



## Austin Transportation Department

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March 10, 2017

To Stakeholder, Property Owner, or Resident:

### **Give Input on Proposed Street Improvements**

**Freidrich Lane**, from St. Elmo Road to Woodward Street, is being evaluated for improvements to enhance the safety and mobility of everyone who uses the street. You are receiving this notification because you live on and/or own property adjacent to Freidrich Lane in Austin, Texas or are otherwise registered with the City as a stakeholder in the area.

The Austin Transportation Department (ATD) works to provide improved street designs to make Austin travel safer for everyone. Between St. Elmo Road and Woodward Street, a total of 25 crashes have occurred on Freidrich Lane in the last 6 years. To protect all people who use the street, ATD is proposing safety enhancements that are expected to reduce overall crashes, improve crossings for people walking, and improve comfort and safety for people traveling by bicycle.

### **How to Provide Input**

ATD is seeking feedback from people who use this street. City staff are hosting an event to explain the project, listen, and address any concerns. ATD will then revisit the project design, making sure concerns identified are substantively addressed before determining final plans.

### **Project Open House**

**Thursday, March 23, Arrive any time between 6:00 and 7:00 PM**

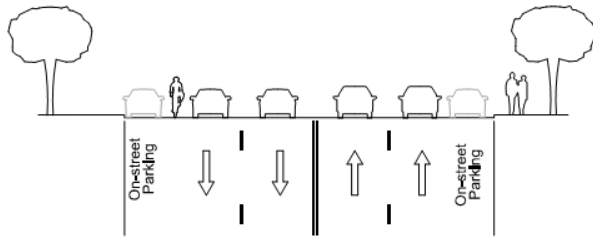
**Southeast Branch Library, 5803 Nuckols Crossing Road, Austin, TX, 78744**

For more information or to provide input by the date above, you may also contact the project designer at [Mike.Schofield@austintexas.gov](mailto:Mike.Schofield@austintexas.gov). Or phone 512/974-7834.

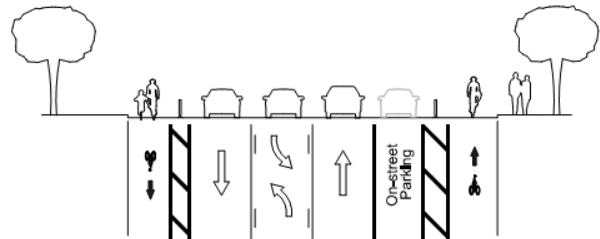
### **Changes Proposed:**

- Installation of physically protected bike lanes along the length of the project. The northbound bike lane would be separated from travel lanes by on-street parking. The typical cross section design proposed for this section is shown in Figure 2.
- Three crosswalks would be upgraded for visibility and crossing distances would be shortened as a result of adding protected bike lanes. In addition, there has been a history of requests for a safer crossing of Freidrich Lane at Directors Blvd. for visually and hearing impaired citizens in the area. An upgraded crosswalk is proposed at this location.

**Figure 1 – Typical Existing Cross Section for Freidrich Lane – St. Elmo Rd. to Woodward St.**



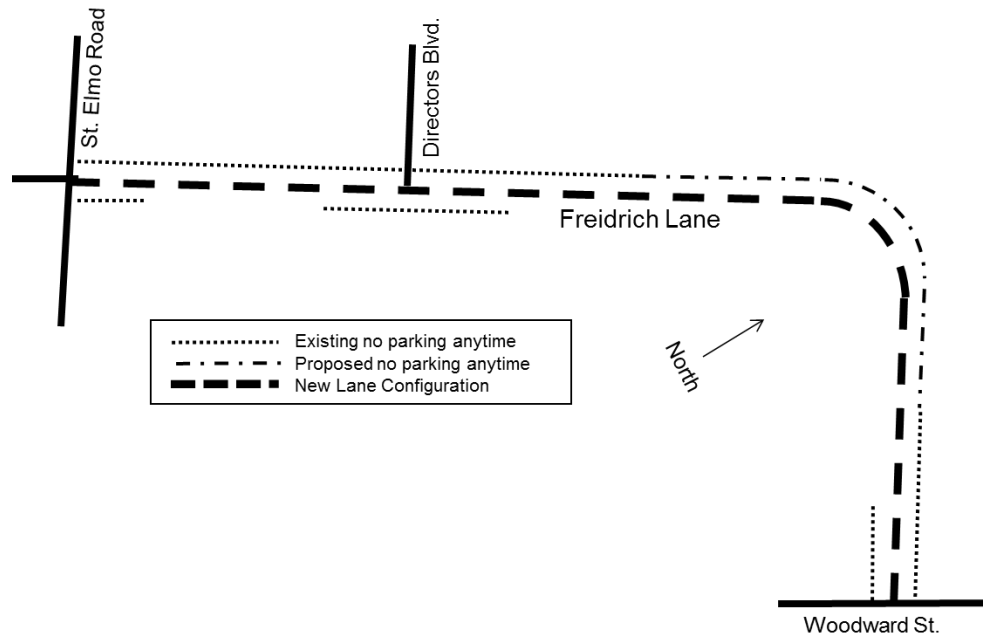
**Figure 2 – Typical Proposed Cross Section for Freidrich Lane – St. Elmo Rd. to Woodward St.**



On-street motor vehicle parking and lane configuration will be designated as listed below and in Figure 3:

- Reconfigure Freidrich Lane from St. Elmo Rd. to Woodward St. from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction with a center left turn lane, while maintaining turn movements at all intersections. Analysis has shown that this configuration could be installed without negatively impacting motor vehicle operations. Experience with this reconfiguration has shown significant reduction in overall crashes.
- Prohibited parking on the west side of the street.

**Figure 3 – Freidrich Lane Project Area**



Sincerely,

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