

September 9, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council:

On behalf of the four neighborhood associations West University, Feldman's, Pie Allen and Iron Horse, we are writing to identify what we believe are the best routes for the power lines for TEP's Kino Demoss Petrie project. Based on any objective review of the impacts associated with the power lines, as we further detail below, Route B combined with Routes 1 or 2 will offer the least disruptive route. The Mayor and Council should support our position and advocate that TEP present this option to the ACC in November. Of course, burying the lines is the best alternative, and we hope you will consider asking TEP and the ACC why they say this is not viable.

Using Route B and Routes 1 or 2, the poles would be placed along Campbell Ave, not Euclid Avenue. Here are the reasons why Campbell, a much larger street with no residences, is a better option:

- Euclid is a four-lane undivided Road. Campbell is six lanes divided with trees. Euclid has a width Parcel-to-Parcel of 75 feet. Campbell is 125 feet.
- On the west side of Campbell between Banner and Broadway, there are no private residences that front the street. This compares to roughly 30 homes that front the Euclid route from UA North to Broadway.
- The proposed path length down Euclid is five miles, one more mile of construction than the Campbell path, which is only four miles. TEP says each mile costs roughly 2 million dollars; this cost ultimately gets passed on to the consumer and most of your constituents cannot afford higher rates.
- The Euclid route impacts a Historic Preservation Zone and a Neighborhood Preservation Zone. There are no similar zones impacted on the Campbell route. The Euclid route would impact 7,600 feet of historic district.
- There is a dense college student population along the Euclid route. There are 1,753 UA students in residential dorms along the Euclid route and several student apartment buildings with high density.
- The Euclid route impacts the Tucson High School population of over 3,100 students directly adjacent to the route.
- The Euclid route is much more heavily trafficked by pedestrians and cyclists who will be affected by the loss of sidewalk space. There are six stand-alone crosswalks on the Euclid path, compared to two on Campbell. It is unclear how ADA access, which requires five-foot sidewalks, will be maintained without buying people's yards.
- The existing transmission lines to the UA North substation use Park from Grant will be buried and it makes more sense to use that already utilized path for the new poles so as not to impact additional residential properties.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our points as to why Route B1/2 is the best option.

Sincerely,

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