

Dear Rockhill Neighbors:

Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd. is scheduled for resurfacing and reconfiguration in the city's FY23 budget. There has been a strong willingness to implement traffic-calming measures on this busy, noisy street that transects our neighborhood. These measures include converting the four lanes to three, reinstating parking along the south side between Rockhill Road and Troost Ave., and relocating the current dangerous bike lanes to the north side of the street.

Last week, Mayor Lucas and the City Council's Transportation, Infrastructure and Operations (TIO) Committee voted to table this measure until the full citywide 5-year bike plan is approved. ***This action puts the entire street resurfacing and reconfiguration project at risk.*** Consequently, the RHA Board voted to circulate a petition to ask the TIO Committee to pass an ordinance enabling the reconfiguration of Cleaver II Blvd. between Oak and Troost.

During the next few days, one of your neighbors will stop by and ask you to sign this petition, which can be read at www.fixcleaver.com. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Straley (913.708.1964) or Sam Correll (816.894.5356), both of whom live on Cleaver Blvd. You should also contact them if you are willing to help in collecting signatures of Rockhill residents.

Success of this traffic-calming effort would make Cleaver II Blvd. safer for our entire community, reduce noise, and increase our property values for many years to come. Who knows, it might even spare the rock walls on the eastern corners of Cleaver Blvd. and Rockhill Road from their frequent battering!

Sincerely,
Gerry

