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## AUSTIN TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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To Stakeholder, Property Owner, or Resident:

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Whether you drive, roll, or walk, the City of Austin works to improve your transportation options. Austin Transportation Department (ATD) is evaluating the existing sections of **Colony Loop Drive, from Loyola Lane to Decker Lane**, for mobility and safety improvements for everyone using these streets.

#### (En Español)

Si se mueve por la ciudad a pie o sobre ruedas, el Departamento de Transporte (ATD) trabaja para mejorar sus opciones de transporte. Se están evaluando las calles de **Colony Loop Drive, desde Loyola Lane a Decker Lane,** para mejorar la movilidad y seguridad de todas las personas que usen las calles. Si necesita un documento traducido en español, llame a (512) 974-7061.

#### **Project Background:**

The City of Austin is conducting preliminary and design-phase work to connect two existing sections of Colony Loop Drive as part of the 2016 Mobility Bond. Ultimately, improvements would create a continuous connection between Loyola Lane and Decker Lane through the Colony Park Sustainable Community project site and existing adjacent neighborhoods. The project will also 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.

This project is a partnership between the Economic Development Department, Austin Transportation and the Corridor Program Office in support of the Colony Park Sustainable Community vision.

#### **Project Goals:**

- Create a safer street for all road users, including after the street is connected and motor vehicle traffic increases.
- Improve comfort and safety by providing protected space for people of all ages and abilities for bicycling, scootering and other non-motorized transportation options.
- Improved comfort and safety for people walking along and crossing the street to Colony Park, Volma Overton Elementary School, the Tuner Roberts Recreation Center, and other neighborhood destinations.
- Motor vehicle speeds for the safety of everyone using the street.

**Proposed Changes:** 

- New two-way protected bikeway along Colony Loop Drive on the south/east side of the street from Loyola Lane to Decker Lane. A dedicated parking lane would remain on the north side of the street near residences.
- New pedestrian crossing islands on Colony Loop Drive at Shannon Drive, Fleetridge Drive, Siepel Drive (east of the school driveway entrance) Wilmington Drive, and Riverstone Drive. These pedestrian crossing islands enhance the comfort and safety for people crossing the street by increasing visibility of crossing locations and shortening crossing distances.
- A study of potential all-way stops on Colony Loop Drive An engineering study will be conducted to determine the appropriateness of an all-way stop at Ritchie Drive and Wentworth Drive, as well as other possible new streets as part of the Colony Park Sustainable Community project site.
- **Speed management** The proposed protected bikeways and pedestrian crossings will help to physically narrow the existing street to encourage slower motor vehicle speeds, even as the street is connected.





*Example of a two-way protected bikeway* (foreground) and a pedestrian crossing island (background).

Join us for our next Virtual Public Meeting!

### Thursday, December 3, 2020 5:30-7:00PM

Online Visit the link below for meeting details: austintexas.gov/event/colony-park-loop-drive-public-meeting

> For more information: Website: austintexas.gov/ColonyPark Email: colonypark@austintexas.gov Phone: 512-974-7147