

December 8, 2014

Mike Etienne, Director
Office of EastPoint & Real Estate
City of San Antonio
114 W. Commerce St.
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Re: Closure of 0.6246 acres of Rittiman Road for the McNay Art Museum

Dear Mr. Etienne:

On behalf of the City of Alamo Heights ("Alamo Heights"), I would like to share with the City of San Antonio ("San Antonio") our support for the McNay Art Museum and its request to close a 0.6246-acre portion of Rittiman Road. The McNay has been working on closing Rittiman Road for many years and Alamo Heights has been supportive of the McNay throughout the road closure process.

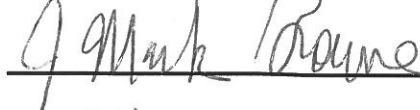
This portion of Rittiman Road is poorly maintained and serves as a dangerous cut-through for westbound Austin Highway to northbound North New Braunfels traffic. Alamo Heights is supportive of closing this roadway and excited about the associated improvements to the Austin Highway/North New Braunfels intersection. The addition of a dedicated right turn lane from westbound Austin Highway to northbound North New Braunfels, as well as the additional lane on North New Braunfels and the improved signalization of the intersection, will greatly benefit the residents of Alamo Heights and the surrounding communities. We ask that you carefully examine any possible drainage problems that could occur with the addition of a new right turn lane and propose solutions prior to construction.

While supportive of the roadway closure, Alamo Heights requests that the roadway not be formally closed until the right turn lane from Austin Highway to North New Braunfels is completed and fully operational. We further request that the McNay remove asphalt and paving from the right of way once it's closed and install temporary signage to ensure safe travel for our drivers as they become accustomed to the road closure and new right turn alignment. We would request the City of San Antonio look at the feasibility of constructing an additional lane on the Northbound side of North New Braunfels as it passes through the intersection of Austin Highway so that there would be two lanes that cross through that intersection. Additionally, The City of Alamo Heights also requests the opportunity to review and comment on the plans prior to construction. It would be desirable to completely redesign this intersection at some point in the future to better account for drainage and changes in traffic patterns.

The McNay has been part of our community for 60 years. The City of Alamo Heights supports the McNay in its efforts to improve its campus and fulfill its mission of bringing visual arts to the community. Additionally, we believe that the road closure and associated improvements will greatly improve the Austin Highway/North New Braunfels intersection.

Sincerely,

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Mark Payne", is written over a solid horizontal line.

By: City Manager