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Last Tuesday, February 16, 2021 I (Chuck McClure, President of McBride Hills HOA) participated on a Zoom Focus/group citizens group regarding the development of Bannerman Road (www.BannermanRoad.com). The project Director, who works with Blueprint, is Megan Doherty (megan.doherty@blueprintia.org). The primary purpose of the discussion was to review alternative road and amenity options for each of the three sections (see attached power point presentation).

About 8 or so folks attended the discussion beyond the project staff. Best I could tell is that most of these participants were representatives of homeowner associations off Bannerman or pastors from 3 or so Churches on Bannerman. Not sure about the others.

My take-aways from the discussion are:

- Only Preservation to Thomasville will be four laned
- They currently have only 100 feet of right of way for the expansion of Bannerman and will need as much as 112 feet for the “top of the line” alternative
- They are currently surveying Bannerman (beginning from Meridian going East) to better understand who owns what, what land might need to be purchased, and the need for using eminent domain
- From Tekesta to Thomasville Road, the expanded road will be on the North side of Bannerman, so we made not have to do anything about our entrance sign – still not sure about this until more surveying is done and which Alternative roadway style is selected
- Most of the participants were in favor of “Alternative A” for the entire Bannerman Road development
- Traffic signals versus roundabouts (at Tekesta and at Reynolds for example) were not discussed
- There was some concern about wide trails along the side of the road that might include “micro-mobility” lanes (for golf carts and motor scooters, etc.)
- One person was VERY concerned about the Bannerman Road development turning into a NE corridor truck route from I-10 Capital Circle NW to I-10 at US 90 on the East side of town
- A lot of details have yet to be addressed – such as the pedestrian and other traffic concerns at the new Publix and commercial stores (SE corner at Bull Headley) where Cawthon development is “donating” some land (as I understand it) to the road development
- There are many future opportunities for citizen input and involvement and to raise questions and issues (see power point slides)

Overall, the meeting lasted about an hour and a half and was very informative. Let me know if you have questions and I can try to answer them – but lots of details are still not decided and have not been addressed at this time.