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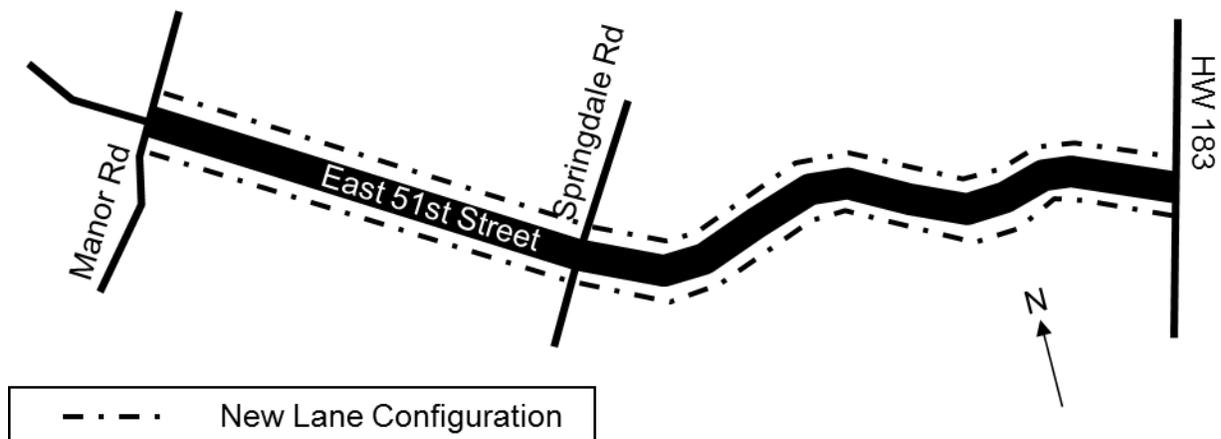
To Stakeholder, Property Owner, or Resident:

East 51st Street from Manor Road to HW 183, as indicated in Figure 1, is tentatively scheduled for routine street maintenance (road resurfacing and restriping) within the next three months. By coordinating with this maintenance, the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) has the opportunity to modify the East 51st Street striping with little to no effect on project cost and duration. ATD is assessing restriping options that could improve safety and mobility for all road users. You are receiving this notification because you live on and/or own property adjacent to East 51st Street in Austin, Texas or are otherwise registered as a stakeholder in the area.

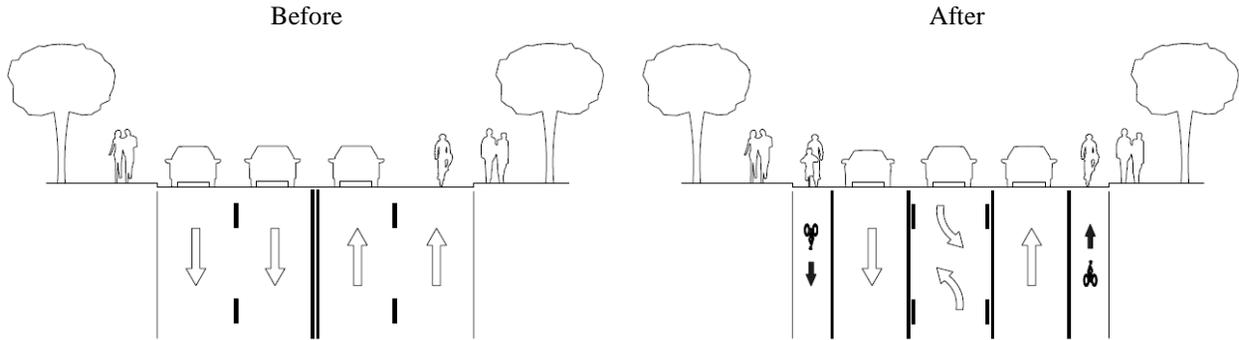
*Usted está recibiendo esta notificación porque vive cerca de East 51st Street, es dueño de propiedad cerca de East 51st Street, o es parte interesada de East 51st Street en Austin, Texas. Si necesita un documento traducido en español, llame a (512) 974-7092.*

Figure 2 shows a potential improvement option for East 51st Street. This option includes conversion of the existing two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction with a center turn lane. An intersection analysis has shown that by adjusting signal timing and including turn bays at key intersections this configuration could be installed without negatively impacting motor vehicle capacity. The unused East 51st Street space resulting from this reconfiguration also allows for the installation of dedicated bicycle lanes. This type of project has been locally and nationally shown to improve safety for people in motor vehicles, people on bicycles, and people walking. Safety improvements commonly include significant reductions in high-risk speeding and crashes.

**Figure 1 – East 51st Street Project Limits**



**Figure 2 – Typical Cross Sections for East 51st Street**



The configuration shown in Figure 2 shows the typical proposed striping for East 51st Street. This typical striping may be altered at signalized intersections in order to facilitate efficient traffic operations such as turning movements.

In order to ensure the most appropriate allocation of East 51st Street space, ATD is seeking feedback from local residents and other users of this East 51st Street prior to determining final plans. You can obtain additional information about this mobility project and provide feedback at an open house on Thursday July 16th , from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Windsor Park Library, 5833 Westminster Drive, Austin, TX 78723. Feedback based on local experience frequently results in improvements to initial project proposals. If necessary, modifications to this proposal can be made after input received at the open house. If you cannot attend this open house and have questions or comments, please contact Nathan Wilkes at 974-7016 or [nathan.wilkes@austintexas.gov](mailto:nathan.wilkes@austintexas.gov).

Sincerely,

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