

April 12, 2011 - City Considers Plan for Crossover Between Sam's Club and Target

For years, Shreveport shoppers have complained about the traffic headaches caused by trying to maneuver between Sam's Club and Target on Youree Drive. Well, those complaints have been heard.

Today the City Council will take the first step to consider a resolution authorizing the City to accept property and funds from Sam's East, Inc., Target Corp., and RBL University IV, V, and VI, for construction of a crossover or other improvement to make pedestrian and vehicular access between the retail developments easier and safer.

City officials have long been concerned about the traffic accidents and how inconvenient it is for patrons attempting to move back and forth between locations. The crossover is intended to eliminate safety concerns and impediments to the free flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic between the locations.

The City will pay approximately 25 percent of the estimated \$40,000 construction cost. The remaining cost will be paid by Sam's East, Inc. and the developer of University Place.

“This plan is the result of long discussions and the combined efforts of this Administration, City Councilman Michael Corbin and representatives of Sam's Club, Target and the Developer of University Place retail development,” Mayor Cedric Glover said. “The plan represents a perfect example of a public/private partnership; the effect of which yields significant benefits for both the public and the private sector.”

The Council meets in regular session today at 3 p.m.

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