The state’s plans to build a series of overpasses along Highway 6 was thwarted by business owners who claim those bridges would siphon away customers.

So, it wasn’t surprising that at Shipley's on Bellaire and Highway 6, the aroma was not just from the donuts. On Friday you could smell victory.

"I'm in shock that David beat Goliath,” said David Harbers, the donut shop owner and a staunch opponent to the state’s plans for new overpasses.

On Wednesday, Harbers made a last ditch effort to prevent the Texas Department of Transportation from building two bridges on Highway 6 over intersections at Bellaire and Westheimer.

Harbers and others believed businesses would close if the bridges were built. Because drivers could essentially bypass this community.

So Friday morning, David met Goliath.

Harbers and others who opposed the $36 million bridges, finally convinced the Houston-Galveston Area Council to vote it down.

And have TxDOT send the money back to Austin.

"It's not so much you want to beat TxDOT, because TxDOT does some good things, said Karen Loper, the district director for State Representative Henry Vo. “But it was a decision that should have been made listening to the homeowners and businesses out here. This is our community."

But crashes and congestion remain.

Opponents to the state’s plan want temporary fixes, such as raised medians like those nearby on Westheimer.

And limited turn lanes installed on Highway 6, until a long-term solution can be found.

Whatever the eventual solution, on this day David was basking in the victory over Goliath.

"I've saved a family run business that can be passed on to my children who can pass it on to their children,” said Harbers.