



Austin Transportation Department

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To Stakeholder, Property Owner, or Resident:

San Jacinto Boulevard from Dean Keeton Street to Speedway, as indicated in Figure 1, is tentatively scheduled for routine street maintenance (road resurfacing and restriping) within the next three months. By coordinating with this maintenance, the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) has the opportunity to modify the street striping with little to no effect on project cost and duration. ATD is assessing restriping options that could improve safety and mobility for all road users. You are receiving this notification because you live on and/or own property adjacent to San Jacinto Boulevard in Austin, Texas or are otherwise registered as a stakeholder in the area.

Usted está recibiendo esta notificación porque vive cerca de San Jacinto Boulevard, es dueño de propiedad cerca de San Jacinto Boulevard, o es parte interesada de San Jacinto Boulevard en Austin, Texas. Si necesita un documento traducido en español, llame a (512) 974-7092.

Figure 2 shows an option to improve the existing bicycle lanes on San Jacinto Boulevard between Speedway and Duval Street. This option includes the installation of parking-protected bicycle lanes in the southbound direction and paint-buffered bicycle lanes in the northbound direction in order to improve both safety and comfort for people of all ages and abilities. Under this proposal, San Jacinto Boulevard between Duval Street and Dean Keeton Street would not have a parking lane and would have paint-buffered bicycle lanes in both directions.

These improvements would not remove any on-street parking spaces, but would reconfigure the street from one lane northbound and two lanes southbound to one lane in each direction. The intersections at Speedway, Duval Street, and Dean Keeton Street would still include additional turn bays in order to facilitate efficient traffic operations. An intersection analysis using peak hour traffic volumes indicates that this configuration would not increase traffic congestion. This reconfiguration will also provide space for a median island to improve safety by reducing the pedestrian crossing distance across San Jacinto Boulevard at Duval Street.

Figure 1 – San Jacinto Boulevard Project Limits

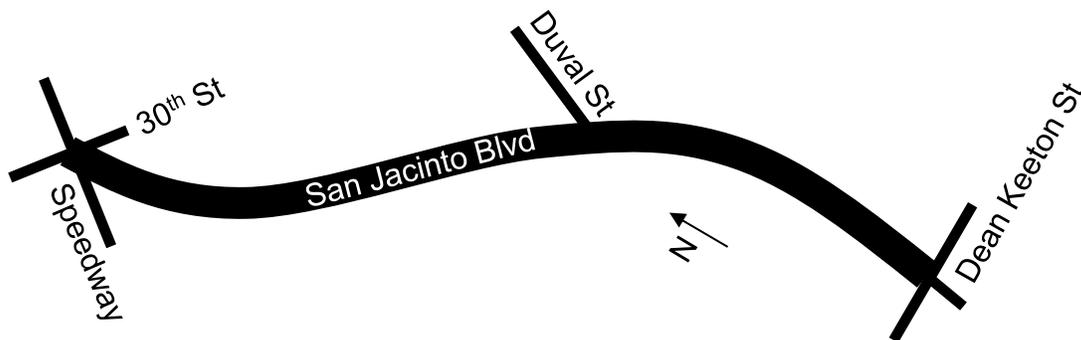
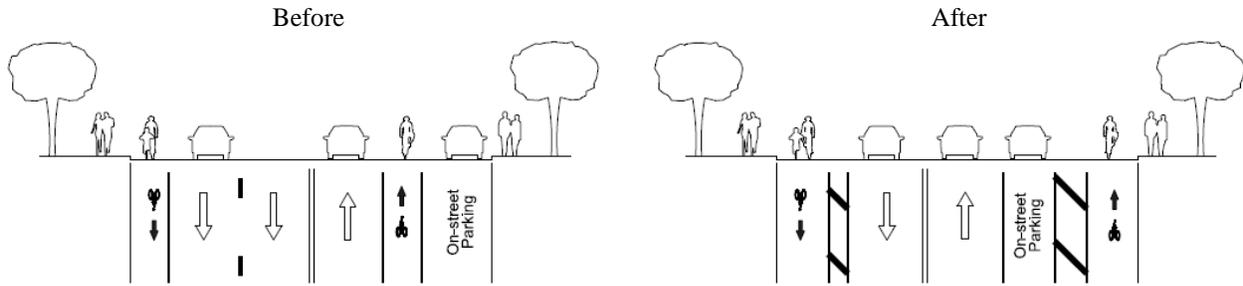


Figure 2 – Typical Cross Sections for San Jacinto Boulevard



Examples of similar projects that have been implemented in other parts of Austin are shown below in Figures 3a and 3b. Protected bicycle lanes and buffered bicycle lanes are used to provide more separation between road users in order to improve predictability and comfort for all users of the street.

Figure 3a – Parking-Protected Bicycle Lane on Guadalupe Street, Austin TX



Figure 3b – Paint-Buffered Bicycle Lane on West 5th Street, Austin TX



ATD is seeking feedback from local residents and other users of this San Jacinto Boulevard prior to determining final plans. You can obtain additional information about this mobility project and provide feedback at an open house on Wednesday July 8, 2015, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Hancock Recreation Center, 811 E 41st Street. Feedback based on local experience frequently results in improvements to initial project proposals. If necessary, modifications to this proposal can be made after input received at the open house. If you cannot attend this open house and have questions or comments, please contact Aleksina Chapman at 974-7834 or aleksiina.chapman@austintexas.gov.

Sincerely,

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