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On Wed, Jun 7, 2023 at 9:36 AM Megan Dutton <Megan.Dutton@txdot.gov> wrote:

Good morning Mayor Arnold,

We are getting an agenda and documents prepared for our meeting with you next Monday (which we are also looking forward to). Two questions for you:

- One of the items we would like to discuss is previously proposed relief route options. Do you know if the City's Task Force has put down on paper any alignments that they would be interested in evaluating? If so could you provide those to us?
- Are there any specific talking points that you'd like us to include in the agenda?

Your assistance is greatly appreciated, thank you!

Respectfully,

Megan Dutton, P.E.

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*Please Note Upcoming PTO: 6/19-6/23

From: Mike Arnold <mayor@cityofblancotx.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 2:40 PM

To: Joseph Muck <joe.Muck@txdot.gov>

Cc: Tyler Brudnick <Tyler.Brudnick@txdot.gov>

Subject: Re: FW: US281 Relief Route - Meeting with New Mayor

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Hi Joe -

Let's do 11-12 that day. Looking forward to it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mike Arnold

City of Blanco

300 Pecan Street

Blanco, Texas 78606

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From: Mike Arnold <mayor@cityofblanco.tx.gov>
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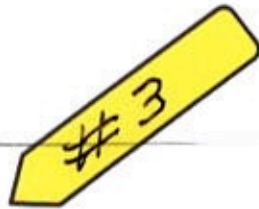
Hi, thank you for asking. I have spent a couple years working on the Relief Route concept here locally. This includes a good amount of open feedback from the community as well as in-depth discussion with numerous experts. Yes, there is a logical route that makes sense to pretty much everyone, and we have it fairly well mapped out by a surveyor. I was hoping I could help steer your feasibility study to put emphasis on this one and not waste time and money doing deep dives on ones that I know will be non-starters. Present them as possible alternatives, sure, but I can say with a high degree of certainty that we know what we want and the route appears certainly feasible. Happy to provide this in advance, or at the meeting.

I'd like to get a handle on the roles of the TXDOT-backed task force v. our local one. My intention is to fully re-direct our local one to focus exclusively on City of Blanco issues pertaining to the project -- specifically, how we can handle traffic in the 8-10 years before the alternate route is complete, and how we wish to best interface with that route (i.e. exits, etc.)

RE: other items, my main desire is to come away with crystal clear instructions on next steps. What is the "easy button" for us? I want Blanco to be a model city for how to get things like this done right.

Beyond the relief route, there are two things we need to discuss -- one is the drainage fiasco at 4th and Pecan caused by the recent TXDOT work. It'd be good to walk over there so I can show you what's going on. The other (only because I promised) is to inquire very briefly about putting up "night sky" welcome signs on the highway.

Sincerely,
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On Wed, Jun 7, 2023 at 9:55 AM Megan Dutton <Megan.Dutton@txdot.gov> wrote:

Thank you Mayor! I would love the City's initial relief route alignment prior to the meeting, if possible. We are planning on bringing an environmental constraints map with us, and it would be great to show you what your alignment looks like on that map. I'll be sure we discuss the roles, next steps, and what a successful project will look like.

I'll let Joe tackle the last two points...

Thanks again. Respectfully,



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On Wed, Jun 7, 2023 at 10:04 AM Megan Dutton <Megan.Dutton@txdot.gov> wrote:
If you have a KMZ or GIS shapefile that would be great. Thanks so much!

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Here's what we've got.

Effectively, starting at or about Hwy 32 on the south, and ending just shy of The Landing development at the north, running just east of town. This is the most direct route with fewest landowners and almost entirely undeveloped land.

I can get this to you in a different file format if you'd like.

Sincerely,
Mayor Mike Arnold

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On Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 7:38 AM Megan Dutton <Megan.Dutton@txdot.gov> wrote:

Good morning Mayor Arnold,
I was able to open the file in Google Earth, and I can see the route. Thank you!!

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Please Note: I personally did not send this

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The surveyor sent this to me. I don't have ability to open the file, and the file size looks too small. I suspect there's something wrong with the file. If that's the case, it's probably an email issue, and I'll have him send to you directly. LMK. THANKS

Sincerely,
Mayor Mike Arnold
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