

Spicewood Springs Road Regional Mobility Project Frequently Asked Questions Fall 2017

WHAT NEW ROAD CONFIGURATION IS LIKELY AS A RESULT OF THIS PROJECT?

The proposed roadway configuration for this project has not yet been determined. The first round of public engagement in Fall 2017 is gathering input from residents, commuters, and businesses to inform the preliminary engineering effort. Improvements could include expansion from a two-lane section to a four-lane divided roadway, signals, medians, sidewalks, bike lanes, driveway reconstruction, or some combination of these upgrades.

WHAT KIND OF BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ARE BEING CONSIDERED AS PART OF THIS PROJECT?

Pedestrian access in the form of bicycle lanes, shared use paths, and sidewalks are currently being evaluated along Spicewood Springs Rd. Input from the public, results of the City's traffic study, and recommendations in the Austin Street Design Guide will be used to determine whether sidewalks, shared used paths, and bicycle lanes are recommended.

WHAT IF THE PROJECT COSTS EXCEEDS THE ALLOCATED \$17 MILLION?

Currently, \$17 million is set aside to cover engineering, design, right-of-way acquisition (if needed), utility relocation (if needed), and construction costs. Total project costs will be estimated in more detail in the Preliminary Engineering Report. If total costs exceed \$17 million, the City will look at additional funding sources, or consider reducing the project scope to stay within the \$17 million allocation.

WILL SPEED LIMITS BE ADJUSTED IN THE AREA AS PART OF THIS PROJECT?

The current posted speed limit on Spicewood Springs Road from Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) (North) West Frontage Road to 1539 feet west of Mesa Drive is 35 mph. We encourage residents to call 3-1-1 with any specific speed concerns regarding present day conditions. While there are no current plans to modify speed limits as a part of this project, a speed study may be conducted at the end of the project to determine if speed limits should be modified as a result of improvements facilitated by this project.