## AIRPORT BOULEVARD CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPENDIX E

FEBRUARY 2014



Airport Boulevard FM 969 (East MLK) North Lamar/Burnet East Riverside Drive

## Austin Transportation Department Mobility Corridor Studies

Fact Sheet • Fall 2011

## **Airport Boulevard**

The corridor study area includes the entire length of Airport Boulevard, from Lamar Boulevard to U.S. 183.

The Airport Boulevard corridor study is being conducted as part of the larger **Airport Boulevard Initiative**, which is also developing a community vision, standards and tools to guide the revitalization of the corridor between Lamar Boulevard and I-35. More information on the combined project can be found at airportboulevard.com



## Key Dates • Upcoming Events

## September 13: Kickoff Reception

Our Lady's Maronite Catholic Church, 1320 E. 51<sup>st</sup> St. 5–6 pm or 8–9 pm (same info both sessions)

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## What is a corridor study?

City of Austin voters approved funds in November 2010 for four corridor studies to identify short-, medium- and long-term transportation improvements to improve safety; increase mobility and accessibility for drivers, pedestrians, bicycles and transit users; and improve quality of life for the users and neighbors of these corridors.

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- Collecting data and assessing current conditions on the corridor
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- Defining and prioritizing short-term solutions (typically those that can be implemented in the existing rights-ofway). These could include changes to intersections, medians, parking, signals, sidewalks and bike lanes, transit service, and more.
- Designing, costing out and evaluating medium-term solutions, generally involving redesigning and rebuilding the current roadway.
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## How can I participate?

Each corridor study will include multiple opportunities for public engagement, including:

- Stakeholder meetings with directly affected individuals and groups (property owners, neighborhood associations, etc.)
- Public open-house meetings at the beginning, middle and end of the process, including a session especially for corridor business owners
- Print and electronic notices and progress updates
- Online content at www.AustinSMP.com





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Airport Boulevard Corridor (Lamar Boulevard to U.S. 183)

## Mobility Kickoff Reception

5 pm - 6 pm or 8 pm - 9 pm (come to either session)

Learn about the Corridor Mobility Study and how you can get involved. Meet the staff and consultant team and share your concerns and ideas on transportation issues along the full length of the corridor that affect your lives and businesses.

Upper Airport Boulevard (Lamar Boulevard to IH-35)

**Community Vision Workshop** 6 pm – 8 pm

Help create a Vision for upper Airport Boulevard. Public input gained from this informative & interactive workshop will guide a team of urban designers, architects, landscape architects, mobility planners, and economic development experts as they begin development of a conceptual master plan.

To learn more or RSVP: e-mail us at airportboulevard@austintexas.gov or call Jorge Rousselin at 974-2975 or Alan Holt at 974-2716, or visit

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# City of Austin Mobility Corridor Study

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Capital Metro Routes: 37, 320

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## Open House and Presentation: Work in Progress Check-in



Imagining the Future of Upper Airport Boulevard

George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina Street

Capital Metro Routes 2, 6, 22

## Review Forum: A Master Plan for Airport Boulevard



Guiding Future Development and Investments

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Vision and Design: Check Out Our Progress Oct. 1 and 3

Saturday, October 1 • 10 am-noon Open House and Presentation: Work in Progress Check-in George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, <u>1165 Angelina Street</u>

As part of the <u>Inscine Austin release party</u>, our two-hour drop-in session will include a brief presentation (11:00 AM) and a display of design sketches, drawings and illustrations that envision what the future for Airport Boulevard could look like. Meet the Airport team, discuss design options, and weigh in on the emerging vision for how redesign and redevelopment can make upper Airport a more vibrant and attractive place to live, work, shop and enjoy.

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Our Lady's Maronite Catholic Church, 1320 E. 51st Street

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## What Happens Next?

The intensive design work being done this week, and the resulting master plan, will provide the basis for the next phase of work on Alport Boulevard: creation of the implementation plan. The end result will be a comprehensive blueprint for coordinating public infrastructure investment, crafting economic development policy, and creating new development regulations that will guide the Airport Boulevard for generations to come.

You rece to receive updates, have participated in the Airport Boulevard initiative, or are an interested stakeholder in the Airport Boulevard corridor.

If you'd like to stop receiving updates, click the link below to msubscribe

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## Hundreds Enjoy Open House and Sneak Preview

Thanks to all of the 500-plus people who visited the 'Airport Boulevard zone' as part of the Imagine Austin release party Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Carver Museum in East Austin, Your support, participation and feedback is helping the Airport Boulevard team make quick progress to the next milestone, just around the corner ...



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## Summary of Survey Responses November 11, 2011

## 1. Which category best describes your business?

Retail Business	Service Business	Restaurant	Mixed Retail and Service	Bank
Owner	Owner			
5	5	3	4	2

## 2. What form of transportation do you use to get along Airport Blvd?

Car	19
Walk	1
Motorcycle	1
Bicycle	0
Other	0

## 3. Which other business do you travel to along Airport Blvd?

Retail	1
Restaurant	5
Service/Retail – auto	2
Multiple (Business Related)	5
Banks	1

## 4. Which other business do you travel to along Airport Blvd?

Bike Lanes	3
Less Bike Traffic	3
Sidewalks	4 (specifically toward 183)
Crosswalks	2
Landscaping	1
Improved lighting	2

- 5. Which locations in the corridor present safety problems?
  - Intersection under I-35 headed north traffic merges with 45<sup>th</sup> Street left turn lane (over RR tracks) now with new metro rail closings congests I-35 headed south.
  - At 4300 near the fire station dangerous traffic around emergency vehicles
  - Too many buses and bike lanes at the corner of Airport and Oak Springs (2)
  - 2200 area has too many traffic lights

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- Light at Airport Blvd. and 38<sup>th</sup> ½, add turn signal on Airport Blvd.
- Plants in median at 3800 obstruct view
- Under the bridge at 183 is too narrow
- Car traffic at Tillery
- Metro Blocks traffic (between 4 and 5pm)
- In front of McDonald's, people jaywalk instead of using the light
- 6. What additions do you think could improve safety?
  - Add more pedestrian crossing areas near north Lamar intersection
  - Better timing at lights
  - Add turn lane from Manor to Airport
  - Better Landscaping and sidewalks
  - More traffic lights
  - Move bus stop at Oak Springs west or add bus stop side lane so it doesn't stop traffic
  - Add a median at 1100 acre
  - Better streetlight maintenance near Springdale.
  - Add left turn signal at Airport and Aldrich
  - Level out pavement into the Hamilton Electric driveway (3800 Airport)
  - Add medians, as long as it doesn't deter car access.





Please join us Wednesday, **November 30**, **7:30 to 9 a.m.** for a **business stakeholder meeting** to review and provide feedback on the **Airport Boulevard Mobility Corridor Study**.

Airport Boulevard is one of Austin's key transportation corridors, and the Austin Transportation Department is conducting a **Mobility Corridor Study** to identify ways to improve the boulevard for all users — drivers, pedestrians, bicycles and transit riders.

In September and October, in conjunction with the city's Upper Airport Boulevard planning initiative, we met with members of the community to identify needs and present initial concepts for near- and long-term improvements to Airport Boulevard. At this upcoming meeting, we will provide an update on progress, initial recommendations, as well as gather feedback to be considered for the final draft Corridor Study, which is anticipated to be complete in early 2012.

This Wednesday morning **stakeholder meeting will be** specifically focused on the needs of businesses and property owners along Airport Boulevard. There will also be **community open house** the day before, Tuesday, November 29, from 6 to 8 p.m that is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Airport Boulevard study.

Both meetings will be held at **Center 61**, which is at 2921 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street — the PeopleFund building at the MLK MetroRail station. We'll follow up with Airport Boulevard businesses by phone and e-mail between now and then to provide more details and confirm attendance.

Please make plans to join us for these important meetings. If you have further questions, don't hesitate to contact me at 512-974-7186 or <u>alan.hughes@austintexas.gov</u>.

Regards,

Alan Hughes, P.E. Project Manager, Mobility Corridor Studies Austin Transportation Department From: City of Austin – Airport Boulevard <arportboulevard@cl.austin.tx.us> Subject: Save the Date: Corridor Study Open House Nov. 29 Date: November 8, 2011 801:25 PM CST To: Mike Clark-Madson -Armo@hahntexas.com> Reply=To: \*arportboulevard@cl.austin.tx.us\*<arportboulevard@cl.austin.tx.us>



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