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With regard to the proposed schematic of the Carbondale Road improvements, who will be responsible for the upkeep of the foliage?	The City will upkeep the greenery.
Can seating/benches and greenery be added near the landing area of the pedestrian crossing?	The project is under design and we are in discussion with our consultant to add a resting area at the landing locations for the pedestrian bridge; short answer, we are planning to add benches near the landing area inside City right of way.
What is environmental clearance?	The environmental clearance process is a federal, state, and local review of the proposed construction impacts on the environment. The process is to ensure we protect our natural and human resources by evaluating any impact due to the construction project on air quality, archeological/cemetery, parks/wildlife, community, hazardous material, traffic, noise, etc. The City works with TxDOT (under the purview of the FHWA) to ensure we comply with the NEPA guidelines.
	Per DART, the Walmart at Short Boulevard is currently accessible to Joppa residents through the Inland Port GoLink Zone. Unfortunately, it is outside of the radius of the Joppa Rides program. Please contact DART if any assistance is needed with accessing or using the Inland Port GoLink Zone.
For clarification, all construction on all three projects will begin at the same time. Is that correct?	There is only one project with three components (pedestrian bridge at Linfield, Carbondale Complete streets, and Loop 12 Tie-in); all components will be apart of one construction project.
Once the construction traffic plan has been established, will the neighborhood association be notified of the plan in order to notify the community of said plan?	Yes the public/community will be notified after the completion of the construction plans and notified prior to construction beginning.
What is the estimated start date of construction?	We are targeting the third Quarter of 2025 so sometime July-September of 2025
Will the new DART Bus Stops be covered to protect those waiting for the bus from the hot sun?	That question will have to go to DART, but we will certainly work to add those coverings into the project to ensure pedestrians/riders are protected in addition to the pullouts that we are adding to move the stops away from the main road.
What kind of environmental factors are being considered?	Everything will be taken into consideration to ensure we are preserving and respecting all factors – water, air quality, historical preservation, wildlife, archaeological
You mentioned that there were pros and cons of each schematic. What are they?	1. The first is a continuous concrete option with plants; 2. The second option is concrete sections with greenery between each section
If we decide to go with the continuous concrete option, could we do some type of community mural about Joppa?	Yes. We have programs with the city to include the community on things like that and ensure that your views and voices are reflected in the art. The main thing of concern is the continued maintenance and upkeep of the mural
The presentation said 2001, but I remember having the bridge dedication in 2006-2007 for completion. We named it the Freeman's Town Bridge so what is it saying happened in 2001?	2001 is when the original motor vehicle bridge was constructed but it did not include provisions for a safe pedestrian crossing.
Is the anticipated construction date for just one project to start or will all projects happen simultaneously?	All three projects will happen at the same time. We will have traffic control plans to assist with traffic concerns. We anticipate all projects starting Fall 2025.
In terms of upkeep, who will be responsible for the upkeep of new greenery?	The City will upkeep the greenery. City will maintain everything in its ROW. By chance, the community decides to place a mural on the Earthen Wall Structure, then there will be a need for a maintenance agreement between the City and the Community for the upkeep of the mural or anything else that the City does not regularly maintain.
There is no upkeep currently of the bridge so how should we expect "continued" upkeep of new structures? It needs to be swept and I am close to sweeping it myself. Who should I call?	You can call the Public Works Department. We would also ask that you please leave your contact information and we will handle getting this concern to them.

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Why is Joppy Momma's Farm being added to the Joppa Rides Program? Residents don't need rides around the corner from their own homes. Could we look at adding other options such as Corner Store Market on Ervay	We wanted to address the concern for fresh food within a 4 mi. radius. We will consider other options.
Restorative Farms may be a better alternative. Please give us better options/destinations	We will consider other options.
Is it possible to get that 4mi. radius to at least 6 miles to allow us access to Walmart, as there are some life necessities that are not sold at convenience stores?	We will consider other options.
A resident in attendance invited everyone to Joppa Juneteenth on June 15 th from 11am-4pm at the Park. It will be a great time for all and a great way to celebrate Juneteenth with a Freedman's Town.	