

**Commissioner, Brigid Shea with Precinct 2**

Attended meeting to speak about concerns in our area

- <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/commissioners-court/precinct-two>
- Commissioner Shea turned over the floor to Mark Gilbert for an update on Travis Flats
- Mark Gilbert opened the discussion with update Travis County Airport Boulevard campus officially called Travis Flats
  - Currently doing a trip study on traffic that is due on May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - 53 ½ Street is very busy and highly used Ridgetop requests that traffic is measured at peak times and not performed during holidays when traffic is not at normal peaks
  - It was noted that construction on 51<sup>st</sup> roundabout has increased large trucks onto 53 ½ street causing noise issues for neighbors
  - Requested a copy of the traffic study once completed and more data on the measures being taken
  - Health & Human Resources group will be moving from Cesar Chavez location to Travis Flats
  - Residential 1 to 3 bedroom apartments currently planned for 145 units that will all be affordable housing. More information on what qualifies is available at the below link with 4% tax credit.
    - <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/income-limits>
  - 45 additional parking spaces have been added below the ground level with a total of 395 spaces for residents and employees of Travis County
  - Surface parking will be for visitors to the county buildings and residential friends and family visiting residents.
  - It is noted that DMA will continue to manage Travis Flats
  - Aldrich 51 is a project they are working on if you want to visit and see the property it is located in Mueller
    - <http://www.dmacompanies.com/aldrich51/>
  - Support team of architects and developers on this project.
    - *Nelson Partners: Architects and Planners are Local Austin Firm*
    - <http://www.nelsenpartners.com/>
    - *DMA Companies: Developer for Multifamily, Affordable Housing, local Austin firm*
    - <http://www.dmacompanies.com/>
    - *Southwest Strategies Group: Tenant & Owner representation for commercial real estate, local Austin group*
    - <http://www.swsg.com/>

### **Central Texas Regional Mobility**

- Commissioner Shea spoke about Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority referred to often as the Toll Road Authority
  - <http://www.mobilityauthority.com/>
- Commissioner Shea is pushing for more diverse representation on the board to properly represent the citizens of Travis County and the roads that affect everyone.

### **Warn Central Texas - Community preparedness for disasters**

- Community preparedness for disasters and inevitable occurrence they could affect local residents
- Highly suggested that all Ridgetop residents sign up for reverse 911.
  - Registering with WarnCentralTexas allows emergency personnel in your local community to directly contact you by phone, text or email during a disaster or public safety event. Using WarnCentralTexas, emergency response teams can warn residents about dangerous conditions and situations as events unfold. They can quickly give specific directions that affect your neighborhood such as evacuation orders and directions to shelters.
  - <http://www.warncentraltexas.org/>
  - Please note that if you register your cell phone it can track your location and warn you of any necessary disastrous situation while away from home on holiday in that location

### **➤ Update on Ridgetop Elementary Neighborhood Closure**

- March 24th revision of the AISD Facilities Master Plan recommends keeping Ridgetop open for the indefinite future, and designates it to be renovated 12-25 years from now. <https://www.austinisd.org/sites/default/files/dept/fmp/docs/FMP-Update-2017-508.pdf>

### **➤ Highland & Ridgetop Pond project**

- If you have not got to the ACC campus at what used to be Highland Mall really should go see the space it is beautiful and they have great things planned
- Highland will include hundreds of apartments, diverse shops and office space, and a new high-tech campus for Austin Community College.
- Pond project preliminary schedule:
  - Plans are under review at the City of Austin as of mid-January 2017. Plan review is expected to take 6 to 8 months. Construction of the improvements will begin as soon as a permit is issued by the City. The pond and improvements should take 4 to 6 months to complete once construction starts.
  - Go to the below link to learn more about the development <http://www.highlandatx.com/>

**Mobility35 I-35 at 51st project**

<https://my35construction.org/51st-street>

1. **Question: When will the collector distributor lane be completed?**
  - We anticipate the collector-distributor lane, also referred to as the intersection bypass lane, to be completed this fall. We are currently constructing retaining walls, installing storm sewers and railing, and putting down new pavement.
2. **Question: When will the U-turn bridge from the southbound frontage road to the northbound frontage be completed, and will the entrance to that be far enough back to discourage neighborhood cut through traffic from cutting across all lanes of the frontage road to access this?**
  - At this time, the U-turn Bridge is anticipated to be open this winter. Prior to opening the new U-turn Bridge, we have to be able to tie the bridge into the frontage road. Currently, this frontage road is four feet higher than the proposed height of the new road; so, we have to wait for additional frontage road work to take place in order to be able to access the new U-turn Bridge.
  - The entrance to the turnaround will be near 53rd Street, and we will install flexible barriers to discourage drivers from entering where they should not. Only drivers entering from the frontage road or 53rd ½ Street will have access to the U-turn.
3. **Question: 53rd ½ St. is to be closed at some point in the construction phase, to prevent it from becoming the new frontage road while traffic is disrupted there, per our previous meetings with COA and TxDot. Can you tell us when that will be happening and for what length of time?**
  - Towards the end of the project, while movements are limited at the 51st Street intersection, 53rd ½ St, 53rd St and 52nd St will be closed temporarily to allow for roadway construction. We anticipate this closure to last two to three days. Prior to the closure, we will reach out to the neighborhood to share information regarding timing and alternate routes.
4. **Question: When will the roundabout construction begin and how long is that expected to last? What will traffic movement look like along the frontage road during the time of this construction?**
  - We are currently constructing the roundabout now. We're able to construct a quarter of the roundabout with minimal interruption to traffic. You might have noticed the southbound frontage road has been reduced to two lanes in a small section and the U-turn Bridge is closed. This is to facilitate roundabout construction.
  - As we get closer to completing the roundabout, there will be additional lane closures on the frontage road and on 51st Street. The southbound frontage road will be reduced to one through-lane and a left-turn lane, and 51st Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction. We anticipate the roundabout being one of the last phases of the project to be completed.

**5. Question: What will the construction work hours be and what steps are being taken to mitigate sound, light, and dust etc. pollution during this construction?**

- Activities that require temporary lane closures will occur between 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. at night and between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. during the day. The contractor will make every reasonable effort to minimize construction noise through abatement measures, such as proper maintenance of muffler systems. They will also take appropriate measures to prevent, minimize and control hazardous material spills in the construction area. Dust and emissions will be minimized through on-site watering, emissions control devices, and limiting unnecessary idling of construction vehicles. Conventional construction lighting will be used, as needed.
  - The most up-to-date construction information regarding lane closures and openings can be found on our construction website, My35Construction.org. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information or if it would be helpful to have a project representative at your neighborhood meeting.
  - We know construction can be tough on everyone, and we're committed to being a good neighbor. Please let us know if any additional concerns or questions arise.
- **RNA Leadership Vote took place with the below updates:**
- **We really need people in the neighborhood to volunteer to be on the leadership team.**
    - **Leadership Team**
      - President - Matthew Moore (need to update by-laws)
      - **Vice President - Need to fill this position ASAP can you volunteer?**
      - Secretary - Ann Pelton
      - Treasurer - Billy Poe
      - Sector VP - (Red River Sliver) **Open do you live in here and can help out?**
      - Sector VP - (Harmon Triangle) Jenica Jones
      - Sector VP - (Morningside) Jonathan Lewis
    - **Informal Committees & Task Forces**
      - Socials/Events - Christine Smart
      - Website - Clint Tuttle, David Hafley