

**LOOP 1604 SUPER STREET
OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING**

VERBAL COMMENTS

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1 DAN ADAMS: I just want to state that as far
2 as I can see, from what I've seen in there on the maps and
3 what not, I haven't seen -- listened to the presentation,
4 that I cannot see where this project is going to speed up
5 traffic or anything. I feel it's adding traffic lights and
6 that is going to hinder traffic more than speed it up.

7 The other comment I have is I'm not really sure why we're
8 even having this meeting 'cause I feel that the mind's made
9 up. They're going to do this thing anyway. So why are we
10 all sitting here having a meeting when our input is not
11 going to do any good? I felt all along, as many other
12 people have, and one of your people admitted in there, that
13 this may not work and, yes, overpasses may have to be put
14 in. I think the answer is, put the overpasses in now and
15 quit wasting money on this project. Three overpasses solves
16 the problem.

17 I don't know what good these comments will do, but it's
18 -- that's my comment on the situation. Thank you.
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1 VALERIE YBARRA: I live at the corner -- on
2 the corner of Gillcross Way and April Bend and I bought the
3 home eleven years ago and, you know, traffic was not a
4 problem or not an issue and Bowens Crossing here went
5 through to 1604. So traffic, freely, was able to get out on
6 1604 from either Bowens Crossing or from New Guilbeau in
7 order to go west. I believe it's west. Or is it south?
8 Southwest, whatever, on 1604. And then the State of Texas,
9 I guess, decided to block the traffic from and close off
10 Bowens Crossing from getting out and being able to go west
11 on 1604.

12 So, therefore, all the traffic from all these
13 subdivisions that surround this area here, which I believe
14 is, like, all the northwest and northwest area and stuff,
15 all those people in that subdivision plus the one that I am
16 in, which is Guilbeau Gardens, plus the one across New
17 Guilbeau, if they want to go, you know, left and go west on
18 1604, they have to come down through my street. And there's
19 been, you know, a lot of -- a lot of traffic. I have a
20 16-year-old grandchild that I'm raising and, you know, it's
21 difficult to have -- you know, have pets outside and have
22 children, you know, outside when there's, like, you know, so
23 much traffic there.

24 And I was hoping that tonight, in coming here, that I
25 would see more of a relief take place, you know, with that,

1 you know, traffic, you know, coming and so many people
2 having to come out in order to go that way. And because
3 there's a lot of companies and businesses that are west on
4 1604 with the big Wachovia and the City Bank way out there
5 and, you know, and such as that, you know. So there's
6 plenty of people that go to work out that way.

7 And now, tonight, all I see as a relief is a turnaround
8 that is just going to be maybe, you know, a half a mile down
9 the way, you know, toward Braun to loop around. So traffic
10 is still going to be quite a bit here in this -- in this
11 subdivision here and I was just hoping to see more of a
12 change in that.

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1 RICK YBARRA: My name is Rick Ybarra. I live
2 at 9451 Gillcross Way, 78250. My concern is why they're
3 building a super street instead of all freeway. They're
4 going to have to build a freeway five, ten years from now.
5 What a waste of money.

6 My only other concern is why did the northside, pretty
7 much from I-10 all the way to I-35, get a freeway and the
8 southwest side get a super street? I don't get it. That
9 doesn't make any sense.

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1 JAN WELLS: The one proposed exit ramp to
2 take the traffic off of 1604 at Culebra Road and 1604, the
3 one exit ramp that'll take them to 151, one lane, is not
4 enough. That's where I live and every morning the vast
5 majority of the traffic goes on 151. It does not go
6 straight on 1604. They -- If they -- their studies don't
7 show the majority of traffic goes on 151, then they can do
8 two lanes for future expansion and if it turns out they need
9 it immediately, it's there.

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1 ERICH DALLMAN: The problem is, going south
2 on 1604, there is no turn onto Bowens Crossing Drive. What
3 happens is, instead, the drivers turn onto New Guilbeau,
4 then they turn on a shortcut down April Bend to get to
5 Bowens Crossing; basically, turning April Bend into a super
6 street of its own with excessive traffic and a lot of it at
7 high speed. And that's a residential area. You know, and
8 all this traffic makes it unsafe. And we put -- we have put
9 up speed humps, two of them, but the traffic was so bad and
10 so fast that the street humps are coming apart.

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1 RUSSELL DALE: My one question is since it's
2 a matter of funding for everything, why don't they work it
3 through the legislature or whoever to do bonds for these
4 projects so that they can freeze the cost and start getting
5 things done now at today's dollars instead of waiting ten or
6 20 years where, obviously, the money will be a lot more
7 expensive and costs for labor and construction will be a lot
8 more.

9 And the other thing is, I think they need to do more
10 planning to eliminate traffic lights, particularly on, like,
11 1604 and such roads that are supposed to be to expedite
12 traffic and you don't expedite traffic by putting traffic
13 lights on.

14 My idea was also to put circles in instead at those
15 intersections and/or -- and also to go ahead and put what I
16 call pillars in for overpasses in advance. Now, I know
17 pillars cost money, but that would give them time to settle.
18 It'd also be a visual to advertise that an overpass is going
19 in. And with having a visual, it gets talked up more and it
20 gets talked up more, it's going to hit the legislators and
21 so forth to, hopefully, maybe get the money here.

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