

Eblast to Residents 12/9/19:

As you know, the KHA Board has been paying special attention to the proposed Northeast Gateway project. After the hard work of concerned residents and board members in attending public hearings, writing emails and signing petitions, we have had the opportunity to work more directly with elected officials, senior city and county staff to arrive at what we believe is an excellent outcome for our neighborhood.

Our project team has been able to come to an agreement with Blueprint to scrap the proposed route that was exclusively to Shamrock, in addition to securing a commitment to not 4 lane any Welaunee Boulevard north of I-10. It will be a 2-lane, rural road.

In addition, the project will be re-routed to go to Roberts Road. The remaining discussion is whether the Roberts Road extension includes a connection to Shamrock. As such, the KHA board sent a letter endorsing the Blueprint staff recommended two options for consideration by the Blueprint IA board, those options are as follows, in order of priority:

- 1- Directing staff to initiate the substantial amendment process for Roberts Road only.
- 2- Directing staff to initiate the substantial amendment process for Roberts Road and Shamrock Street, on two conditions: that the project be fully funded, and that Roberts Road open first.

We believe either of these modifications will best protect our property values, and offer transportation for our neighborhood, while not jeopardizing our quality of life.

Additionally, we have secured the endorsement of the Blueprint Citizens Advisory Committee in endorsing our options, and we have communicated to every City and County commissioner the neighborhoods position on this. It is our belief that they the Commissioners will adopt our options as well.

At their next Blueprint IA meeting, Commissioners will receive the traffic study modeling that was discussed at the December 3rd public information session. Further meetings will take place during the Spring to formally ratify the changes to the project in several public hearings. More information about the project, including a 10-minute video about the traffic modeling can be viewed at: www.negateway.com.

We will keep you informed as upcoming meetings occur.

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