



## ***News from the Helotes Heritage Association***

Dear Readers,

The HHA submitted the following statement on the proposed 211 extension to TXDoT. It may seem like the completion of the 211 corridor would relieve traffic congestion, when in reality the effect would be to spur development throughout the entire corridor and make congestion much worse. Following is the HHA statement.

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Dear Sir;

I would like to submit a comment regarding the proposed extension to Highway 211 near the Bexar County/Medina County border. Currently, only discontinuous segments of Highway 211 have been completed. Recently the Texas Department of Transportation announced plans to complete the final segment of Highway 211 that would connect Highway 90 with Highway 16.

At this time, limited traffic uses the existing Highway 211 segments due to the fact that the existing segments do not currently connect large roadways on both ends. Completion of the final segment from Highway 90 to Highway 16 will drastically change this.

This completion will have serious consequences on the areas surrounding Highway 211. The first effect will be to spur development of the Highway 211 corridor. This development will eventually consume the entire corridor from Highway 90 to Highway 16.

So, although the proposed segment is not located on the Edwards Aquifer recharge, contributing, and transition zones, the resulting developments will eventually have a tremendous impact on the primary water source of over 1.6 million people. Compounding this problem is the sad reality that the corridor is under county jurisdiction and in Texas, counties have virtually no authority to guide development or establish ordinances that would protect this fragile environment. Development would be unconstrained and irresponsible.

In light of these facts, the Helotes Heritage Association respectfully requests the Texas Department of Transportation forgo the proposed development and instead complete Loop 1604 to relieve an already congested area. Completion of Highway 211 would only encourage further development of the area, much of which would occur over the Edwards Aquifer recharge, contributing, and transition zones.

Sincerely,  
Ronald Green, PhD, President  
Helotes Heritage Association