

From:
To: [Meredith, Maureen](#); [Moore, Andrew](#)
Subject: {Sunridge:76} FW: C14-2016-0069 - 5016 1/2
Date: Monday, September 26, 2016 9:37:54 AM

Dear Ms. Meredith and Mr. Moore,

I am writing to urge that the city council NOT recommend the extension of Sunridge Drive from East Oltorf to the westbound Ben White access road. It could be disastrous to this narrow, hilly neighborhood street with several blind curves (where accidents have happened before).

People are walking their dogs and children are playing here.

It is not necessary as there is a flat wide street, Alvin DeVane, which runs from Oltorf to Ben White thru a business area, just one block over. A better for city-wide connectivity plan would be to extend Pleasant Valley through to Ben White.

We ARE in favor of gated access for pedestrians and emergency vehicles.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carol Gunn

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Council District: 3

From:
To: [Meredith, Maureen](#); [Moore, Andrew](#)
Subject: C14-2016-0069 - 5016 1/2 E. Ben White - Staff Report PC 9-27
Date: Monday, September 26, 2016 11:23:17 PM

Dear Ms. Meredith and Mr. Moore:

My wife Delma R. Alvarez and I join our neighbors (and I understand the proposed developer) in opposition to the staff's proposal to extend Sunridge Drive from its current state to Ben White Blvd.

While I understand the City's wish for "connectivity" on all Austin roads, I do not believe that this Transportation Department request for 'connectivity' to be smart, but rather a useless and dangerous 'connectivity' of roads.

I invite all interested persons to drive the current Sunridge Drive road, and then envision what increased and more rapidly moving traffic will do for (and against) the neighborhood, Austin traffic and Austin drivers.

Thank you for all you do.

Arturo & Delma R. Alvarez

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To: [Moore, Andrew](#)
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Subject: C14-2016-0069 - 5016 1/2 E. Ben White - Staff Report PC 9-27
Date: Monday, September 26, 2016 12:46:32 PM

Hi, Andrew

We wish to add our voices to those of my neighbors who are of one mind in vigorously opposing the notion of extending Sunridge Drive to connect with Ben White.

The reasons for our opposition are manifold. Sunridge Drive is a quiet street that winds through a residential neighborhood where we residents of Sunridge Park walk our dogs, ride our bikes, and let our kids out to play. It is **not** an appropriate thoroughfare for traffic between the major streets of Oltorf and Ben White Boulevard.

The mentality of the "connect Austin" argument falls completely flat in its inconsistency. Consider, for example, the industrial area around Todd Lane and East St. Elmo and its connectivity (or lack thereof) with the other commercial area along Burleson Road south of Ben White. The only way to get from one to the other is to go out to Ben White or to go all the way around via Montopolis and Stassney. Why doesn't the City direct its efforts toward correcting obvious impediments to mobility like this one instead of ruining residential neighborhoods with transient traffic?

Here's another concern: The point where Sunridge Drive would connect to Ben White is right where there is a ramp onto the freeway. Drivers coming from Oltorf and wanting to get onto Ben White will be constantly trying to cut across three lanes of the frontage road to get onto that ramp. How long will it be before someone gets killed doing that?

Alvin Devane is an appropriate connector between Oltorf and Ben White. It is fairly straight and level, sixty feet wide, and runs through an industrial area. Sunridge Drive is hilly, winding, is less than forty feet wide, and passes through a residential subdivision. Alvin Devane is far enough upstream of the Ben White ramp to give drivers plenty of space to safely change lanes in order to reach it. And Alvin Devane is right there and convenient; connectivity through Sunridge Park is **not** needed.

There is plenty of precedence for what we are asking. The east-west streets through the residential subdivisions along MoPac do not connect to the freeway access road for precisely the same reason; they do not want transient traffic speeding through their neighborhoods looking for ways to dodge rush hour traffic any more than we do. Why would you do it to our neighborhood if you will not do it to theirs?

One more thing I will add: the people who are pushing for this street extension do not have to live with the ramifications of their decision. We do. Please consider the impact this would have on the folks who would have to deal with it every day.

Sincerely,
Gordon Gunn
Carol Gunn
2713 Sunridge Drive

From:
To: [Moore, Andrew](#)
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Dear Mr. Moore,

Regarding C14-2016-0069 - 5016 1/2 E. Ben White - Staff Report PC 9-27:

I have lived in the Sunridge Park neighborhood since 1992, currently own two houses here, and plan to stay the rest of my life. In other words, I have a deep long-standing personal and financial investment in the well-being of this neighborhood.

I understand there is a plan to extend Sunridge Drive to Ben White Blvd. The reason Sunridge Park is such a safe, quiet, desirable neighborhood is because it is a cul-de-sac. Extending Sunridge Park Drive would slice the neighborhood in two and destroy this essential feature. Traffic would increase markedly resulting in increases in vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian accidents, pollution, noise, and crime, while property values and quality of life for the residents who have invested large amounts of money in their homes would decrease.

Why is this extension even being considered? Drivers can already access Ben White Blvd. from Olendorf St. by way of Burleson Road and Alvin Devane Blvd. If the City believes yet more access is needed – something I would strongly contend is not the case – the obvious candidate for that role is Pleasant Valley Road which is already a major north-south corridor.

I urge you to DENY this unwarranted and destructive proposal to extend Sunridge Drive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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