



## 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. Loyola Lane from Northeast Drive to US 183 is scheduled for routine road resurfacing and restriping by the City of Austin Public Works Department later this year and is being evaluated for improvements to enhance the safety and mobility of everyone who uses this street. Funding has been identified from the 2016 Mobility Bond Local Mobility Program for improvements along this street and the project is being coordinated with the Safe Routes to School Program. You are receiving this notification because you live on and/or own property adjacent to Loyola Lane in Austin, Texas or are otherwise registered with the City as a stakeholder in the area.

### **About Loyola Lane**

Loyola Lane between Northeast Drive and US 183 provides northwest-southeast connectivity and access to the University Hills neighborhood, Andrews Elementary School, Dottie Jordan Neighborhood Park and Recreation Center, the University Hills Branch of the Austin Public Library, and businesses at the intersection of Loyola Lane and Manor Road. Loyola Lane is an identified bicycle route per City Ordinance No. 20141106-118 (The Austin Bicycle Plan) and a bus route served by Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority. On average, 502 people get on or off a bus near this section of Loyola daily. Between 2013 and 2017, a total of 70 crashes occurred on this segment of Loyola Lane involving four people walking, three people bicycling and 119 people in motor vehicles.

### **Previous Community Feedback**

ATD hosted a Listening Session on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to gather feedback from the community about concerns on Loyola Lane. The following is a summary of feedback received as well as feedback gathered from the Vision Zero Input Map<sup>1</sup>:

- Concern about speeding;
- Multiple crashes and instances of property damage over many years between Greensboro Drive and Bridgewater Drive;
- Concern about the current lack of bicycle facilities;
- A desire for safer pedestrian crossings, especially to the University Hills Library; and
- Faded and unclear markings at the Manor Road intersection.

### **Project Proposal**

Based on the feedback described above, this project proposes several improvements designed to address safety and connectivity for everyone, including:

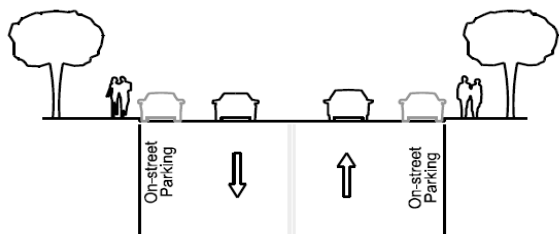
- Modifying markings at the intersection of Loyola Lane and Manor Road to decrease driver confusion;
- Modifying parking by generally prohibiting parking on one side of the street to allow for street space that can be used to improve conditions for people walking and bicycling along the street;
- Adding bicycle facilities; and
- Improving pedestrian crossings at requested locations.

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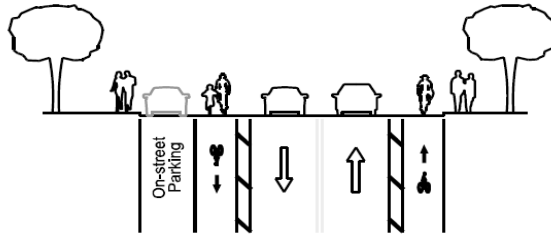
<sup>1</sup> Explore community feedback shared on the Vision Zero Input Map by visiting [www.austintexas.gov/visionzero](http://www.austintexas.gov/visionzero)

The proposed improvements have the potential to improve safety and mobility for all users of the street and encourage slower speeds. The existing cross section of the street is shown in Figure 1 and the proposed cross section of the street is shown in Figure 2. The locations of the proposed improved pedestrian crossings and proposed parking modifications are shown in Figure 3.

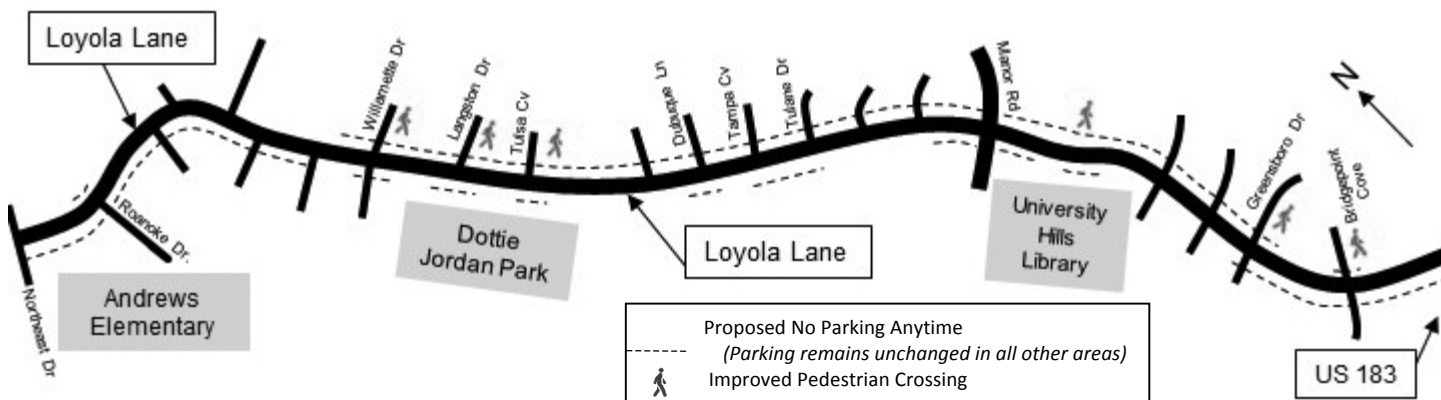
**Figure 1 – Typical Existing Cross Section for Loyola Lane - Northeast Drive to US 183**



**Figure 2 – Proposed Cross Section for Loyola Lane - Northeast Drive to US 183**



**Figure 3 - Loyola Lane - Northeast Drive to US 183 Project Area**



**How to Provide Input**

ATD is seeking feedback on current issues with Loyola Lane and the proposed improvements to address these issues from everyone who uses this street. You can obtain additional information about this mobility project and provide feedback at an open house:

**Project Open House**  
**Thursday, July 26, 2018**  
**6:00 to 7:00 PM (Drop in anytime!)**  
**YMCA of Austin East Communities – 5315 Ed Bluestein Blvd., Austin, TX 78723**

Feedback based on local experience often results in stronger project proposals and we welcome your input. If you cannot attend this open house and have questions or comments, please contact Ann DeSanctis (512) 974-7133 or [Ann.DeSanctis-contractor@austintexas.gov](mailto:Ann.DeSanctis-contractor@austintexas.gov).

Sincerely,

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The 2016 Mobility Bond dedicates \$20 million to bikeways and \$27.5 million to Safe Routes to School. Bikeways funded through the bond program have a transportation and mobility purpose. Safe Routes to School projects are focused on improving conditions for walking and bicycling to school. For more information about the 2016 Mobility Bond, visit [AustinTexas.gov/2016Bond](http://AustinTexas.gov/2016Bond).