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From: Hensley, Sara
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2011 4:13 PM
To: Spillar, Rob
Cc: Derr, Gordon; Thedford, April; Snook, Kelly; Stump, Marty; Vaclavik, Charles
Subject: Re: Riverside

Thank you so much! Sara

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2011, at 3:25 PM, "Spillar, Rob" <Robert.Spillar@ci.austin.tx.us> wrote:

Sara,

Got your e-mail. Thanks for the heads up. This has been an on-going issue that we need to address. My perspective is that the capacity provided by Riverside is vitally important to the overall network both north and south of the river. We have also received requests for modifications of the traffic devices such as the round about, median, parking, etc. along Riverside through the park by the major trip generators that are located within the park complex (Palmer, Long Center, event sponsors, park patrons, school district, etc.). Perhaps it is time to deal with all these issues more comprehensively and develop a corridor concept that better fits the evolving parks plan and also meets the mobility needs of the community. I am copying Gordon Derr on this e-mail and am asking him to initiate an in-house look at the mobility issues associated with this short but important corridor and also identify options for improving the usefulness of this corridor from all aspects - this means making this corridor easier to temporarily close when activities in the park necessitate that the street be closed for a special event. We also need to look at management of the parking along Riverside. These spaces are often over-subscribed and could use some rethinking perhaps as well.

Gordon, please give Sara a time line expectation on how quickly we could move forward on our internal study effort.

Robert Spillar
Director of Transportation

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Rob: For some time now we have been receiving requests and information from citizens in regards to closing Riverside Drive in front of Butler Park and Auditorium Shores. Is there any way that you and your staff could give PARD a more definitive answer in response to this?? It would be so helpful to be able to respond to the requests with some data and facts as to the pros and cons of closing this road. Also, we are hearing that the planners in Transportation would like to take out the grass median in the road way along this area?? PARD does not necessarily see a huge need to do this, but we wonder if there is a way to improve the roundabout, the parking and the east end area?? We are open to any creative solutions that would address these issues. Thank you so much. Sara

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