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Re: Connectivity to Hopper-Finley Tract C14-2014-0186

Dear Mrs. Sirwaitis,

Travis County – TNR has reviewed the back-up materials for the Hopper-Finley Tract (C14-2014-0186) with regards to connectivity to four Travis County maintained roadways. Travis County has evaluated the County roadways and has met with the Spring Hill neighborhood to hear their concerns, and believes that the most viable solution is to not allow direct connectivity but to instead provide crash gates at the following roadway connections: Spring Hill Lane, Horborne Lane, Delahunty Lane and Hebbe Lane. A conditional overlay can be added to the plat that states each gate could come down if that specific roadway is improved in accordance with County or City current standards, including sidewalks on either one or both sides.

Travis County believes that the existing County roadways cannot safely accommodate additional traffic and pedestrian volumes associated with connectivity to the proposed Hopper-Finley Tract. The County roadways are only 18' in width, have bar ditches on both sides and have no sidewalks. Until these roadways are improved and brought up to County or City standards, the gates should remain in place.

Travis County will also submit a proposed project to improve one or all four of the County roadways affected for consideration in the next Bond Project list. We cannot guarantee that these projects will get approved by the Bond Selection Committee, but we will commit to add these projects for consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Manilla, P.E.
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Cc: Commissioner Brigid Shea, Pct. 2
SM:dg
Attachment

Map showing proposed crash gates