

Senator Johnny Ellis

Good News for Your Neighborhood

Friends and Neighbors-

I wanted to take a moment to bring you up to speed on some important developments related to the **International Airport Road extension and underpass** component of the Seward Highway – Dowling to Tudor reconstruction.

After a public outcry, a contentious community council meeting, and aggressive action by Representative Gardner and myself, we have some great news. **I am happy to report that the extension of International Airport Road under the Seward Highway has been eliminated from the plans to expand the Seward Highway.** The original proposal would have connected the frontage roads of Homer Dr and Brayton Dr with an underpass or roundabout and there were many concerns about the effect this would have on the surrounding neighborhoods.

In our November 20th letter to the Department of Transportation we stated; "We would like to take this opportunity to make our position very clear: the International Airport Road intersection component of the Seward Highway project is unacceptable to the residents of the nearby neighborhoods. We cannot and will not support any project that threatens an established neighborhood and the quality of life of our constituents." **After further study and consideration the Department of Transportation reports to us that International Airport will be DROPPED from the Seward Highway project.**

A representative from DOT will be attending TONIGHT'S meeting of the Campbell Park Community Council, 7:30 p.m. at Tudor Elementary school, to share this information with the community.

It's not always easy but many times our citizen activism and advocacy pay off. Thank you for standing with me to protect our neighborhoods.



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