



## Todd Lane Improvements Project

*from Ben White Boulevard to St. Elmo Road*  
(CIPID: 6755.002)

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is a Greenroad?

A: A “Greenroad” is a transportation project that is designed and constructed to a level of sustainability substantially higher than current common practice. Greenroads® provide environmental, economic and social benefits. Greenroads® projects efficiently use resources and renewable materials, help reduce emissions, manage waste, enable multimodal transportation, and are designed to be accessible by all. (Source: <http://www.greenroads.org>)

Q: What is significant about Todd Lane being certified as a Greenroad?

A: Todd Lane is one of only three corridors in southeast Austin that runs north and south. As part of the Austin Bicycle Master Plan, Cap Metro 2020 Service Plan and Southeast Combined Neighborhood Plan, Todd Lane provides a vibrant corridor that accommodates traffic needs while improving pedestrian and bicycling accessibility. The sustainability features included in this project such as the added roundabout, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, bio-filtration ponds and rain gardens make Todd Lane the first certified Greenroad in Austin.

Q: How do the sustainability features included in this project benefit Austin?

A: The addition of buffered bicycle lanes and sidewalks allow Austinites to safely access public transportation options, such as the four newly added bus stops, which create a more compact and connected Austin and help to reduce the carbon footprint. The addition of two bio-filtration ponds and seven rain gardens also allows us to sustainably manage our water resources and protect environmentally sensitive areas. Additionally, we helped minimize the amount of construction related waste that normally ends up in landfills.

Q: How does this project improve pedestrian and bicycle access?

A: This project provides both high quality sidewalk and bicycle lanes supported by green street infrastructure for the length of the project. The street is part of the planned All Ages and Abilities Bicycle Network and will feature buffered bicycle lanes that can later be upgraded to protected bicycle lanes. This project also includes a trail connection from Todd Lane to Burlleson Road, increasing connectivity for walking and bicycling, as well as safer access to bus routes.

More information about future bicycle network plans can be found in the [Austin Bicycle Master Plan](#).

Q: Does the City plan to build more certified Greenroads®?

A: The City of Austin will monitor the success of the Todd Lane improvements and will apply Greenroads® principles on selected future projects when applicable.

Q: Do Greenroads® cost more?

A: Greenroads® oftentimes cost less because they are more efficient and require less maintenance in the long run. The use of a modern roundabout, along with innovative water quality features, saved the City money and time in real estate acquisitions and will continue to save more money with less maintenance needed down the road.