



# AUSTIN TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767



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To Stakeholder, Property Owner, or Resident:

Jane Doe  
OR CURRENT RESIDENT  
1234 Austin Street  
Austin, TX ZIPCODE

Whether you drive, roll, or walk, the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) works to improve your transportation options. ATD is evaluating **Bluebonnet Lane from Del Curto Road to Melridge Place** and **Melridge Place from Bluebonnet Lane to Rabb Road** for changes to enhance the safety and mobility of everyone who uses these streets. Bluebonnet Lane and Melridge Place provide access to Zilker Elementary School, Little Zilker Park, businesses, and the Zilker and South Lamar neighborhoods. Funding for this project is available from the 2016 Mobility Bond Bikeways, Corridor, and Safe Routes to School programs.



**Bluebonnet Lane, de Del Curto Road a Melridge Place, y Melridge Place, de Bluebonnet Lane a Rabb Road, se están evaluando para mejoramientos a la seguridad y movilidad de todos los usuarios de la calle. Un diseño preliminar estará disponible en la reunión pública del proyecto el jueves 23 de enero de 6:00 a 7:00 p.m. para que lo revise y envíe sus comentarios. Favor de contactar Sophia Benner para preguntas, comentarios, o traducción de materiales de proyectos en línea al 512-974-7853 o sophia.benner@austintexas.gov. El periodo para comentarios estará abierto hasta domingo el 23 de febrero de 2020. Visite el sitio web del proyecto para más información: austintexas.gov/BluebonnetLn**

### Project Background:

Austin Transportation has received requests from local residents for upgrades to the existing protected bikeway and pedestrian crossings for Bluebonnet Lane and Melridge Place. There is also an opportunity to extend the protected bikeway south on Bluebonnet Lane in coordination with routine street maintenance (resurfacing and restriping) between South Lamar Boulevard and Del Curto Road. The proposed changes were identified from recommendations in the Austin Bicycle Plan, the Corridor Mobility Program's South Lamar Corridor Project, Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Reports, and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan.

### Project Open House

ATD welcomes your ideas! Feedback from the people who use these streets often results in project outcomes that better reflect community needs. A preliminary design will be available at the project open house along with the project team to answer your questions.

**Thursday, January 23  
6:00 to 7:00 PM (Drop in anytime!)  
Zilker Elementary - Cafeteria  
1900 Bluebonnet Lane**

If you cannot attend this open house, please visit the project website for updates and to complete the project survey:

**[austintexas.gov/BluebonnetLn](http://austintexas.gov/BluebonnetLn)**

The survey and materials presented will be available online starting on January 23. The survey will be open through Sunday, February 23.

If you have questions, please contact:

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## Proposed Changes:

- **Bluebonnet Lane/Melridge Place (Rabb Road – Rabb Glen Street):** Upgrading the protection in the existing two-way protected bikeway to concrete traffic buttons. Planters are also under consideration, pending a maintenance agreement with neighborhood partners.
- **Bluebonnet Lane (Rabb Glen Street – South Lamar Boulevard):** New extension of the two-way protected bikeway on the west curb. This proposal would replace the existing one-way bicycle lanes, maintain one general travel lane in each direction, and consolidate parking to the east side of the street.
- **Bluebonnet Lane (South Lamar Boulevard – Del Curto Road):** New extension of the two-way protected bikeway on the west curb across the intersection of Bluebonnet Lane and South Lamar Boulevard to Del Curto Road, where the bikeway would transition to a shared use path.
- **Rundell Place and Ann Arbor Avenue:** Shorten crossing distances by adding curb extensions and crosswalks.
- **New pedestrian crossings islands along Bluebonnet Lane** (midblock between South Lamar Boulevard and Del Curto Road, Arpdale Street, Meadowridge Drive, Ford Street, Anita Drive, Ashby Avenue) that enable people walking to stop and scan for oncoming traffic one lane at a time, while slowing motor vehicle traffic and improving driver yielding behavior.
- **Improve existing pedestrian crossings along Bluebonnet Lane** (Rabb Glen Street, midblock at Little Zilker Park, Hether Street) by adding crossing islands, crosswalks, curb ramps, and/or curb extensions.
- New and improved pedestrian crossings may result in minor impacts to on-street parking.



**Example of pedestrian crossing islands and a two-way protected bikeway constructed using concrete traffic buttons and planters on Barton Hills Drive**

A preliminary design will be available at the project open house for you to review and provide feedback. We look forward to seeing you at the project open house on Thursday, January 23, or hearing from you through the project survey. The survey and open house materials will be available online starting on January 23. The survey will be open through Sunday, February 23. Visit the project website for more information and updates: [austintexas.gov/BluebonnetLn](http://austintexas.gov/BluebonnetLn)

Sincerely,

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