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Dear Mr. Coley

At your request, SOFNA undertook an internet poll of two options for the reconstruction of 1st Street (from Alton Road to Washington Avenue), that city staff presented at a well attended open house for South of Fifth residents, sponsored by SOFNA, March 5.

Nearly two out of three respondents preferred the "Option 2" design over "Option 1":

31.4% Chose Option 1 (97)  
64.9% Chose Option 2 (200)  
3.5% Responded but did not check off a preference (11)  
Total responses 308\*

Also on display were the city's plans for locating a high-capacity storm water pump station, strategically sited at the edge of South Pointe Park - (different from an earlier option to locate the pump station at a city-owned triangular grassy lot at Alton Road, First Street, Lenox Ave.) The preference vote was clearly predicated on the understanding that the decision was being made as a package consisting of the preferred design for 1st Street and the South Pointe Park location of the storm water pump.

Members of SOFNA's committee on this project have had extensive discussions in the neighborhood, and with city officials. It is our further understanding that the location of the pump station in South Pointe Park and the **extensive reconstruction of this segment of 1st Street is necessary for the introduction of a large-diameter storm water collection pipe.**

Moreover, the project has been fully funded

Considering the extensive consultation with city officials, and the widespread opportunity for community feedback, we feel confident as a neighborhood association to request the city to now move ahead with definitive plans and other work necessary to undertake this project.

We would appreciate being advised of time lines, work schedule, etc., as the city proceeds with this project, as we know the community will need to know how movement of traffic will be maintained and how other aspects might affect their lives and the situation of the businesses that will of necessity be impacted.

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\*We believe the survey results are an accurate reflection of community preferences.

There was extensive outreach for a well-attended community forum and for the survey itself. Because of the size of the Option 2 preferences in contrast to the Option 1 preferences, we believe that an even larger response would not have resulted in a statistically significant difference,

Thank you on behalf of the South of Fifth community.

Marie Peter, president, for the SOFNA board.