

Austin Ave Bridges - Wednesday town meeting Monument Market

There is an informational town meeting this Wednesday evening at the Monument Market, presenting everything we've learned in the last few months about the bridges on Austin Avenue. It's at 6-7:30 pm, and because it's the Monument, there will be lots of great refreshments! The Market is on 6th Street between Austin Ave and Rock Street.

Please attend if you want to know more about the bridges, and the process moving forward. Learn how you can help. The meeting is jointly hosted by the Georgetown Neighborhood Alliance and downtown business owners, and the invitational email sent out by the Monument is copied below.

In terms of process moving forward, city council will hold a workshop next week on Tuesday, October 11, to receive updates on all that has been learned in the last couple of months - and this is a lot. Much is clear now that was not available during the city's two public meetings.

We can now expect the public record to show moving forward that the bridges are NOT in as bad a shape as we were told, and that repair is not only extremely feasible but also recommended by our consulting engineers.

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We can be glad that it's not necessary to replace our historic bridges on Austin Avenue. This would close Austin Avenue, killing the Square and all its businesses in the same way that Salado businesses have been devastated by highway construction.

At stake is the future of Austin Avenue, and the potential to build pedestrian bridges alongside the existing bridges - finally achieving the dream of connecting the Square with the river and trails in a pedestrian-friendly way.

Pedestrian bridges were proposed in Nore Winter's study presented to city council in January 2015. You can find the study on the website of the Downtown Resource Council (which I chair) here: [Bridge Design Evaluation](#).


While you're over there, if you haven't seen the video of Nore Winter's return visit to Georgetown in 2012, and his evening spent discussing the historic and monetary value of the downtown project, you can find it available to view online at the site. It's a superb way to understand the bold ambition Georgetown embraces in its 30-year plan for downtown.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday. We the townspeople have a powerful say in the final disposition of the bridges - but only if we're informed. Get informed on Wednesday evening.

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Austin Avenue Bridges Project

Information Session hosted by the Georgetown Neighborhood Alliance



Have you heard that the City of Georgetown is evaluating the future of the historic Austin Avenue bridges that span the San Gabriel River?

Are you aware of the four options that the city is considering, and how one of those options **could potentially threaten** "The Most Beautiful Town Square in Texas?"

I'm Len Denton, and I want to invite you to a free, informal information session about the Austin Avenue Bridges Project, jointly hosted by the Georgetown Neighborhood Alliance and a number of downtown business owners.

I hope that you'll join us for some free refreshments and to learn more about the city's plans for the bridges.

We'll provide a short presentation and there will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

I hope to see you there.
Len Denton
Georgetown Neighborhood Alliance

The Georgetown Neighborhood Alliance is a citizen project, focused on growth-related issues that affect the City of Georgetown and its neighborhoods. The Alliance is staffed by volunteers from Georgetown neighborhoods and businesses. The overall goals of the Alliance are to ensure that Georgetown residents are informed about the issues and that their voices are heard.

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Wednesday, October 5th

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Refreshments: Wine, beer and appetizers will be provided by the Monument Market

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