VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

COLONY LOOP DRIVE
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AGENDA

• Project Team Introduction
• Project History and Overview
• Community Involvement
• Safety & Connectivity Goals
• Proposed Improvements
• Questions
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COLONY PARK MASTER PLAN

2014 MASTER PLAN
Approved by Austin City Council December 2014
2012: U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) awards $3 million Sustainable Communities Challenge grant to the City of Austin.

2012–2014: Community outreach and adoption of the Colony Park Master Plan for the 208 acres.

2016: City's Corridor Mobility Program provides funding for existing Colony Loop Drive study to provide critical connectivity.

2016–2020: Building of strategic partnerships for Colony Park Sustainable Community Master Plan and existing neighborhoods.
The City of Austin is conducting preliminary and design-phase work to connect two existing Colony Loop Drive sections as part of the 2016 Mobility Bond Program.

Improvements would create a continuous connection between Loyola Lane and Decker Lane through the Colony Park Sustainable Community.

Provide critical connectivity for residents and visitors of the Colony Park/Lakeside Neighborhood to access Volma Overton Elementary, Turner-Roberts Recreation Center, and Colony Park District Park.
WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Harris Branch
- Wildhorse
- Eastwood
- CapMetro Green Line
- Parker Station
- Colony Park
- Agave Neighborhood
- Whisper Valley
- Indian Hills
OUR WHY

**Food Access**
Find opportunities for full-service and small-scale grocers.

**Healthcare Services**
Create an inviting Central Health campus and opportunities for health service retailers.

**Mobility, connectivity and safety**
Create new roads, paths, bike lanes and improve existing connections to nearby neighborhoods.

**Open spaces and activate parks**
Thoughtfully plan and connect new improved parks and existing open spaces.

**Economic Vitality**
Create new construction jobs, full time employment and services.

**Education**
Connect with schools while looking for opportunities to bring new student/adult education services.

**Affordable workforce housing**
Create a robust program for the planned 20% workforce housing that serves the existing community.

**City & County Resources**
Create new partnerships to bring services to existing and future residents businesses.
Colony Park Sustainable Community Proposed Improvements
Safety & Connectivity Goals

Colony Loop Drive
Safety - Create a safer street for all road users, including after the street is connected and motor vehicle traffic increases.

All Ages and Abilities Bicycle Facilities - Improve comfort and safety by providing protected space for people of all ages and abilities for bicycling, scootering and other non-motorized transportation options.

Pedestrian Crossings - Improve comfort and safety for people walking along and crossing the street to Colony Park, Volma Overton Elementary School, the Turner-Roberts Recreation Center and other neighborhood destinations.

Speed Management - Manage motor vehicle speeds for the safety of everyone using the street.

Connectivity - Improvements to Colony Loop Drive would connect to multimodal facilities on Loyola Ln., Southern Walnut Creek Trail, and future Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park trails.
Study - Analyzed multiple times a day, including weekends, weeknights and weekdays prior to and during the pandemic.

Demand - Parking demand was found to be below 25% with the following areas showing approximately 50% demand:

- Wentworth Drive to Riverstone Drive
- Pondsdale Lane to Fleetridge Drive

Analysis - Modified parking to one side of the street will still provide adequate parking supply while providing safety benefits.

Parking - Additional parking is available on side streets in areas with relatively higher parking demand.
- Protected bicycle lanes provide an all ages and abilities facility designed to offer the highest level of comfort for people on bicycles.

- Proposed design allows for bicycling side-by-side or passing.

- Pedestrian crossing islands decrease pedestrian crashes by 40% by creating a two-stage crossing, shortening crossing distance and increasing yielding compliance.

- Parking remains on north / west side except in short segments around pedestrian crossing islands.

- Both the protected pedestrian crossings and bikeway are expected to contributed to reducing motor vehicle speeds, especially high-risk speeds.

- Bikeway provides connections to Loyola Lane, the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, and future Walter E Long Park Trails
Proposed Improvements

Colony Loop Drive
OVERVIEW OF IMPROVEMENTS

- Proposed bus boarding island
- Proposed two-way protected bikeway
- New road to be constructed as part of the Colony Park Sustainable Community project site
- Proposed pedestrian crossing island
- Proposed curb extensions
- Potential all-way stops
- Proposed bus boarding island
Refuge Island at Siepel Drive and Colony Loop Drive
New Refuge Island at Volma Overton Elementary
Colony Loop Drive Street Sections
Next Steps

- **Spring 2021**: Incorporate feedback from meeting
- **April–May 2021**: Post 90% design to community
- **Summer 2021**: Obtain City of Austin permit
- **2020–2023**: Prioritize finding Construction Funding sources
- **Before Construction Begins**: Meet with community

Please provide your input through December 18 by email at colonypark@austintexas.gov
QUESTIONS