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To Stakeholder, Property Owner, or Resident:

Jane Doe
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Austin, TX ZIPCODE

Whether you drive, roll, or walk, the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) works to improve your transportation options. ATD is evaluating South Pleasant Valley Road, Todd Lane, and Burleson Road from Oltorf Street to Onion Creek Park for changes to enhance the safety and mobility of everyone who uses these streets. Over the past two years, the City of Austin’s Corridor Program Office has partnered with the community to develop short and long-term recommendations to enhance mobility, connectivity, and safety for all road users. A final South Pleasant Valley Road Corridor Mobility Plan will be released in 2020. Funding for many of the near-term improvements identified through this process is available from the 2016 Mobility Bond Bikeways and Safe Route to School programs, the District 2 Council Office, and the 2018 Bond Pedestrian Crossing program.

Project Goals:

ATD is progressing near-term improvements to provide a protected bikeway and improved pedestrian crossings along the corridor. The proposed changes are expected to:

- Improve predictability and safety for everyone using the street by providing protected space for people bicycling
- Reduce crashes for all modes
- Encourage slower motor vehicle speeds and reduce high-risk speeding
- Shorten crossing distances for people walking
- Maintain comparable motor vehicle travel times

Proposed Changes:

- South Pleasant Valley Road from St. Elmo Road to Onion Creek Park is currently two travel lanes in each direction with no bicycle lanes. The proposal reconfigures the road to one travel lane in each direction with protected bicycle lanes, maintaining the roadway median divided with left-turn pockets. Keep existing motor vehicle lanes to maintain capacity at major intersections and construct shared use paths to provide safe bicycle connectivity at these intersections
- Upgrading the Burleson Road buffered bicycle lanes to physically protected bicycle lanes

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• Closing slip lane at South Pleasant Valley Road and Nuckols Crossing Road
• New pedestrian crossings with islands through the median, as well as shortened crossing distances
• New bicycle facilities under E Ben White Boulevard at Burleson Road
• Removing parking to extend protected bicycle lanes on select sections of Burleson Road
• Coordination on proposed changes with planned installation of roundabout at Teri Road/S Pleasant Valley Road

Figure 1 – Proposed Changes for South Pleasant Valley Road

Figure 2 – Typical cross section for South Pleasant Valley Road (St. Elmo Road to Onion Creek Park)
Note: Additional motor vehicle lanes are proposed at major intersections to maintain comparable motor vehicle travel times

A preliminary design will be available at the project open house for community review and feedback. We look forward to seeing you at the project open house on Wednesday, December 11, or hearing from you through the project survey. The survey and open house materials will be available on the project website starting at 7pm on December 11. The survey will be open through Sunday, January 12. Visit the project website for more information and updates: austintexas.gov/SPVR

Sincerely,

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