

The City of Austin is evaluating Ross Road between State Highway 71 and Heine Farm Road to identify mobility and safety improvement recommendations included for the Preliminary Engineering Report. This is part of the 2016 Mobility Bond for substandard streets. The Ross Road Substandard Street Project will evaluate road conditions such as traffic, sidewalks, curbs and more to determine how to enhance mobility and safety for all road users.



Substandard streets are publicly owned roadways within the City of Austin’s jurisdiction that do not meet current requirements because they may have pavement widths that are less than 24 feet, and typically lack some curb, gutter, drainage, bicycle accommodations, and/or sidewalk infrastructure.

Currently, there are no design or construction funds allocated for Ross Road improvements. Community input about the roadway collected in spring 2018 is informing draft recommendations for the Preliminary Engineering Report. When these recommendations are developed, they will be shared with the public for another round of feedback. Preparing recommendations and having a plan ready will allow the City to move forward quickly if funding opportunities are identified.

### WE ASKED THE COMMUNITY TO GET INVOLVED

The Ross Road Substandard Street Project Team hosted a public open house March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to share information about the project and collect feedback from the community.

### WHAT WE HEARD

A survey was developed in English and Spanish to collect feedback from the community about what improvements to prioritize for Ross Road. **One-hundred and twelve survey participants provided feedback during the input period.** Themes identified in these responses are listed below:

#### **The top three options selected for improvements to Ross Road were:**

- Improving accessibility to and from neighborhoods (62 respondents)
- Creating a safe and more supportive environment for pedestrians (59 respondents)
- Creating a safe and more supportive environment for cycling (30 respondents)

Of the 112 respondents, 67 of them reported traveling along Ross Road seven days per week. Twenty-two respondents said they commute along Ross Road five days a week, and four others reported using the road less than five days a week.

More than fifty people attended the March open house. General comments were collected through written comment cards. When asked what improvements they'd like to see along Ross Road, the consensus was that safety was the primary concern. Some of the comment topics included:

- Widening Ross Road into a four-lane
- Considerations for new signals on some of the cross-streets
- Safety improvements to sidewalks, curbs
- Need for lighting/illumination
- Creating a safe and more supportive environment for pedestrians
- Improving drainage along the road

Mapped comments were also collected through the roll plots present at the public meeting. A total of 64 comments were collected on the roll plots with post-it notes or written directly on the map. The primary concerns of those who commented were about flooding, lighting, road widening, and improved sidewalks and bike lanes.

The majority of roll plot comments expressed an interest in the following:

- Widening Ross Road and surrounding streets
- Improving sidewalks and bike lanes for:
  - Greater ease of travel
  - Increased safety for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly around Del Valle Elementary

Many of the roads in this area do not have sidewalks on both sides of the street, if at all; nor are there adequate bike lanes. Other safety concerns included the need for improved lighting along Pearce Lane, Ross Road, and Paloma Blanca Way.

Another concern among attendees was whether proper drainage systems along Ross Road would be a priority as it is in the middle of a floodplain. Some people believe that Ross Road isn't an ideal location for major development since it is prone to flooding.

## SUMMARY – PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

### PROMOTION AND MATERIALS

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- Signage & Sign Placement
- Social Media Posts

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- Spanish Survey
- English Fact Sheet
- Spanish Fact Sheet

#### PHOTOS

#### PUBLIC INPUT

- Survey Results
- Mapped Comments

## Meeting Promotion

English Flyer

# ROSS ROAD SUBSTANDARD STREET PROJECT



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Join us for a public meeting to discuss the safety and mobility for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

6pm - 8pm

Del Valle Opportunity Center Cafeteria  
5301 Ross Rd, Del Valle, TX 78617



### WHAT IS A SUBSTANDARD STREET?

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The City of Austin is creating a preliminary engineering report for Ross Road as part of the 2016 Mobility Bond. Ross Road is part of the Local Mobility Program, which allocates \$11 million for preliminary engineering to meet the City's and community's goals for safer and better connected roadways. Public input is vital to improving Ross Road and improving the experience of those who walk, drive or cycle along it.

Travis County and the Texas Department of Transportation both have projects planned and funded for Ross Road. The City is coordinating with those efforts to maximize the benefit that can be delivered to the community. Your feedback will inform the projects and ensure a suite of projects that address the mobility and safety needs the community has.

There will be Spanish interpretation and refreshments at the meeting.

### Stay in touch!

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### Contact us:

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# ROSS ROAD PROYECTO DE CALLE DEFICIENTE



## ¡QUEREMOS ESCUCHAR DE TI!

Únase a nosotros para una reunión pública para analizar la seguridad y la movilidad de los conductores, ciclistas y peatones.

Martes, 20 de marzo de 2018

6pm - 8pm

Cafetería Del Valle Opportunity Center  
5301 Ross Rd, Del Valle, TX 78617



### ¿QUÉ ES UNA CALLE DEFICIENTE?

Una carretera de propiedad pública dentro de la jurisdicción de la Ciudad de Austin que no cumple con los requisitos actuales de la Ciudad de Austin porque puede tener anchos de pavimento de menos de 24 pies y, por lo general, carecen de cunetas, desagües, alojamientos para bicicletas e infraestructura de banquetas.

La Ciudad de Austin está creando un informe preliminar de ingeniería para Ross Road como parte del Bono de Movilidad 2016. Ross Road es parte de la Local Mobility Program, que asigna \$ 11 millones para ingeniería preliminar para cumplir con las metas de la ciudad y la comunidad para carreteras más seguras y mejor conectadas. El aporte del público es vital para mejorar Ross Road y mejorar la experiencia de quienes caminan, conducen o circulan en bicicleta.

Ross Road es único como un Proyecto de movilidad local porque tiene potencial para la financiación. ¡El camino está cerca de un vecindario en crecimiento que tiene las características de un centro futuro! Sus comentarios informarán el informe de ingeniería preliminar que la Ciudad utilizará una vez que los fondos estén disponibles.

Habrà interpretación en español y bocadillos en la reunión.

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Signage & Sign Placement



**ROSS ROAD PUBLIC MEETING  
TUESDAY MARCH 20TH  
6PM TO 8PM**

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5301 ROSS RD, UNIT B, DEL VALLE, TX 78617**



## Social Media Posts: Twitter



**ATX Transportation** @austinmobility · Mar 15

How would you improve Ross Road? Let us know at the Public Open House on March 20 at Del Valle Opportunity Center! We'll be there 6 - 8 along with a Spanish translator and refreshments.



**ATX Transportation** @austinmobility · Mar 16

¡QUEREMOS SUS COMENTARIOS!

Acompáñenos en una reunión de consulta pública para revisar la seguridad vial y la movilidad de los usuarios de total modo de transporte.

Translate Tweet

### Reunión pública de Ross Road

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Reminder: Join us tomorrow at Del Valle Opportunity Center to share feedback on potential mobility improvements for Ross Road. More info at [AustinTexas.gov/RossRoad](http://AustinTexas.gov/RossRoad).

**Ross Road Public Open House**

Join us anytime between **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**TUESDAY, MAR. 20** - *Del Valle Opportunity Center*  
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We need your input to identify **potential improvements!** Let us know what would make this roadway **safer** for you.

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TODAY: Provide input on changes you'd like to see along Ross Road. The Public Meeting goes from 6pm-8pm at Del Valle Opportunity Center. See you tonight!





Social Media: Twitter

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We're at the beautiful @DVISD\_OC for the Ross Road Mtg. Come on out between 6-8! Special thanks to @DelValleISD Superintendent, @TravisCountyTNR & @TxDOTAustin for participating! #2016Bond – at Del Valle Opportunity Center



TravisCountyTNR, TxDOT Austin and Del Valle ISD

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Great turnout tonight and still plenty of time! Headed to the @DelValleISD Board Meeting? Swing buy to see us after and tell us about your experiences on Ross Road (we're just down the hall!)



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## Social Media: Facebook

 **Austin Transportation Department, City of Austin** shared an event. ...  
March 15 · 🌐

The City invites users and residents of Ross Road to attend our first Public Meeting to begin drafting a Preliminary Engineering Report. We look forward to hearing your feedback on potential mobility improvements and how we can make Ross Road safer for all!

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## Social Media: Facebook

 **Austin Transportation Department, City of Austin** March 19 · 🌐

Reminder: stop by our Public Open House tomorrow to tell us what would make Ross Road safer for you. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a Spanish translator available.



Your input could shape the future of Ross Road! More info at [AustinTexas.gov/RossRoad](http://AustinTexas.gov/RossRoad).

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**Austin Transportation Department, City of Austin** Send Message

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 **Austin Transportation Department, City of Austin** March 20 · 🌐

**TONIGHT!** Join us anytime between 6-8 pm at Del Valle Opportunity Center to provide feedback regarding the Ross Road Substandard Street Improvement Project. We want to know how you'd improve Ross Road. See you there!



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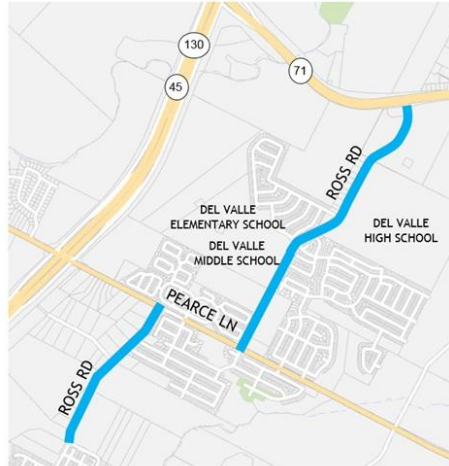
# Meeting Materials

## Exhibit Boards

### Ross Road Project Limits

The City of Austin is evaluating several roadways as part of the 2016 Mobility Bond Substandard Streets Program.

This project focuses on Ross Road between State Highway 71 and Heine Farm Road.



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### 2016 Mobility Bond

#### What is it?

In November 2016, Austin voters approved \$720 million in bonds for transportation and mobility improvements throughout the city.

#### Projects

Nine substandard streets have been identified, including Ross Road.

#### Outcome

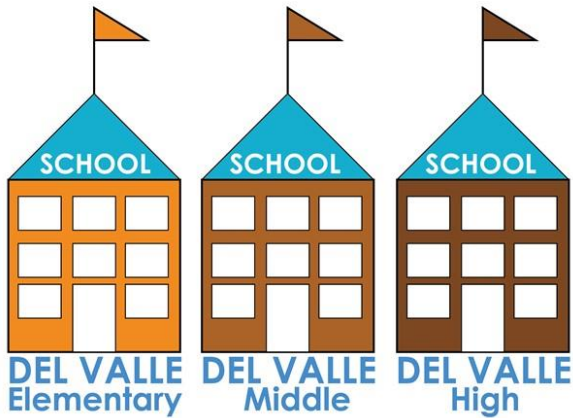
The outcome for this process is a Preliminary Engineering Report for Ross Road outlining recommended improvements for future funding opportunities.



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## School Zone Analyses



### What will we will look at?

- ✓ Safe Routes to School  
(in coordination with City of Austin program)
- ✓ Bus routes and stops
- ✓ Queuing analyses

The project limits include three  
Del Valle ISD Schools

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## Outreach Schedule

It's your community – get involved!



- Learn about the project
- 2016 Mobility Bond Overview
- Provide your input on existing conditions



- Discuss project recommendations
- Provide input
- Next steps – funding options, finalize PER

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# Evaluation Criteria

We will evaluate the roadway for multi-modal operations, safety, signage, and aesthetics.

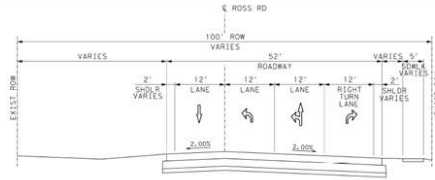
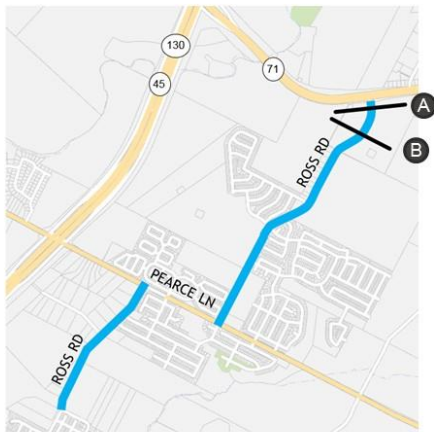
This represents the "toolbox" of options we consider for each project. We will prioritize the improvements that best fit Ross Road.

 Aesthetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planted Median</li> <li>Lighting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streetscape/Traffic Calming</li> </ul>
 Bike Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pavement Marking</li> <li>Shared Bicycle Facilities</li> <li>Cycle Tracks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boulevards</li> </ul>
 Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intersection Reconfiguration</li> <li>Bulbouts (Bus or Pedestrian)</li> <li>ADA Ramp Placement</li> <li>Channelized turns</li> <li>Medians</li> <li>Raised Curbs</li> <li>Roundabouts</li> <li>Wayfinding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guardrails/Retaining Walls</li> <li>Driveway Access Control</li> <li>Median Refuge Areas</li> <li>Raised Cycle Tracks</li> <li>Raised Bicycle Crossings</li> <li>Stormwater Management</li> </ul>
 Operational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connecting Streets</li> <li>Signage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turn Prohibitions</li> <li>Signal Phasing</li> </ul>
 Pedestrian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuous Sidewalk</li> <li>Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activated Crosswalk</li> </ul>
 Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Horizontal Sight Distance</li> <li>Vertical Curves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety Considerations</li> <li>Capacity Considerations</li> <li>Grade Considerations for Pedestrians &amp; Cyclists</li> </ul>
 Signalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signal Timing</li> <li>Signal Optimization</li> <li>Adjust Signal Phasing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pedestrians Signals</li> <li>Leading Pedestrians Interval</li> </ul>

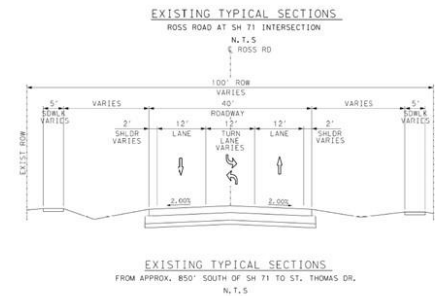
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# Existing Cross-Sections



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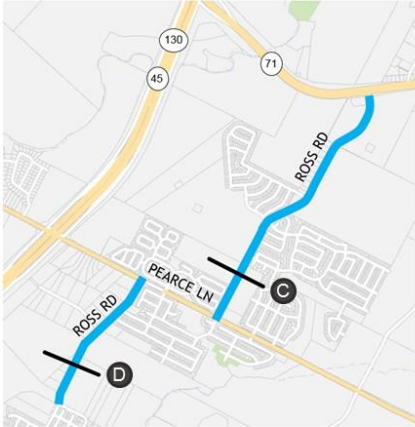
Cross Section B

Existing Roadway Classification: 2-lane Minor Arterial  
 Posted Speed: 40 mph  
 How fast people are really going: 41-45 mph (85th percentile)

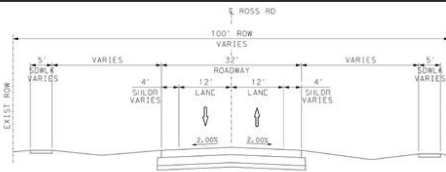
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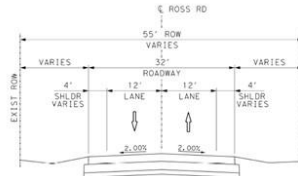


Existing Roadway Classification: 2-lane Minor Arterial  
 Posted Speed: 40 mph  
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Cross Section C

EXISTING TYPICAL SECTIONS  
 FROM ST. THOMAS DR. TO PEARCE LANE  
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Cross Section D

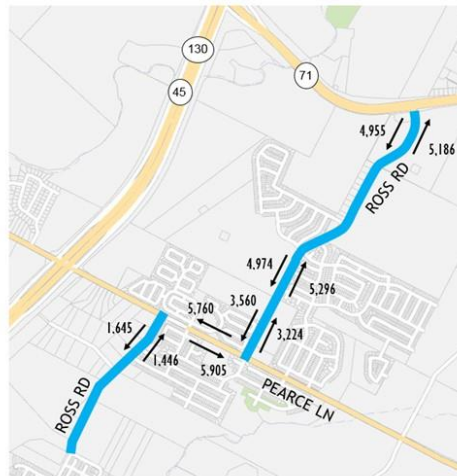
EXISTING TYPICAL SECTIONS  
 FROM PEARCE LANE TO HEINE FARM RD.  
 N.T.S.

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# Existing Traffic Volumes

Average Daily Traffic (ADT)



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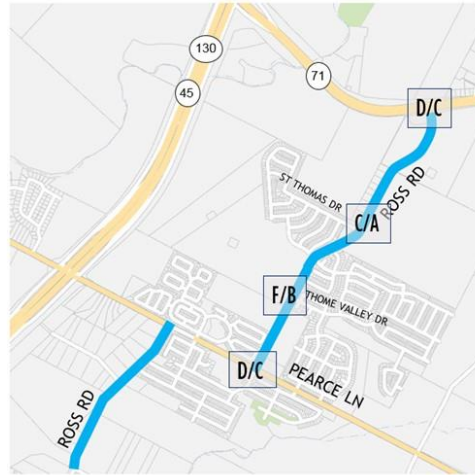


# Existing Conditions: Traffic Operations

AM/PM Peak Hour LOS

Level of Service (LOS)	Control Delay Per Vehicle (seconds)
	Signalized Intersection
A	≤ 10
B	>10 and ≤20
C	>20 and ≤35
D	>35 and ≤55
E	>55 and ≤80
F	> 80

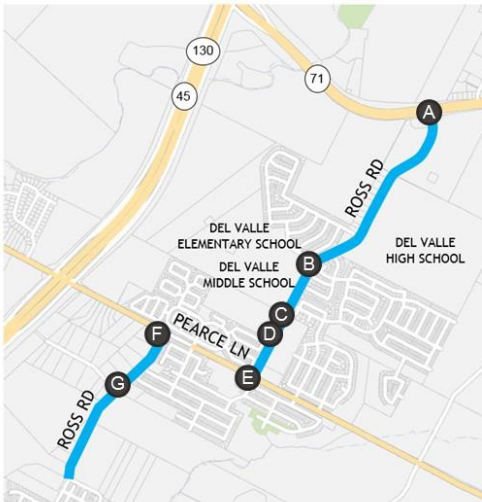
The City of Austin considers LOS D or better acceptable for roads outside of the urban core.



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# Existing Conditions: Crash Analysis



ID	Intersection	Crashes 2012-2016		
		Injury	Property Damage Only	Total
A	SH 71	0	1	1
B	Fort Lexington	8	2	10
C	Thome Valley Drive	2	1	3
D	Del Valle MS	1	1	3*
E	Pearce Lane (East)	10	3	13
F	Pearce Lane (West)	5	1	6
G	Paloma Blanca Way	0	1	1

\* Severity unknown for one crash.

There were no crashes with fatalities between 2012 and 2016 on the Ross Road roadway.

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# Next Steps

November 2017 – Start of Preliminary Engineering effort

December 2017 – Field Data Collection

March – Public Meeting #1

Summer 2018 – Development of alternatives based on existing conditions and community feedback

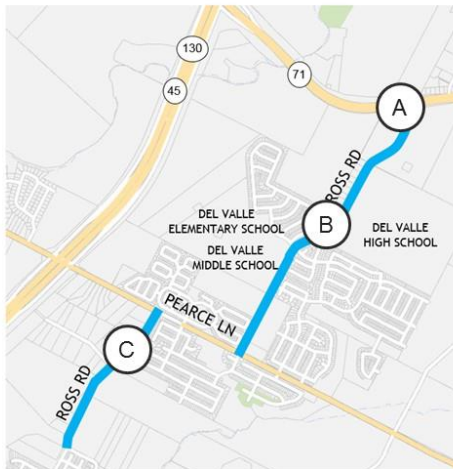
Fall 2018 – Public Meeting #2

Late Fall 2018 – Final Report

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# Other Funded Development Activity



Project ID	Agency	Improvement	Start of Construction	End of Construction	Next Steps
A	TxDOT	Two new SH 71 overpass bridges over Ross Rd, Kellam Rd	Fall 2019	Summer 2021	Spring 2019 - Project Design Completion
B	Travis County	Auxiliary Turn Lane Into High School	Summer 2018	Fall 2018	Construction Starts Summer 2018
C	Travis County	Conversion to 4-lane divided (Pearce Lane to Heine Farm Rd)	2020	2021	Design Starts 2019

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Comment Cards

## ROSS ROAD SUBSTANDARD STREET PROJECT

### COMMENTS

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## ROSS ROAD PROYECTO DE CALLE DEFICIENTE

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# ROSS ROAD SUBSTANDARD STREET PROJECT

The City of Austin is planning for improvements to Ross Road. The project is part of the City's Local Mobility Program, which includes \$11 million for substandard street/capital renewal projects.

The input you provide will help shape recommended improvements along Ross Road. Once recommendations are drafted, we will come back to the community for your feedback on recommendations before they are finalized.

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**1. How do you use Ross Road (circle all that apply)?**

- I work along the road
- I live along the road
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- My children or I go to school along the road
- I commute along the road

**2. What mode of transportation do you use along Ross Road (circle all that apply)?**

- Drive a personal vehicle
- Bicycle
- Carpool
- Ride-share
- Walk
- Other

Additional comments here

**3. How many days per week do you travel along Ross Road?**

- Less than once a week
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

Additional comments here

**The study will include several ideas for improvements to Ross Road, some of which are listed below. Please circle three options that are the most important to you.**

- Creating a safe and more supportive environment for cycling
- Creating a safe and more supportive environment for pedestrians
- Increasing access for business
- Improving drainage issues along the road
- Improving accessibility to and from the neighborhoods

Additional comments here

**Would you like to receive updates on the Ross Road project?**

Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

## ROSS ROAD PROYECTO DE CALLE DEFICIENTE

La Ciudad de Austin está planeando mejoras para Ross Road. El proyecto es parte del Programa de movilidad local de la ciudad, que incluye \$ 11 millones para proyectos de renovación de calles y capitales deficientes.

La información que proporcione ayudará a dar forma a las mejoras recomendadas a lo largo de Ross Road. Una vez que se redacten las recomendaciones, volveremos a la comunidad para recibir sus comentarios sobre las recomendaciones antes de que se finalicen.

1. **Primeramente ¿En qué manera le sirve a usted la calle Ross Road? (circule todos los que apliquen en su caso)**

- Mi empleo está ubicado en o por esa calle
- Yo vivo en o por esa calle
- Mi recorrido a trabajar, etc. es a lo largo de esa calle
- El recorrido a la escuela de mis hijos o de la mía es por esa calle
- Otro (favor de darnos detalles) cuadro de comentarios

2. **¿Cómo transita usted a lo largo de Ross Road (circule todas las que apliquen en su caso)**

- Conduzco vehículo personal
- En vehículo compartido con otras personas /carpool
- Caminando
- En bicicleta
- Comparto el viaje/Rideshare
- Otro

Comentarios adicionales aquí

3. **¿Cuántos días por semana viaja usted por Ross Road?**

- Menos de una vez por semana    1    2    3    4    5    6    7

Comentarios adicionales aquí

**El estudio incluirá varias ideas para mejoras a Ross Road, y algunas de ellas están apuntadas abajo. Por favor circule tres opciones que le importen más a usted.**

- Crear un ambiente más seguro y que más apoye el ciclismo
- Crear un ambiente más seguro y que más apoye a los peatones
- Crear más y mejor acceso a los comercios
- Mejorar la situación del drenaje a lo largo de Ross Road
- Mejorar la accesibilidad para entrar y salir de los vecindarios

Comentarios adicionales aquí

**¿Le gustaría recibir actualizaciones tocantes el Proyecto de Ross Road?**

Corre electrónico \_\_\_\_\_  
Nombre \_\_\_\_\_

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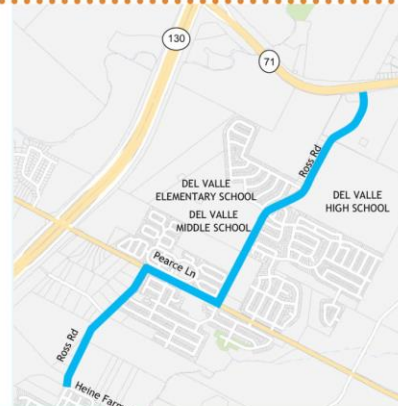
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## What's Next?

There are multiple opportunities to provide input, and your feedback will be used to inform the development of mobility and safety recommendations for Ross Road. We will continue to meet with stakeholders and collect input via our website at [AustinTexas.gov/RossRoad](http://AustinTexas.gov/RossRoad). In summer 2018, we will come back to the community and ask for input on draft recommendations for improvements for Ross Road.

## How can I get involved and stay informed?

Visit [AustinTexas.gov/RossRoad](http://AustinTexas.gov/RossRoad) to share your experiences using Ross Road by filling out an online survey. Sign up to receive updates on the Ross Road Project.

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## ROSS ROAD PROYECTO DE CALLE DEFICIENTE

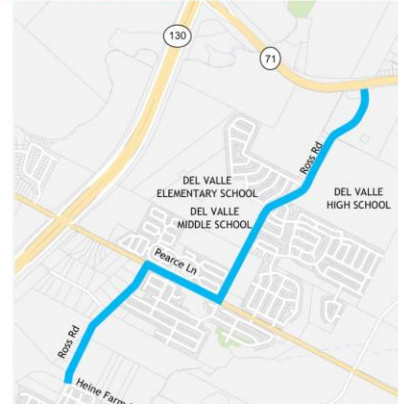


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La Ciudad de Austin está evaluando Ross Road como parte del Bono de Movilidad 2016 para calles deficientes. Este proyecto evaluará las condiciones de la carretera, como el tráfico, las aceras, los bordillos y más, para mejorar la movilidad y la seguridad de todos los usuarios de la carretera. El proyecto Ross Road está evaluando la sección de Ross Road entre SH 71 y Heine Farms Road. El proyecto es parte del Programa de movilidad local de la ciudad, que incluye \$ 11 millones para proyectos de renovación de calles y capitales deficientes. No hay fondos de diseño o construcción asignados para mejoras, pero tener un plan listo permite que la Ciudad avance rápidamente si se identifican los fondos.

Tanto el Condado de Travis como el Departamento de Transporte de Texas tienen proyectos planificados y financiados en Ross Road. La Ciudad se está coordinando con esos esfuerzos para maximizar el beneficio que se puede entregar a la comunidad. Sus comentarios informarán el esfuerzo de planificación y garantizarán una serie de proyectos que aborden las necesidades de movilidad y seguridad de la comunidad.



### ¿QUÉ ES UNA CALLE DEFICIENTE?

Una carretera de propiedad pública dentro de la jurisdicción de la Ciudad de Austin que no cumple con los requisitos actuales de la Ciudad de Austin porque puede tener anchos de pavimento de menos de 24 pies y, por lo general, carecen de cunetas, desagües, alojamientos para bicicletas e infraestructura de banquetas.

### ¿Que Sigue?

Existen múltiples oportunidades para proporcionar información, y sus comentarios se utilizarán para informar el desarrollo de recomendaciones de movilidad y seguridad para Ross Road. Seguiremos reuniéndonos con las partes interesadas y recabando su opinión a través de nuestro sitio web en [AustinTexas.gov/RossRoad](http://AustinTexas.gov/RossRoad). En el verano de 2018, regresaremos a la comunidad y pediremos comentarios sobre el borrador de recomendaciones para mejorar Ross Road.

### ¿Cómo puedo participar y seguir informado?

Visite [AustinTexas.gov/RossRoad](http://AustinTexas.gov/RossRoad) para compartir sus experiencias utilizando Ross Road llenando una encuesta en línea. Regístrese para recibir actualizaciones sobre el Proyecto Ross Road.

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# Photos



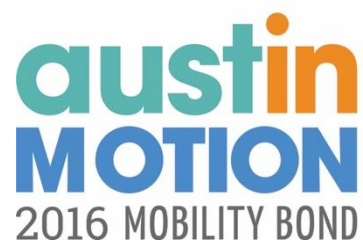
## ROSS ROAD

## SURVEY REPORT

112 participants took the survey at the public meeting or through a link on the project website [www.AustinTexas.gov/RossRoad](http://www.AustinTexas.gov/RossRoad)

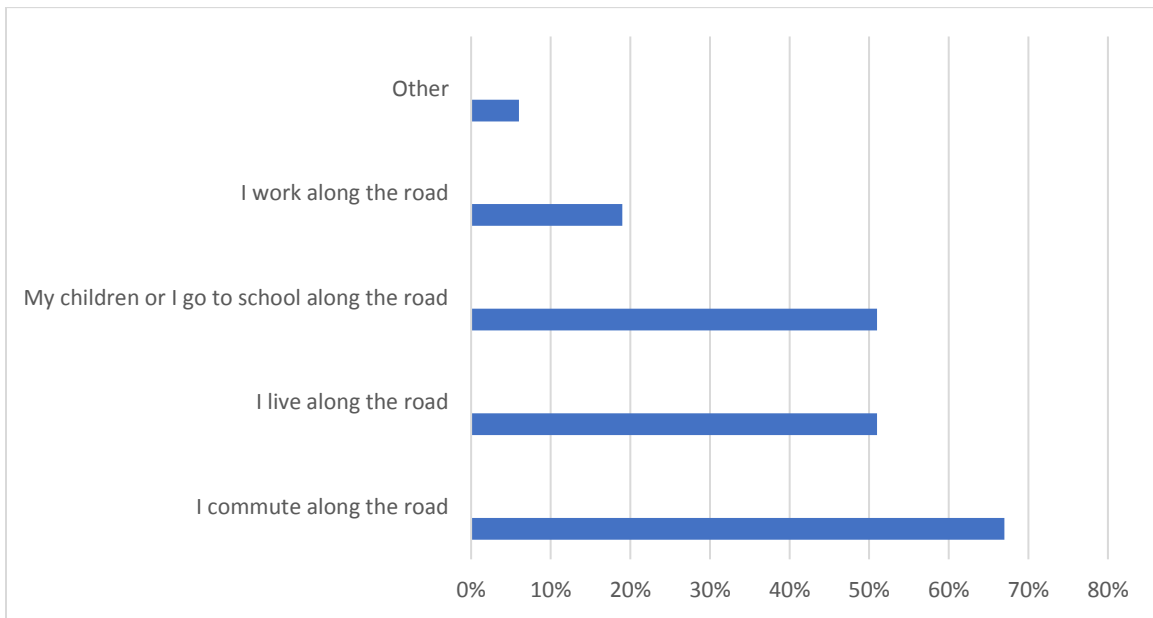
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**Q1. How do you use Ross Road (select all that apply)?**  
*(Answered: 88)*



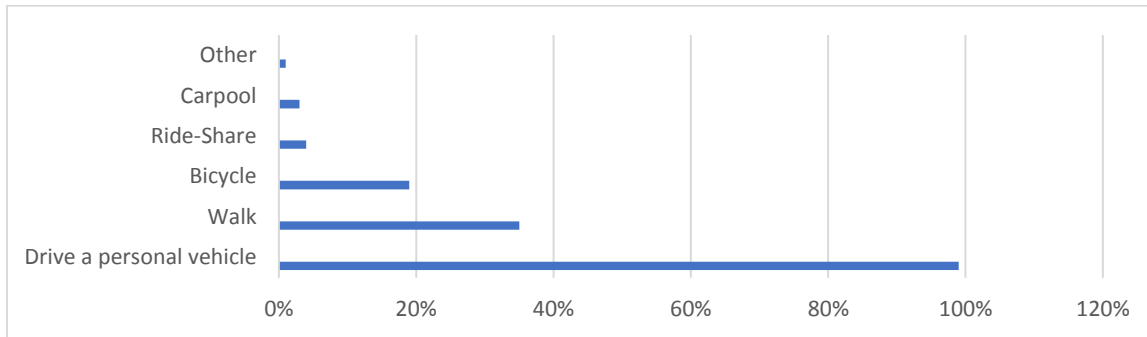
Answer Choices (select all that apply)	RESPONSES	
I commute along the road	67%	59
I live along the road	51%	45
My children or I go to school along the road	51%	45
I work along the road	19%	17
Other	6%	5

Full Responses	Date
Ross road needs to be a four lane road so that students could be dropped off at school related facilities without interfering with the flow of traffic. There should be sidewalks and, if possible and safe, bike lanes.	3/23/2018
Not only do there need to be turn lanes to help at the intersection of Pearce and Ross and into DVMS, but there also needs to be lights starting at Del Valle Elementary and go to Pearce Lane and then all the way to the mobile community. Students should not be walking in the dark to and from school.	3/23/2018
Needs side walks asap, it's not safe for the kids that have to walk on the tall grass.	3/27/2018
Every comment here is valid-Pearce and Ross is a nightmare, three schools and several housing communities on a two lane road is a nightmare, busses pulling into DVE regularly have to hop the curb over a tall drainage ditch just to make the turn!	3/28/2018

Full Responses	Date
For the part of Ross that goes by the schools I agree it needs to be at least 3 lanes. For the part of Ross that goes from Pearce to Heine Farm there needs to be a sidewalk or shoulder. Many people walk or bike along that road and it is very dangerous. A traffic light st Ross and Pearce would be helpful as well.	3/28/2018
Traffic during peak periods especially when the Elementary, Middle, and High schools are in season is absolutely a commuters nightmare. School children parents, School buses and regular commuters are all attempting to use the same 2 lane substandard pavement cross section of roadway and then you throw in the pedestrians and it really becomes a situation that needs to be addressed as soon as practicable. I am recommending a 5 lane cross section that will accommodate two lanes in each direction with a continuous left turn lane down the middle to facilitate the free flow of through traffin inspite of the adjacent and uses that snarl up this corridor. Should we ever have the need to evacuate the area in an emergency this current roadway will definitely brwakdown to level of service F in a quick minute!	3/28/2018
This street needs sidewalks and lighting on both sides from 71 to Elroy Rd. It is unsafe that these children have to walk in the street to get where they need to with having to only take Ross Rd. to get there. Thank you	3/28/2018
Agree with the rest, needs 4 lanes for schools and new apartments scheduled	3/28/2018
Definitely need 4 lanes, turning lanes, street lights and side walks on both side of the road All for safety	3/29/2018
Specified turning lanes into the schools, with solid white lines to discourage cutting in. Bike lanes, and a Center turn lane for the left turns into the subdivision. Through traffic should be able to flow without interruption. The Kids need to have an overhead walkway to keep them from crossing in front of traffic. There is a Sonic being built, as well as the existing food store.	3/29/2018
Needs to be widened with center turn lanes so school traffic doesn't stop the flow. There needs to be a turn right onto Pearce lane light as well.	3/29/2018
Ross road needs to be widened.	3/29/2018
Road is too narrow for the traffic into the communities around the High School, Middle School, Elementary School, Wellness Clinic, the Dollar General, the convenience stores and the 4 surrounding neighborhoods. Also there is a continued need for public transportation since 2000 that has been minimally addressed by a feeder route. I am from San Antonio, and Via makes it possible to catch a bus every 5-10 blocks. Capitol Metro is every 10-20 miles for outlining areas.	

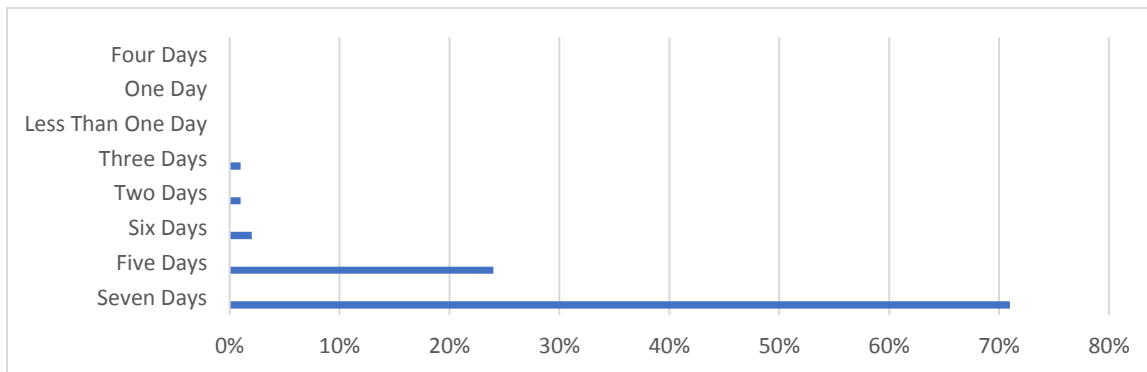
Full Responses	Date
<p>Ross road needs to be widened to 4 lanes with a turn lane so that those that are dropping kids off at school can do so easier and faster. The flow of traffic is terrible in the mornings and when school lets out. I've sat thru 5 and sometimes 6 lights prior to getting past the main entrance of Berdoll in front of the elementary school. We are also in desperate need of sidewalks on both sides of the street so children can safely get to school. If there is a new apartment complex, Oak Ranch expansion, plus another trailer park on the other side of Los Cielos coming in then traffic is going to be a nightmare – worse than it already is.</p>	3/29/2018
<p>Side walks on Ross road on the side of Los Cielos is much needed. It's very dangerous to walk there and it's so dark. Cars cannot see a pedestrian until they're extremely close to them. Most of these pedestrians are kids walking back home from school that live at Vista at stoney.</p>	3/29/2018
<p>There needs to be more lanes to this road for the entire road from Pearce Lane to Hwy 71.</p>	3/29/2018
<p>Traffic has increased substantially and Ross Road needs to be widened throughout the area because more and more houses are being planned and built which will continue to increase traffic.</p>	3/29/2018
<p>There needs to be at least a turn lane for both Ross Road that intersects with 71 and Ross Road that intersects with Elroy. Also, traffic gets backed up on Pearce and the Ross Road that leads to Elroy and people turning left on Pearce to Ross Road; a traffic light should be considered</p>	3/29/2018
<p>Turn lanes are needed on Ross road that leads towards 71 and towards Elroy. Also a light is needed at pierce and Ross road (the one heading towards Elroy) because traffic is horrible if you are trying to turn</p>	3/29/2018
<p>Road needs to be widened especially with businesses opening and Ross needs a school crossing speed safe zone near the High School as kids are always crossing this road. We also need more lighting</p>	3/29/2018
<p>Ross Road needs to be widen or there needs to be a green arrow at the light by the elementary school because it is very hard to turn onto Thome Valley.</p>	3/29/2018
<p>With all the new developments that have take place in the past years why haven't developers been pushed to help fund public roads? If I'm not mistaken Ross Rd being 2 lanes was supposed to be temporary...20 plus yrs ago</p>	3/29/2018
<p>We have tons of distracted drivers- need a curb and some distance between car lanes and bike lanes. Need more pedestrian crossings at Pearce/Ross. Many people walk to the stores on the NE corner do not have a designated pathway from the los Cielos sub or Oaks Ranch club.</p>	3/29/2018

Q2. What mode of transportation do you use along Ross Road (select all that apply)?  
 (Answered: 69)



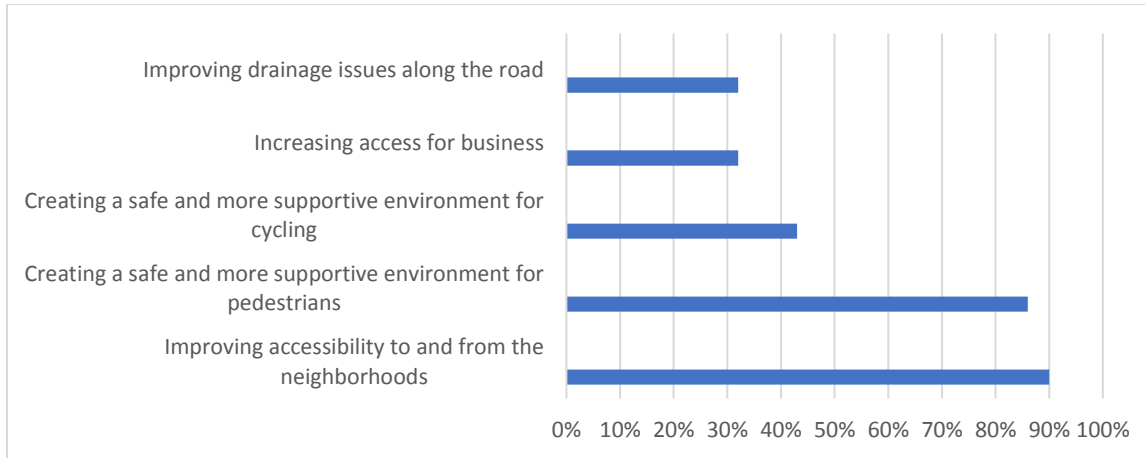
Answer Choices (select all that apply)	RESPONSES	
Drive a personal vehicle	99%	68
Walk	35%	24
Bicycle	19%	13
Ride-Share	4%	3
Carpool	3%	2
Other	1%	1

Q3. How many days per week do you travel along Ross Road?  
 (Answered: 91)



Answer Choices (select all that apply)	RESPONSES	
Seven	71%	65
Five	24%	22
Six	2%	2
Two	1%	1
Three	1%	1
Less than one day per week	0%	0
One	0%	0
Four	0%	0

Q4. The study will include several ideas for improvements to Ross Road, some of which are listed below. Please select *three options* that are the most important to you.  
(Answered: 69)



Answer Choices (select all that apply)	RESPONSES	
Improving accessibility to and from the neighborhoods	90%	62
Creating a safe and more supportive environment for pedestrians	86%	59
Creating a save and more supportive environment for cycling	43%	30
Increasing access for business	32%	2
Improving drainage issues along the road	32%	22

Full Responses	Date
Capital Metro buses should only be allowed on Ross Road and Pearce. There should be bus stops with indentures to allow stops without interfering with the flow of traffic along both Ross Road and Pearce Lane.	3/23/2018
I would like to see the bus route extended so that it can be used later in the evenings & on weekends. I love the new stops that are located within the neighborhood & hope more are added.	3/23/2018
Turn Lane's needed for vehicles entering schools.	3/27/2018
Please don't add bike lanes, especially if all you end up doing is narrowing the driving lanes.	3/28/2018
More people, more roads, more children, need more safety.	3/28/2018
Street lights for pedestrian safety please. A safe shoulder for disabled cars to pull into. Bi lingual signs-may folks speak/read Spanish and do not know much English. More signage it is crazy how many folks don't seem to the current turn lane in front of high school to the dollar general. Currently. Serris park in center lane to deliver goods to gas/store across from high school is dangerous. (Might want to walk once more business build here—would make more sense than driving.	3/28/2018

Full Responses	Date
People speed on Ross and cut thru Berdoll neighborhood to avoid traffic on school days.	3/28/2018
We need a recreation center for our kids.	3/28/2018
4 lane Road is a must.	3/29/2018
Running is a hard an uneven sidewalks. Not lit enough. Not safe	3/29/2018
Safety through out the entire road. Sidewalks and adequate lighting are needed especially toward schools.	3/29/2018

Q5. Please share additional comments here.

*(Answered: 12)*

Full Responses	Date
There should not be any additional development along Ross Rd and Pearce lane prior to infrastructure being upgraded to allow for added traffic, people and children's safety. It seems that we are planning on building an apartment complex, adding multiple new modular/mobile homes for Oak Ranch and then the new Cactus Rose trailer park – all with no added places to eat, things to do, and above all else no grocery store. There is only 1 bus running Monday thru Friday and no public transportation on the weekends – what are the new residents supposed to do? I've been in Del Valle for 5 ½ years and other than a convenience store and some shops that sell trinkets, I've not seen anything come in that will benefit a larger number of residents. We need businesses that require workers and roads that will be sufficient to let those workers get from Point A to Point B in a timely manner. We don't have either and yet we still wait for conveniences that should be in place prior to us getting an influx of people.	3/29/2018
We need to have crosswalks from the high school to the gas station and the middle school to the gas station, similar to the cross walks by Reagan High School, so students aren't running across the street and getting hit by cars.	3/29/2018
There should not be any additional development along the Pearce and Ross intersections until there is improvements to the toads and lighting in place for safety.	3/29/2018
Del Valle needs change and Ross Road is not up to par to the changes that developers want to make. It is already a two-lane road and chaotic when people are picking their kids up from the two different schools on Ross Road. So I welcome change and new developments in Del Valle but first we need to build smart and prepare by upgrading Ross Road to accommodate these changes.	3/29/2018
Pearce absolutely needs this too, look at traffic patterns on Pearce lane headed towards the Ross intersection in the early AM. With the bus stops placed where they are often I becomes impossible to turn out the communities nearby.	3/29/2018

Full Responses	Date
Ross Rd needs to be four lanes with turn lanes t each school, business & residential entrance. There needs to be sidewalks the entire length from Hwy 71 to Pearce on both sides. There needs to be bike lanes added if possible.	3/29/2018
Widening with middle turn lane would fix some of the issues.	3/29/2018
Morning commute and picking up children from school is especially congested, 4 lanes would ease congestion on Ross Road speed bumps along Gilwell Drive, would also promote safety for children riding their bikes or for those crossing the street, as many individuals speed through this street on a daily basis.	3/29/2018
I know this only concerning Ross road, but Pearce also needs to be looking for further development and widening. Pathways with lights from 973 to Wolf lane need to be considered as well as widening to 4 lanes to accommodate for future development and growth in the area prior to that growth happening.	3/29/2018
I work downtown but we use the road frequently	3/29/2018
We use it daily	3/29/2018
However I would like more business along Ross Road and that to be considered as well	3/29/2018

Ross Road

Mapped Comments





No. of Comments	Approximate Location	Comment	Type
1	Near Ross Rd and Heine Farm Rd intersection	Where will flood water go?	Post-it
2	Sidewalk from Henie Farm Rd to Pearce Lane	High School Student walks to school on Ross Road	Post-it
2	Ross Rd	Ross Road is dangerous for pedestrians	Post-it
2	Ross Rd	Bike lane from Heine Farm Road to Pearce Lane	Post-it
4	Ross Rd toward Henie Farm Rd	Flooding area! Not good to build?!	Post-it Sticker
1	Ross Rd near Henie Farm Rd	Mobile Home Developer has submitted application to break ground here.	Post-it
1	Ross Rd	Sidewalks and lights on Ross Rd	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Foley Dr	Ross Road is an access to COTA	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Foley Dr	This is NOT the part of Ross Road that needs to be expanded to 4 lanes.	Post-it
2	Ross Rd near Paloma Blanca Way	Flood Plain issue	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Paloma Blanca Way	Don't light the sidewalks with the bad lights! Like north of Bergstrom Hwy71	Post-it
2	Ross Rd near Sky Harbor Dr	Will the road run up against my windows?	Post-it Sticker
1	Ross Rd near Sky Harbor Dr	If widened? How wide?	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Pearce Lane	Sidewalks both sides	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Pearce Lane	Proper drainage along Ross Rd	Post-it
1	Ross Rd and Pearce Lane	Add left turn lane from Ross to Pearce	Post-it
1	Pearce Lane	Traffic Lights??	Post-it
1	Pearce Lane	APD Fire Station Roads (widen)	Post-it
2	Pearce Lane	Stop light on Ross/Elroy	Post-it Sticker

No. of Comments	Approximate Location	Comment	Type
1	Pearce Lane	Wider road 4 lanes and bike lane	Post-it
1	Ross Rd Pearce Lane Intersection	Light at Pearce Ln and Ross Two Lane Road	Post-it
1	Pearce Lane and Las Alas Trail	Sidewalks on both sides	Post-it
1	Pearce Lane towards Los Cielos Blvd	Pearce Lane needs to be expanded to 4 lanes at this area	Post-it
1	Pearce Lane towards Los Cielos Blvd	4 lanes continuous sidewalks	Post-it
1	Pearce Lane near Arcadia Cir	Lights from Ross/Pearce to mobile community	Post-it
2	Pearce Lane and Los Cielos Blvd intersection	Sidewalks here	Post-it Sticker
1	Pearce Lane and Los Cielos Blvd intersection	Turn Lanes at Pearce Ln and Ross Rd	Post-it
1	Pearce Lane and Los Cielos Blvd intersection	Pedestrian crossing on north side of Pearce at Ross currently have to go south first	Post-it
1	Pearce Lane towards Los Cielos	Left turning lane into Cielos	Post-it
1	Pearce Lane towards Los Cielos	1 person got ran over and died here	Post-it
1	Pearce Lane near Alomar Cove	Turn lane from Ross to Kellam and traffic light	Post-it
1	Pearce Lane near Los Cielos Blvd	Pedestrian crossing from NW corner to NE corner Ross and Pearce	Post-it
1	Spiers Way	If you open up this street, please consider PHB to Middle School	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Texaco	Flashing pedestrian crossing here	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Del Valle Middle School	Not regular shopping center but a big crossway store like HEB, Wal Mart	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Del Valle Middle School	Sidewalk needed here	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Del Valle Middle School	Bumps along Ross Rd between lights traffic	Post-it
2	Del Valle Middle School entrance	4 way lane must!	Post-it Sticker

No. of Comments	Approximate Location	Comment	Type
1	Del Valle Middle School entrance	5 Lane Cross Section, 2 Thru Lanes each direction with continuous left turn	Post-it
1	Del Valle Middle School entrance	Left turn lane into middle school	Post-it
1	Del Valle Middle School entrance	Bike lanes and improved sidewalks	Post-it
1	Ross Rd towards Del Valle Middle School	Lights to go from DVE to Pearce Lane	Post-it
1	Ross Rd towards Del Valle Middle School	Continuous sidewalk on this side & apartments built	Post-it
1	Ross Rd towards Del Valle Middle School	4 lanes/turning lanes 2 bike lanes Lights** From Pearce to Ben White	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Tessa Cove	Light at Ross Rd Thome Valley Better Intersection Crossing	Post-it
3	Ross Rd near Tessa Cove	A roundabout	Post-it Sticker
1	Ross Rd near Tessa Cove	Left turn lane into elementary school	Post-it
1	Ross Rd towards Tessa Cove	At least: Center turn lane along entire section of Ross from 71 to Pearce	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Gilwell Dr	Full time bus route	Post-it
1	Gilwell Dr	Will Gilwell connect to Kellam to access to proposed housing development?	Post-it
1	Gilwell Dr	Speed bumps along Gilwell	Post-it
1	Gilwell Dr	Sidewalk on this side Ross & Gilwell Drive	Post-it
5	Ross Rd and Gilwell intersection	Light Beacon	Post-it Sticker
2	Ross Rd and Gilwell intersection	This is the part of Ross Road that needs to be expanded to 4 lanes.	Post-it Sticker
2	Ross Rd Near St Thomas Dr	This are floods need better drainage. It should DVISD Retention Pond.	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Del Valle High School	Sonic will build here Flashing pedestrian crosswalk	Post-it
3	Ross Rd Del Valle High School	Light Beacon Leave on every night!	Post-it Sticker

No. of Comments	Approximate Location	Comment	Type
1	Ross Rd near Del Valle High School	Due to proximity of the 3 schools in the neighborhood, lots of people require the kids to walk/bike, for this a safer roads, sidewalks, bike roads are required with more emphasis	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Del Valle High School	Safety: - Will require more street lights (lots) - Enhancement of this venues for riders or/and pedestrians - Signs	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Dollar General	Bike Control Signals at intersections. All pavement loops.	Post-it
1	Ross Rd near Dollar General	Sidewalks/Bike side too	Post-it
1	Ross Rd towards 71	Plants and Landscape: Use native and drought tolerant. Not pretty plants that need lots of water to die next year.	Post-it
1	Ross Rd towards 71	Motion-activated sidewalk lights Not what happened on 71 @ airport	Post-it
1	Ross Rd towards 71	lights	Post-it
3	Ross Rd towards 71	Sidewalk lights	Post-it Sticker