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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 2:46 PM Miguel Arellano <[Miguel.Arellano@txdot.gov](mailto:Miguel.Arellano@txdot.gov)> wrote:

I appreciate you getting on this. Has the AO approved the design?

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**From:** Brian Gettinger <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, March 4, 2022 2:43 PM

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Mike thanks for bringing these concerns to our attention. We have been proactively obtaining estimates to complete this work. I will provide you an update early next week on status.

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 2:39 PM Miguel Arellano <[Miguel.Arellano@txdot.gov](mailto:Miguel.Arellano@txdot.gov)> wrote:

Brian,

It has come to my attention that elected officials and local residents are reporting that the truck traffic in and out of this driveway is frequent on a daily basis. Given this unpermitted, unapproved driveway does not meeting spacing criteria, I need your cooperation to add a turn lane immediately to address this safety concern. Even if the truck volumes were not high, any large truck turning into the driveway could encroach into the on-coming traffic lane given the turning radius, especially an trucks with numerous axles. The spacing only compounds this potential safety issue.

I am sure The Boring Company does not want to bear this liability so we are here to help expedite the approval of the design and permit for a driveway and turn lane as required by the Bastrop AO.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Mike Arellano, P.E. | Deputy District Engineer 

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Mike - there are some large deliveries that we do receive at the site on up to 11 axle trailers. These are generally no more than once a month and the driveway taper is set up to allow this vehicle to exit FM 1209 completely to enter the site before encountering the gate.

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On Tue, Jan 18, 2022 at 10:46 AM Miguel Arellano <[Miguel.Arellano@txdot.gov](mailto:Miguel.Arellano@txdot.gov)> wrote:

Hunter,

What type of delivery trucks will access this driveway? Will they be pulling trailers?

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Hunter,

BAAO will defer the hydraulics comment response review to District Hydraulics.

As far as the tapered approach design, this is non-negotiable as it's required for all commercial access permits when there is not a 10' shoulder present on rural highways within the Austin District. Please update the plans with this design change.

Thanks,



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Margaret, please see our comment responses below in blue as well as the attached revised plans. Let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you,  
Hunter Brauer  
817.522.8444

"Bruan,

Please address district hydraulics comments below for this driveway permit. Additionally, the driveway design needs to be updated to include the tapered approach as shown in the Commercial Access packet for roadways without existing shoulder. I've also included a screenshot of the detail for reference.

All traffic into TBC's site is directed through the main entrance except for coordinated heavy-load deliveries that occur approximately twice per day. As such, all deliveries off of FM 1209 1) require coordination which allows TBC to communicate the proximity of the turn to Walker Watson Road to drivers and 2) are typically performed by drivers who are familiar with the site (i.e. have performed deliveries in the past). Based on the infrequent deliveries and typical coordination/familiarity of the delivery drivers, TBC believes that an appropriate level of safety for this turn is accomplished without the addition of a taper. Additionally, the comment references the taper is required for roadways without a shoulder, while FM 1209 does have an established shoulder in this location.

The status of your requested driveway access permit **21-42337** has been updated as follows.

1. Application Status: Under Review

2. Review Results

- ENV Review: Under Review
- HYD Review: **Need More Information**
- TRF Review: Approve

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