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SUBJECT: Commuter Traffic Relief

DATE: February 9, 2012

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

To direct the departments of Planning and Public Works, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDoT) where necessary, to initiate the steps needed to investigate providing relief to commuter traffic on Bandera Rd. in two ways: 1) Consider the proposition of erecting illuminated traffic notification signage along the Bandera Rd. corridor from Loop 1604 to Loop 410 so as to assist daily commuters with information about their commute time along Bandera Rd. Such signage may ultimately be used as a pilot project to learn from should other corridors throughout the City be in need of such notification signage due to traffic gridlock similar to the current situation on Bandera Rd. and 2) Have Planning staff coordinate with major local employers such as the City of San Antonio, HEB, Bexar County and Frost Bank in an effort to stagger work times based on employee zip code so as to lessen common heavy traffic loading periods on this particular corridor.

Brief Background

The heavy traffic congestion down Bandera Rd. has prompted a number of citizens to contact the District 7 office to request long term traffic relief. In the short term, providing helpful information regarding the commute along this mid-city corridor will allow us to provide valuable information to our City's commuters and help in the planning of their daily commute as we continue to work dilligently toward a long term traffic solution for this corridor. Such signage has been a proven and very helpful tool for local freeway drivers to assess their commute time and plan their day around any unforeseen traffic inconveniences.

Finally, as a complement to the signage, staggard commuting is a behavioral change that, if effectively incentivised, can yield far reaching results beyond the reduction of gridlock and perhaps increases in the consideration of car pooling and utilizing alternatives such as public transportation.

Again, the intention of this action is to bring commuter gridlock relief to San Antonio residents through complementary means, your favorable support is appreciated.

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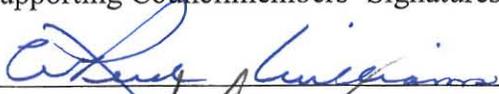


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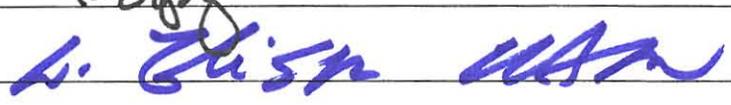
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