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MPC Meets, LA 3132 Extension Saga Continues

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SHREVEPORT, La. -- The Highway 3132 Inner Loop extension saga continues.

The major players were on hand Wednesday at the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) meeting where developer Tim Larkin made his case for an access road to his new neighborhood, which is on the edge of the preferred 3132 extension corridor.

That access road requires a deal with a neighboring retirement. That deal has so far not been made.

Some said Larkin's neighborhood would kill any chances of extending the loop because an access street would be in the way.

But the embattled Larkin says if he can work off an existing street at the neighboring Glen Retirement System then everybody would get their way.

"What we wanted to do today is to get the public hearing done, make everyone aware of what our plans are, involve The Glen in this final process and complete our hook-up to Flournoy Lucas Road and make sure that everything we're doing gets 3132 through there, unobstructed, without any problems," Larkin said.

One problem: there's been no deal between Larkin and The Glen, even though he's written a letter that there is one.

Now the state highway department is interested in getting some of The Glen's land to build the access street. The Glen's not sold just yet.

"I think that's going to have to be a decision that the board of directors makes after we do some study about the impact that it will have on our other entrances and on the future of any development for The Glen," said Rhonda Beauvais, President and CEO of The Glen Retirement System.

The MPC has to approve the access road. They hope to make a decision next month. Larkin hopes to have a deal with The Glen by the September 7 meeting.