



Date: July 31, 2024
To: Richard Smith, Interim Director, Houston Public Works
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Subject: NTMP project 7134-21 – Wanda Lane Closure
Summary of Comments and Final Recommendations

The Multimodal Safety and Design Branch (MSD) of Houston Public Works (HPW) has been working with the Bonhomme Acres neighborhood through the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Volume Control Program to develop a traffic calming plan to mitigate cut-through traffic within the neighborhood. Planning for the neighborhood began in March 2022 based on an application submitted by residents in October 2021.

The concept plan developed to mitigate cut-through traffic within the neighborhood resulted in a proposal for closing Wanda Lane between Luguay Drive and Fondren Road. The permanent roadway closure on Wanda Lane is proposed to be located approximately 525 feet west of Fondren Road and approximately 130 feet east of the Wanda Lane at Luguay Drive intersection. The proposed location is shown in **Figure 1**. If approved, a variance will be required as a turnaround layout meeting Chapter 42 of the City Ordinance and Chapter 10 of the IDM cannot be provided.

On June 11, 2024, HPW hosted a Public Hearing to receive final public comment about the proposed permanent roadway closure. The presentation from the Public Hearing is attached. The Public Hearing was conducted in accordance with Texas Transportation Code Section 311.001 and Article XV of Chapter 45 of the City Ordinance.

Prior to the Public Hearing, the location of the proposed roadway closure was approved by all members of the Internal Review Committee (IRC) for NTMP Volume Control projects. The location of the proposed closure was approved by Houston Fire Department, Houston Police Department, the Planning & Development Department, the Solid Waste Management Department, and the Legal Department.

To publicize the Public Hearing, HPW mailed public notices to 2921 addresses to ensure notification of all residents within a ½ mile of the proposed roadway closure. In addition, HPW reached out to apartment complexes to ensure property managers were aware of the Public Hearing and offer the distribution of an electronic version of the Public Notice for residents.

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The Public Notice included information to access the online Public Hearing along with a comment card to allow residents to express their level of support for the proposed permanent roadway closure of Wanda Lane. The comment period extended through June 25, 2024. This memorandum presents a summary of all comments received via the Public Notice.



Figure 1: Proposed Location of Permanent Roadway Closure

Summary of Comments

Table 1 below summarizes the comment received.

- **Support** indicates the commenter is in support of the permanent roadway closure of Wanda Lane between Fondren Road and Lugary Drive
- **Does not support** indicates the commenter is not in support of the permanent roadway closure of Wanda Lane
- **Support with modification** indicates the commenter would like to see the roadway closure located at a different location

Table 1 distinguishes the number of comments received from inside and outside of the Project Area.

- **Inside Project Area** is defined by the blue line on the comments map attached; this is the NTMP Project Area defined by MSD during the initiation of the study to ensure compliance with Article XV of Chapter 45 of City ordinance
- **Outside Project Area** is defined by all parcels within ½ mile of Project Area to ensure compliance with Texas Transportation Code Section 311.001 and City ordinance

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Table 1: Summary of Comments

Support	Inside Project Area	57
	Outside Project Area	17
	Total Support	74
Does not support	Inside Project Area	11
	Outside Project Area	3
	Total Does not Support	14
Support with Modifications	Inside Project Area	2
	Outside Project Area	2
	Total Support with Modifications	4


There is strong community support for the permanent roadway closure of Wanda Lane between Lugary Drive and Fondren Road as depicted in **Table 1**. The attached map shows the distribution of responses from residents inside and outside the Project Area. The attached table includes all received comments.

Final Recommendation

It is recommended that the resident supported proposed roadway closure of Wanda Land between Lugary Drive and Fondren Road, as depicted in **Figure 1**, be approved and made permanent. MSD is seeking approval from the Director of Public Works for this recommendation (see below).

Once approved by the Director, City Council must approve the proposed permanent roadway closure with a majority vote. Once approved by Council, the roadway closure of Wanda Lane will become permanent and the community will have the ability to design and construct permanent curbing to close the roadway, with support and approval from HPW.

Director Approval

	
Interim Houston Public Works Director Richard Smith, P.E., PTOE, CFM, ENV SP	Date

Attachments

- A. Public Hearing presentation
- B. Map of all comments received by parcel
- C. Table summarizing all comments received

