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As residents of 550 Brackenridge Lane, we would like to file a Formal Amendment Request to have the Master Thoroughfare Plan amended to remove the road that will be adjacent to and through our property. This road that is in the Master Thoroughfare Plan is intended to connect Turtle Lane to Hwy 46 South.

As originally designed, this road, per the Master Thoroughfare Plan will go through the entrance to our ranch, as well as through two 8 foot security fences. Our entrance on Brackenridge Lane is secured by an electric gate with a remote entry. Currently we have two high security fences surrounding a pasture for our cattle, and the fences will have to be destroyed if this road is built. These fences were built in 2019, and we went to great expense in both money and time in order to build them properly. Our ranch business, Oehlke Ranch Beefmasters, is one of our family's primary sources of income. These cattle are pure bred Beefmaster, and are very expensive animals. We have pastures laid out in specific order and size, and this road will destroy much of what we have built for our cattle business.

Additionally, before we could get our fence permit from the City of Seguin, we had to get an environmental and tree survey, both were extremely costly. Any tree that was damaged due to our fence project had to be replaced or we had to pay a fine for each tree, depending on its size and age. The older and bigger trees had to be replaced with as many as 10 new trees. This road will take out more than 10 of our pecan trees that are over 100 years old according to our survey, and many of our neighbors' trees as well.

One of the great things about Seguin is its rural farming and ranching communities. If this road is allowed to pass through our land, it will render much of our acreage useless. We purchased and pay taxes on this land and use it specifically for agricultural purposes, with this road we will have no use or purpose for the land on the other side of the road because the animals will not be able to get there anymore. In addition to fences, we have also installed water lines for water troughs and irrigation. These would also be rendered useless with the construction of this road. Please allow us to continue this Texas tradition, and don't keep this road on Seguin's Master Thoroughfare Plan.

Sincerely,

Brandon and Molly Oehlke