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Public Support for NW Military Highway Improvements

Shavano Park worked closely with TxDOT for almost a year to determine improvements necessary to ensure safety and reduce congestion on the stretch of NW Military Hwy that runs through our city (Huebner Road to Loop 1604). In December, the City submitted an improvement project to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to compete for Federal Grants. The proposed project would be paid for by Federal and State funding at no cost to the City,. The improvement plan calls for a continuous 2-way turn lane with a bike lanes and sidewalks.

Across the region, there were 41 proposed projects submitted valued at \$414.6M. There is only \$100M in Federal Grants available (so roughly only 25% will make the cut). In January and February, the MPO will score and rank order the proposed projects. In the February, the MPO will conduct a series of public workshops and hold online voting. **YOUR PARTICIPATION CAN INFLUENCE WHICH PROJECTS ARE SELECTED – INCLUDING OUR OWN IN SHAVANO PARK!**

The MPO Transportation Policy Board will hold meetings on January 25 and February 22, 2016 (both at 1:30PM) at the VIA Community Center on 1021 San Pedro, San Antonio, Texas. In these meetings, citizens will be able to speak on behalf of the projects that are important to them. If you are interested in speaking, please contact me in order to coordinate efforts. The City will be working to gain support of our project from Joint Base San Antonio, local businesses, and other stakeholders in the form of letters of support.

Additionally, an on-line survey will be available for citizens to provide feedback on the projects. It is important that we all show our support for our project to increase the City's chances it will be selected. Other sponsors will be championing their own projects.

Because we don't have all the details of the meeting times and links to the survey, we will be posting this information on our website and providing more information using our i-INFO system. Please contact me if you want to help or if you have any questions regarding this initiative.

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