

Your Position *Introduce yourself and where you live*

I/My family/My property would be significantly affected by the proposed Inner Loop project, no matter the alignment chosen.

On November 7, 2024, Brazos County, TxDOT, the Bryan/College Station Metropolitan Planning Organization (BCS MPO), and the Cities of Bryan and College Station held a public meeting to introduce this project to community residents. While I recognize that the population growth in the Bryan College Station area requires thoughtful infrastructure improvements, I strongly oppose the Inner Loop East project in its current form. Infrastructure improvement should not come at the expense of our community's quality of life, our productive agricultural lands, and the rural character that makes this area special.

I further believe this project represents an attempt to steer future growth rather than support the organic, community-centered growth of our area. Building roads in hopes of attracting development imposes an artificial pattern of expansion rather than respecting the community's natural character. I urge the developers to reconsider this course and to engage transparently with the residents who stand to lose so much.

I further urge TxDOT, Brazos County, BCS MPO, and the Cities of Bryan and College Station to consider alternatives that would meet transportation needs without inflicting such substantial harm on our community. I call all involved parties to reconsider this project, prioritize transparency, and engage with our community meaningfully before moving forward.

Inner Loop East Will Negatively Impact Me and My Community *Write in your own words about your specific situation and opinion. Think about the most important points you want the developers to understand in terms of personal and community impact. Some questions to consider:*

- *How will the Inner Loop East impact your everyday life? Your quality of life?*
- *Is your land threatened? How long has the land been in your family and what does it mean to you?*
- *How does this project affect your view of the future of the BCS community?*

I strongly oppose the Inner Loop East and all proposed alignments, as this project is unnecessary and would cause significant disruption to our quality of life and the loss of pastures that make our community so unique.

Concerns about Transparency in the Inner Loop East Project

I am deeply concerned by the lack of transparency surrounding this project. At the November 7 meeting, a project representative mentioned an earlier meeting held in August to discuss proposed alignments. Yet, there was no widely advertised opportunity for the public to provide

input on these alignments until now, leaving residents without a real say in the planning stages. Conversations with community members confirm that most residents were unaware of any previous meetings, depriving us of a chance to voice our preferences early on. Given the significance of this project, it is essential to backtrack to a point where the community is genuinely included in deciding on the alignments, with options that we can realistically work within. As it stands, the current alignment “alternatives” offered are nearly identical and do not represent legitimate choices. I urge developers to prioritize community involvement and transparency by reopening this process and allowing meaningful feedback.

Adding to these transparency concerns is the limited public participation timeline. This project, which would dramatically impact our homes, land, and the quality of life, has only been allocated two public meeting opportunities. With one of those already past, there remains just a single meeting left for hundreds of residents to be heard—many of whom stand to lose their homes or agricultural lands that have been family-operated for generations. This is simply inadequate. I call on developers to increase public engagement opportunities and to stop shutting down the voices of those most affected by this project.

Furthermore, the two-week public comment period is far too short for a project of this magnitude. Given the immense potential consequences, it is both irresponsible and disrespectful to rush through public feedback on such a controversial proposal. A longer comment period is essential to allow thoughtful responses and informed community input. I request an extension to the public comment period of at least 30 additional days.

At the November 7 meeting, project representatives were unable to provide basic data regarding the scale of the impact: how many residents would lose their homes, how many acres of farmland would be sacrificed, or what evidence supports claims of expected growth in the northeast area. Such critical gaps in information hinder the community's ability to evaluate the project fairly. For the public to participate meaningfully, the developers must offer transparency and concrete data, rather than vague assurances. Without it, I can only conclude that public buy-in is being pursued without regard for residents' concerns or the well-being of our community.

The need for greater transparency was also underscored during the funding-related discussions at the November 7 meeting. In response to residents who expressed opposition to the project, a representative claimed that the Inner Loop East was funded through the 2022 Brazos County Transportation Road Improvement Program (TRIP) Bond. However, the ballot language of the TRIP Bond Proposition A merely stated: "The issuance of \$100,000,000 bonds for the construction of roads throughout the county, including participation in joint state, city, and regional government projects, and the levy of a tax payment thereof." Nowhere did the ballot specifically mention the Inner Loop East project, nor were its proposed alignments ever discussed with the public. To now claim that residents endorsed this specific project when they voted on Proposition A is misleading and undermines public trust. This project is being imposed upon the community without transparency or true public consent.

Alternatives to the Inner Loop East

Suggest some feasible alternatives that reflect your concerns and ideas

Conclude by restating your position and requesting your concerns to be addressed in writing.

In conclusion, I strongly oppose the Inner Loop East and all proposed alignments, as this project is unnecessary and would cause significant disruption to our quality of life, as well as the loss of the pastures that make our community unique. I respectfully request that my and other residents' concerns be addressed in writing, with sufficient detail to ensure that the voices of affected residents are heard and considered before moving forward with this project.

First & Last Name

Bryan / College Station Resident

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