



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
**TRANSPORTATION & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**  
Interdepartmental Correspondence

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**SUBJECT:** **Barbara Drainage Public Meeting Questions & Answers**  
**DATE:** April 28, 2016

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This meeting was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 at the Family Center of the Blessed Sacrament Church 600 Oblate at 6:30 p.m.

Notables in Attendance: Erik Sanden, Shearer Hills Neighborhood Association

Council District 1: Councilman Andrew Trexler

T.C.I. Department: Arthur Reinhardt, P.E., C.F.M.; David Pulido, P.E., Project Manager; Kathryn Otto, P.E., Project Engineer; and Peter G. Rodriguez, Capital Project Officer

City Consultant: CEC Engineers; Melissa G. Byler, P.E., Project Manager; Kristina Saenz, P.E., Project Engineer

Neighborhood Association: Shearer Hills Neighborhood Association; Erik Sanden, President

Citizens Attending: 113

Questions & Answers:

TCI will investigate concerns brought up at the meeting. All questions were answered.

Meeting concluded at 8:00 p.m.

Attached is a copy of the presentation for this project.

**Q. Due to the permanent closure of Shannon Lee once construction is completed, Mrs. Dorsa noted that there would be an increase in traffic volume on Barbara. She has requested speed humps be installed on Barbara.**

*A. TCI has provided a Traffic Calming request form, which needs to be signed by 2/3 of the home owners on Barbara, between McCullough Avenue and Skipper West. Once the request is signed, TCI's Traffic Engineering Department will conduct a Traffic Study to ensure the traffic conditions along Barbara warrant traffic calming measures.*

**C. Residents appreciated the mowing efforts of the City.**

**Q. Will the 400 block of Shannon Lee be paved as part of this project?**

*A. No, it's outside the project limits. Shannon Lee is scheduled for maintenance work through the City's IMP Program after this project is complete, estimated Fiscal Year 2018.*

**C. Residents appreciated the pothole maintenance completed by City forces.**

**Q. Will the drainage channel on the north side of Barbara be reconstructed as part of this project?**

*A. The channel, Tributary 4, is part of an additive alternate for this project. If the contractors' bids are favorable, it will be included as part of this project for construction.*

**Q. Mrs. Dorsa asked if the large tree located along McCullough near her home would be removed.**

*A. No, this tree was not identified to be removed.*

**Q. With the removal of the channel crossing on Shannon Lee, between Basin and Skipper West, will local residents be able to access the other side of the neighborhood? Can a pedestrian bridge be built as part of this project?**

*A. No, this project does not include a new vehicular or pedestrian bridge. In the future, the neighborhood association can work with the Council Office and/or Parks Department to add a pedestrian bridge. Similar pedestrian bridges in San Antonio have cost over \$1 million.*

**Q. Will the FEMA LOMR (Letter of Map Revision) be for the full drainage system, and what is the timeline?**

*A. The LOMR will include the project improvements and all affected areas of the floodplain. The LOMR process begins once construction is complete and could take up to one year to obtain final approval from FEMA.*

**Q. Will the home values increase due to the Barbara drainage project being constructed?**

*A. The home values have a potential to increase by being removed from the floodplain.*

**Q. What is the capacity of the proposed channel and will the roads continue to flood?**

*A. The channel is designed to accept a 100 year storm event within the banks and will not push additional water to the surrounding roadways. The surrounding roadways will continue to capture local runoff to curb-full condition. These improvements are just the first phase of a multi-phase drainage improvement.*

**Q: How will these improvements impact the Olmos Dam downstream?**

*A: These improvements will allow the water to drain from the area sooner, and the City will monitor and adjust water levels at the Olmos Dam as necessary.*