



Austin Transportation Department

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To Stakeholder, Property Owner, or Resident:

The Austin Transportation Department (ATD) is proposing changes to the existing bicycle lane on Great Northern Boulevard from Foster Lane to Hunt Trail based on recent public input. You are receiving this notification because you live on and/or own property adjacent to Great Northern Boulevard in Austin, Texas or are otherwise registered as a stakeholder in the area.

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

Recent public input has raised concerns with conflicts between people walking and bicycling in the pathway along Great Northern Boulevard. There has also been confusion about whether people are allowed to walk in the pathway, which is resulting in inconsistent user behavior. The proposed changes are intended to improve safety and mobility for all road users while also clarifying expectations. The proposal clarifies that people are encouraged to and legally able to walk as well as bicycle in the pathway while also encouraging groups of faster moving cyclists to use the motor vehicle lanes.

Typical proposed improvements along Great Northern Boulevard will retain the existing two-way pathway on the west side of the street and two vehicle travel lanes. Pedestrian markings will be added to the pathway in addition to the existing bicycle markings, and shared lane use markings will be added to the vehicle travel lanes as shown in Figure 1. Delineator posts will be used as a physical barrier between the vehicle travel lanes and the shared use path to increase the comfort and safety for pathway users and discourage high speed bicycle use. Warning signs will also be added to the path displaying a 10 MPH speed limit.

Figure 1 – Typical Cross Sections for Great Northern Boulevard

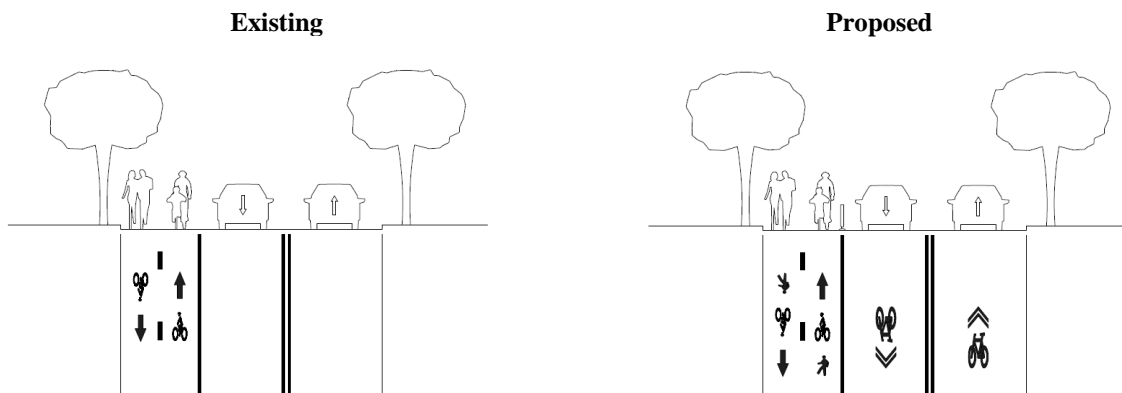
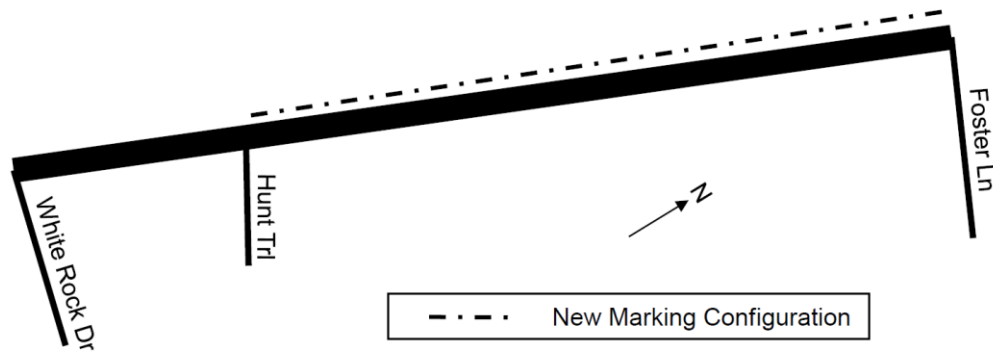


Figure 2 – Great Northern Boulevard Project Area



A rendering of the proposed markings and delineator posts is shown below in Figure 3a and 3b. Protected comfort, safety, and predictability for all users of the street.

Figure 3a – Existing conditions on Great Northern Boulevard, Austin TX



Figure 3b – Proposed marking additions to Great Northern Boulevard, Austin TX



In order to ensure the most appropriate allocation of street space, ATD is seeking feedback from local residents and other users of this street prior to determining final plans. You can obtain additional information about this mobility project and provide feedback at an open house on **Wednesday, June 29th, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the North Village Library, 2505 Steck Ave, Austin, TX 78757**. Feedback based on local experience frequently results in improvements to initial project proposals. If necessary, modifications to this proposal can be made after input is received at the open house.

If you cannot attend this open house and have questions or comments, please contact Jesse Duncan at 974-7824 or Jesse.Duncan@austintexas.gov.

Sincerely,

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