

## **Comments Received Via Email**

I am writing to express my support for the Quitman Street improvements proposed by the Greater Northside Management District, on whose board I serve. These improvements will enhance walkability and quality of life in the Near Northside community. The non-profit organization for which I serve as Executive Director, Avenue CDC, has an office at 707 Quitman which serves as our homeownership center. At that location, we provide education and advising services to assist first-time homebuyers. In addition to our offices, other institutions along Quitman Street include Ketelsen Elementary School, Davis High School, Marshall Middle School, and Carnegie Library. And of course Quitman intersects with the new light rail line. Therefore, Quitman Street is an excellent location for a TIP, and the proposed project is very worthy of funding.

**Mary Lawler**

It is with great pleasure that we are asking for support of the above TIP Project. I have been the Vice Chair of the Greater Northside Management District and lived and worked in the Northside for many years. We feel certain that we are moving forward in a positive way and having a very important impact on Northside. This particular project is considered the heart of the district and will have an immediate impact on the neighborhood and schools along this corridor. My heart is for transportation projects as you know. This is a very important project that we can build upon. I hope that we are successful in moving our Northside forward for the great future of our City.

**Jeanette Rash**

Installing benches along this corridor is a horrible proposition. This area is filled with a large number of homeless individuals, drug users, and vagrants. Benches will give these individuals a place to hangout. I am in favor of the beautification project, but any installation of benches or covered areas will turn the clock back in terms of development.

**Andrew Murland**

I fully support Application ID #300405, Quitman Pedestrian-Transit Enhancements. Quitman Street is a 2-lane undivided Major Thoroughfare with a 50'-60' right-of-way. It is an east-west corridor in the Northside area from IH 45 to US 59; west of IH 45 the corridor is known as White Oak Drive and transitions to Liberty Road east of US 59. Jefferson Davis High School and A. John Castillo Park directly abut the corridor just north of Tackaberry Street. Further south, Ketelsen Elementary is located near N. Main Street. Quitman Station, a METRO rail stop, is located near the N. Main Street intersection where METRO has established a "Kiss and Ride" vehicle drop-off facility. The area is ripe for redevelopment, and new construction is happening daily. A more robust pedestrian and transit reconstruction project would ensure the safe crossing of school-aged children, as well as the countless number of riders on the increasingly popular red lightrail transit line. With new entertainment venues, such as the soon-to-be-opened Fitzgeralds, improvements cannot come soon enough as alternative modes of transportation continue to increase daily.

**Anita Hollmann**

## **Comments Received After the Public Comment Period Deadline**

As a resident of the Northside neighborhood I am writing to support the application for TIP funding submitted by the Greater Northside Management district. The Quitman corridor is the heart of our community and will play an integral part as the neighborhood transitions.

**Berenice Yu**