

Dear Fellow Committee Members,

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I definitely appreciate the opportunity to serve with such distinguished ladies and gentlemen on this 2007 Street and Sidewalks Bond Committee. I thank the City Manager, Mrs. Sculley, Mayor Hardberger and the City Council for allowing us input for the Bond. I had the opportunity to thoroughly review the information provided by the City of San Antonio Public Works and commend the diligent work the Public Works staff put in this effort. I will put some comments in writing to you all due to the limited amount of time we have in our committee meetings.

First, I think it is essential that the Bond Committee be allowed to fully vent out what the top projects should be. There are good projects on the list, but we must be allowed to review or modify projects/areas around the City that Public Works did and not recommend as a project but may be even of greater importance to the respective community and the city. Briefing us on the projects Public Works recommends to spend the \$300 million dollars is a fine start but there may be changes. The City Voters will be looking at what we, the Bond Committee, did to fully engage Public Works in the process and that we were fair, impartial and fully scrutinized the list of projects. We should keep an open mind on all projects across the city and if something needs to be changed.

Second, I recommend that the Marbach Road Phase II project currently recommended by Public Works for the 2007 Bond be modified to include the unfunded Phase IIB. It makes more sense to include the project from Military Drive to Loop 410 instead of cutting it off halfway from Military Drive to Rawhide Street. This would complement the drainage projects currently being recommended for Marbach Road and also Phase I which is currently in the construction phase. It is possible I am missing something but I would like Public Works to clarify. My recommendation is, if it is more or less the same amount of money, we could defer the Reed Road project to the next Bond election or reduce the scope of work on the road to come up with the money to do Marbach Road from Military Drive to Loop 410. I live near Reed Road and drive on Reed Road numerous times during the week at different times during the day and on different days. In my honest opinion Reed Road is more than adequate for the purpose it serves. From a safety standpoint, Marbach Road is a higher priority due to higher traffic volume and John Jay High School. Reed Road would eventually need to be done but it can wait a few more years.

I appreciate your utmost consideration. Thanks for the community service you are doing. Have a fine holiday season!

Respectfully,



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