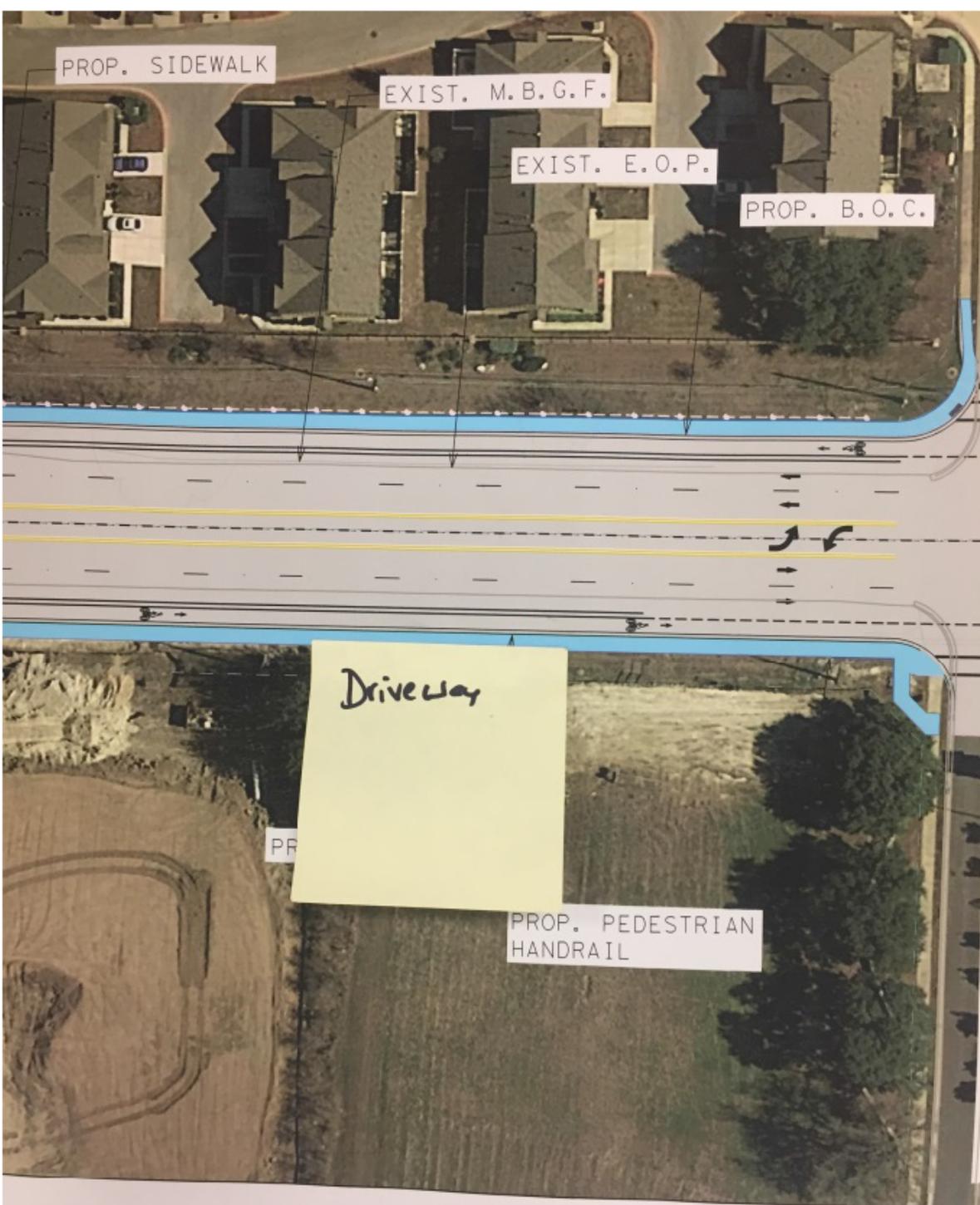


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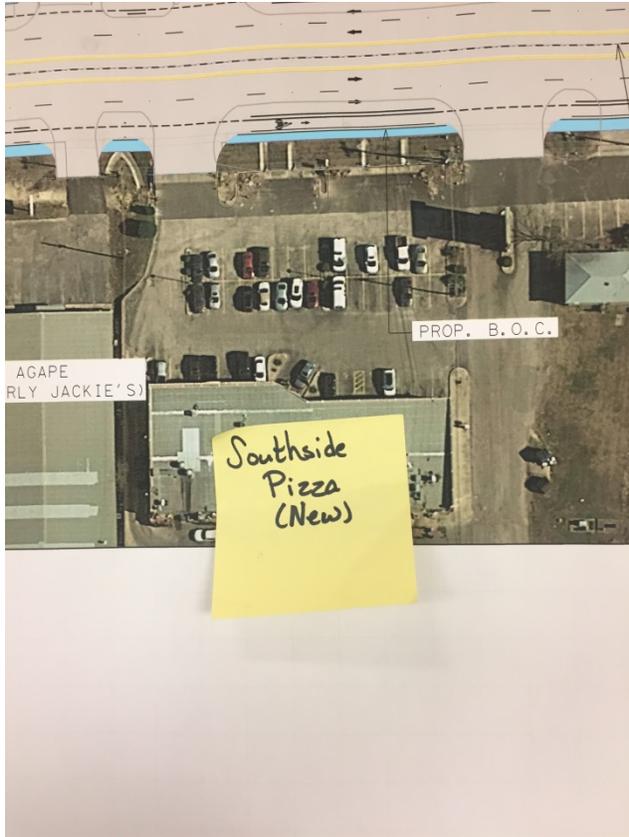


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From: [Jesse Bullard](#)
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Subject: FW: FM 2304 (Manchaca Road) Open House
Date: Monday, March 05, 2018 1:02:20 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 2:23 PM
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