



AUSTIN TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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To Stakeholder, Property Owner, or Resident:

Opportunity to Give Input on Proposed Street Improvements

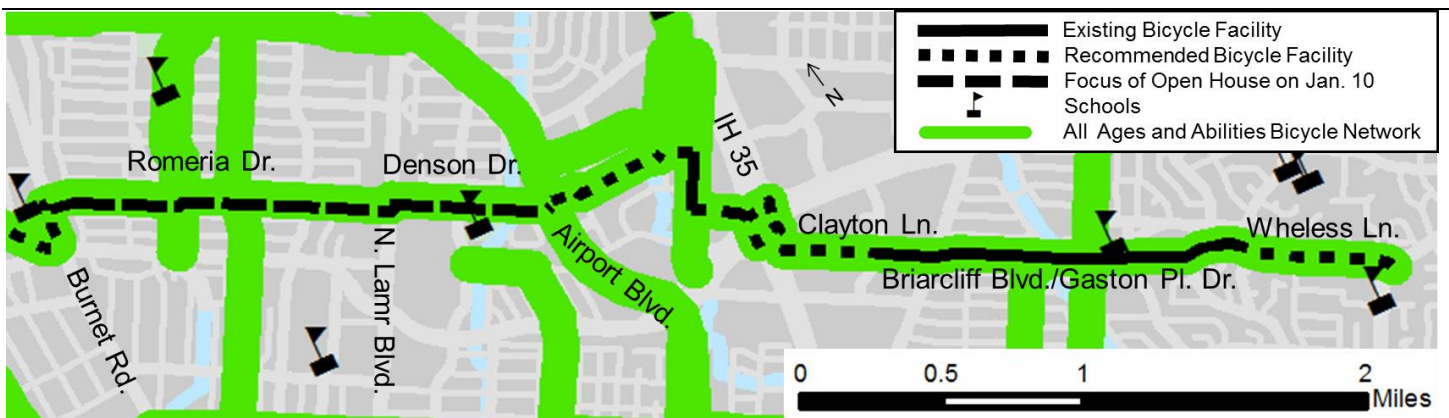
The Austin Transportation Department (ATD) works to improve streets to make Austin travel safer. Romeria Drive, from Burnet Road to N. Lamar Blvd. and Denson Drive, from N. Lamar Blvd. to Airport Blvd., are being evaluated for improvements to enhance the safety and mobility of everyone who uses these streets. Austin City Council has identified a total of \$230,000 for an all ages and abilities bicycle facility along these roads. Additional funding has been identified from the 2016 Mobility Bond Bikeways and Safe Routes to School Local Mobility Programs for improvements along these streets. You are receiving this notification because you live on and/or own property adjacent to Romeria Drive or Denson Drive in Austin, Texas or are otherwise registered with the City as a stakeholder in the area.

*El departamento de transporte trabaja duro para mejorar las carreteras y así hacer a Austin más seguro. El municipio ha identificado \$ 230,000 para una instalacion de bicicleta de todas las edades y habilidades a lo largo de camino. **Romeria Drive**, de Burnet Road a N. Lamar Blvd., y **Denson Drive**, de N. Lamar Blvd. a Airport Blvd. se están evaluando para mejoramientos a la seguridad y movilidad de todos los usuarios de la calle. Usted está recibiendo esta notificación porque vive cerca de, es dueño de propiedad cerca de, o es parte interesada de Romeria Drive o Denson Drive en Austin, Texas. Si necesita un documento traducido en español, llame a (512) 974-7092.*

Project Proposal:

ATD is proposing safety enhancements on Romeria Drive and Denson Drive that are expected to provide a positive impact on calming traffic speeds, improve crossings for people walking and improve comfort and safety for people traveling by bicycle. The City Council Bicycle Master Plan recommends that Denson and Romeria are part of a cross town east-west all ages and abilities bicycle route. The proposed improvements are intended to make these street suitable for bicycling by people of all ages and abilities. The east-west bicycle route would connect to Lamar Middle School, McCallum High School, Reilly Elementary School, Austin Community College Highland Campus, and Harris Elementary School from Brentwood to Windsor Park (shown in Figure 1).

Figure 1 – East-West Bicycle Proposed Connectivity through Romeria Drive and Denson Drive



Proposed improvements include:

- **Romeria Drive** (from Burnet Road to N. Lamar Blvd.) – Romeria Drive is a low-volume neighborhood street that has received several applications from residents for speed mitigation. The proposal is to make this road a Neighborhood Bikeway, otherwise known as a “Quiet Street”. Neighborhood Bikeways are low speed and volume streets with convenient and safe crossings of busy streets, good wayfinding, and clear support for people riding bicycles in the street. This proposal includes new locations for traffic calming devices to reduce auto speeds, several of which are proposed to include planted median islands (a similar treatment is shown in Figure 2). The 300’ of Romeria Drive between Burnet Road and Laird Drive is proposed to have on-street motor vehicle parking prohibited on both sides of the street in order to accommodate a dedicated left turn lane and bicycle lanes.
- **Denson Drive** (from N. Lamar Blvd. to Airport Blvd.) – The proposal includes two-way protected bicycle lanes on the south side of the street, adjacent to Reilly Elementary (a similar street in Austin is shown in Figure 3). In order to add bicycle facilities, on-street motor vehicle parking is proposed to be prohibited on the south side of the street in locations shown in Figure 4. The typical cross section proposed for this section is shown in Figure 6.

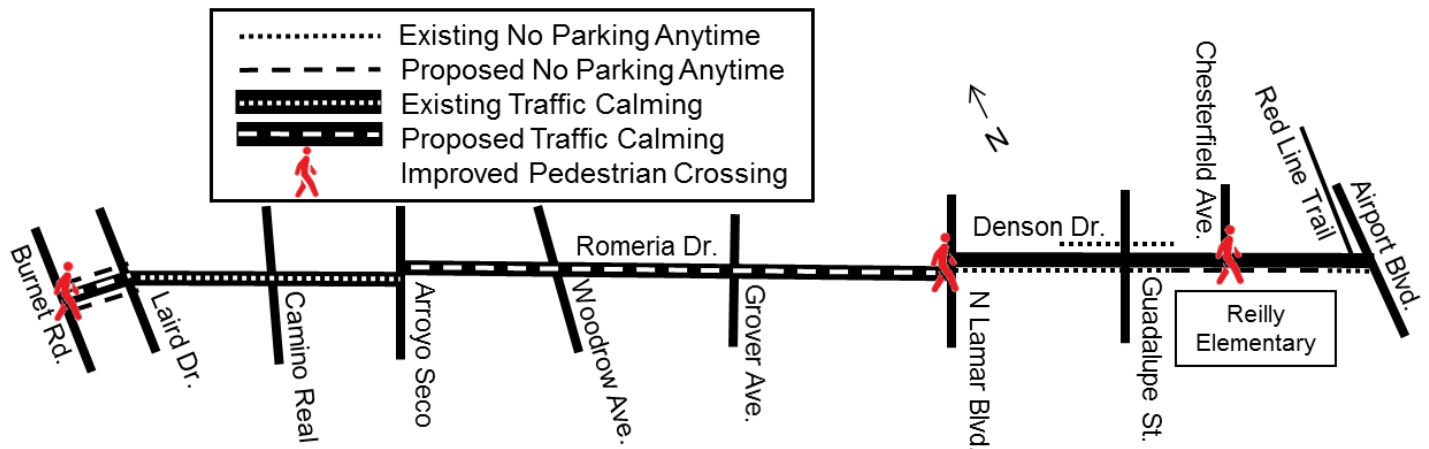
Figure 2 – Traffic Calming on Mearns Meadow Blvd., Austin TX



Figure 3 – Two-Way Protected Bicycle Lane on Bluebonnet Lane, Austin TX



Figure 4 – Romeria Drive and Denson Drive Project Area and Planned Improvements



How to Provide Input

ATD is seeking feedback from people who use this street. City staff are hosting an event to explain the project, listen, and address any concerns.

Project Open House | Casa Abierta del Proyecto

Wednesday, January 10, 5:45 to 6:45 PM

Reilly Elementary School - 405 Denson Drive

For more information or to provide input by the date above, you may also contact the project designer at Mike.Schofield@austintexas.gov. Or phone 512/974-7834.

Figure 5 – Typical Existing Cross Section for Denson Drive – N. Lamar Blvd to Airport Blvd

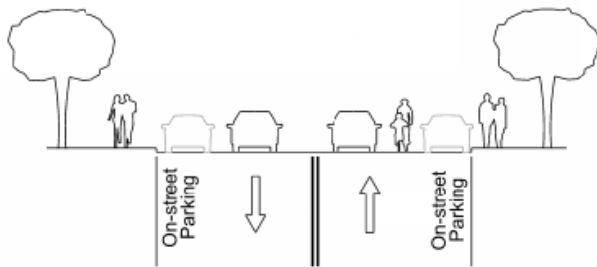
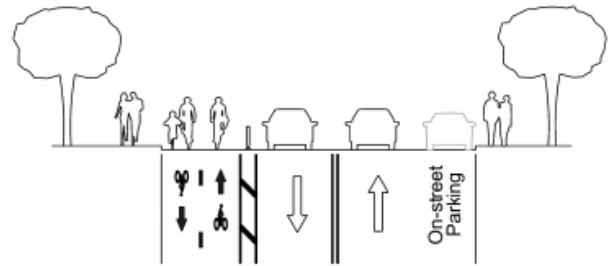


Figure 6 – Typical Proposed Cross Section for Denson Drive – N. Lamar Blvd to Airport Blvd



Sincerely,

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The 2016 Mobility Bond dedicates \$20 million to bikeways and \$27.5 million to Safe Routes to School. Projects include separated and/or protected bicycle facilities, bicycle detection and signal equipment, and other on-street bicycle facilities, such as bike lanes. Bikeways funded through the bond program have a transportation and mobility purpose. For more information about the 2016 Mobility Bond, and/or the Bikeways investments, visit AustinTexas.gov/2016Bond