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RTA and City of Tucson:

Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association strongly urges that Grant Road Phases 5 & 6 be finished now. **The RTA Next Draft does not appear to include the completion of the Grant Road Project**. Very real issues presently exist and will only worsen if the project is left unfinished.

First, consider the disaster that has occurred as a result of complicated scheduling and funding, leaving our area in limbo, partially finished in Phases 1 & 2. The rest was left to be addressed in Phases 5 & 6, creating the "donut hole." Phases 5 & 6 appears to have been abandoned or lost. This is unacceptable to the residents of the "Central Segments".

Secondly, there is a section of Grant Road beginning at Santa Rita that suddenly narrows from three lanes to two lanes. This narrowed two lanes continues well past Campbell. The traffic approaching the Campbell Ave. intersection is backed up five to six blocks, making it virtually impossible at certain times of the day to exit the neighborhood. In addition, vehicles emit fumes that drift steadily into the nearby residential areas. The schedule, which allowed for such narrowing, a "wasp-waist squeeze" in the middle of the Grant, is incomprehensible.

Lastly, the many homes that have already been acquired sit empty, becoming nuisance properties, attracting drug users, homeless folks, or often become "stash" houses for stolen goods. The empty city-owned lots, where houses have already been demolished, are relatively uncared for. Whether by error or design, the schedule has caused undue hardship on the adjacent residential areas.

The south side of Grant from Santa Rita to Mountain, our neighborhood, needs only one block to complete the existing Health and Heritage Trail - finish it please!

In the current state, Jefferson Park and SAMOS, part of the "Central Segments" cadre, take the brunt of the noise, 24 hours per day. The green spaces, Health and Heritage Trails on both sides, would help to alleviate the noise and pollution, while providing a pleasant place for residents to enjoy. Please, finish the acquisitions for this section, complete the road widening, create the Health and Heritage Trails for both sides, and prevent the slow erosion of these central neighborhoods of Tucson.

We have been very patient, with the understanding that if we could just wait, our turn would come. **Please clarify the funding and timing situation for the Central Segments and Phases 5&6.**

Sincerely,
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