

## Public Meeting & Community Feedback Report

### Project Location

City of Austin Corridor Construction Program – East Riverside Corridor Improvements  
City of Austin Project:11885.001

### Project Limits

I-35 and SH 71

### Meeting Location

IDEA Montopolis  
1701 Vargas Rd. Austin, TX 78741

### Meeting Date and Time

August 11, 2018 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Translation Services

Spanish

### Presenters

The event did not include presenters. It was hosted in an open house format where attendees could come and go at their discretion and speak with project staff.

### Elected Officials in Attendance

Pio Renteria, District 3 Council Member

### Total Number of Attendees (approx.)

78

### Total Number of Comments & Survey Responses

287

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## A. Introduction

The City of Austin Corridor Program Office is conducting preliminary engineering on mobility, safety and connectivity improvements to E. Riverside between I-35 and SH 71. These improvements are part of the Corridor Construction Program that Austin City Council adopted in April 2018. The Corridor Construction Program is funded in part by the voter-approved 2016 Mobility Bond, which dedicates \$482 million to corridor improvement projects.

The Corridor Program Office hosted a public open house on August 11, 2018 at IDEA Montopolis from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The purpose of the public open house was to provide stakeholders with information about the preliminary engineering and design process, development of the E. Riverside Corridor Mobility Plan, present conceptual improvements, and collect feedback. The conceptual improvements were based on recommendations from the E. Riverside Corridor Mobility Plan, finalized in December 2013. Attendees also had the opportunity to speak with members of the Project Team.

The City of Austin collected feedback through printed cards with survey questions organized by theme: “mobility”, “safety”, “connectivity”, “placemaking”, “businesses”, and “quality of life.” Responses to the survey may be found in Section C: Survey Responses. The City of Austin also collected public input via comment cards. These comments as well as the City of Austin’s responses to each comment may be found in Section D: Comment/Response Matrix.

During the 15-day comment period, the Corridor Program Office received 287 comments and survey responses. The public provided these inputs at the public meeting, by e-mail, or by filling out a digital comment card on the project website. Of the 287 inputs received, 89 were from the public meeting, and 198 were digital comment cards.

All public open house materials, surveys, and comment cards were made available online the day of the meeting. Comments and survey responses were collected for 15 days after the open house. The City of Austin continued to intake comments and process them appropriately after the 15-day comment period, but those comments were not included in this report.

The purpose of the input was to help the Project Team refine the conceptual improvements. The refined improvements will be presented to the public along with this report.

## B. Survey Responses

The City of Austin collected feedback on the conceptual improvements to E. Riverside through printed cards with survey questions organized by theme: “mobility,” “safety,” “connectivity,” “placemaking”, “businesses”, and “quality of life”. The Project Team encouraged attendees to look at roadway roll plots, and respond to the questions. The responses from the meeting and the online survey are below.

### Mobility

Question: *Where along the corridor to you see the most traffic back-ups?*

1	"- Frontier Valley + Riverside (we need a traffic light) - Crossing Place"
2	"FYI - Mandy was a great tour guide/project expert! THANKS. Crossing PL (not sure why) - traffic on Riverside trying to get to NB Crossing."
3	Most left turn bays are not adequate for storage of all vehicles.
4	Willow Creek & Riverside
5	"1.) @ Pleasant Valley 2.) @ I35"
6	"Willow Creek Drive, left turn lane from Westbound Riverside. Left turn to S. bound 35, from would west on Riverside"
7	The congestion to the on ramp to N. 35 off riverside
8	N-I-35 right off riverside
9	"Slow the traffic! Between Penice & Country Club - High Speeds - Crest creating sight distance problem"
10	At Pleasant Valley + heading towards I-35.
11	Pleasant valley & Riverside
12	West bound Riverside Drive - left hand turn lanes at Willow Creek, Burton and Royal Crest drive
13	I-35
14	Heading west on Riverside and Merging onto northbound I35
15	I35
16	At IH-35 and the River at the longhorn dam on Pleasant Valley. We have great throughput for getting cars very quickly along Riverside (ocasionally killing a pedestrian or cyclist along the way) only to get stuck at the choke points.
17	Ih35 & Riverside and Hwy 71 & Riverside.
18	Pleasant Valley Rd.
19	Pleasant Valley and Montopolis
20	At US 290; and at the section from I 35 east for about a mile.....through several intersections.
21	From Pleasant Valley through Parker/South Shore District
22	Montopolis/Riverside Light; Pleasant Valley/Riverside Light; East of Pleasant Valley
23	At I35 and At Pleasant Valley. The flashing red light crosswalk is super dangerous. Needs a foot bridge! Somebody got run over at that bus stop last Friday!!!
24	Intersection at Pleasant Valley and Riverside, especially motor traffic going into and leaving HEB. I live on E Riverside near Ben White and trying to maneuver that direction from the blocks near HEB once I'm there, is difficult. There is a left turn lane on that route (a block or so before Montopolis) that causes forward traffic to halt. I noticed this map didn't include the construction on 183 near Montopolis. I believe that some of the E Riverside back up is from drivers taking alternate routes to get to 183 now that it is difficult to get on the north bound 183 route from E Riverside.
25	west of Pleasant Valley
26	between 35 and congress

27	Pleasant valley and montopolis. And eastbound SH71.
28	At Pleasant Valley, Wickersham, Montopolis, and Ben White
29	At Riverside and Pleasant Valley and at Riverside and Montopolis, headed in both directions.

Question: Where are your most frequent destinations?

1	"Downtown, HEB. * The (now demolished) pedestrian bridge connecting Roy G. Park and the hike + bike needs to be rebuilt!!"
2	"Thank you for adding light at Frontier Valley Dr, & Riverside! I rarely make that left due to safety concerns - I go to Montopolis instead. "
3	Local businesses between IH 35 + Pleasant Valley
4	Businesses along Riverside Lady Bird Lake Trails
5	HEB @ Pleasant Valley/Riverside (and Pat Ave.) country club trail. W.T. Town
6	"Into O.town North on Pleasant Valley"
7	"HEB, Lakeshore. Entrance to boardwalk."
8	HEB, Lakeshore/Boardwalk
9	Coriander + RVS Intersection light could be amazing!
10	HEB
11	Buzz mill, HEB, Royal Crest Drive
12	The Boardwalk/Town Lake hike and Bike Trail. HEB. Downtown.
13	Eastbound and westbound Riverside, between Pleasant Valley and I35
14	AMLI South Shore, HEB, Roy Guerrero park
15	HEB, Restaurants on the South Shore, Ruiz Library, IH-35.
16	airport
17	H-E-B, Starbucks shopping area
18	HEB Riverside, BLVD Dental, Dairy Queen
19	HEB at Pleasant Valley, the South Shore district, and the connection to 71.
20	I use Riverside for thru traffic purposes
21	Many, also my primary transit route, heading East for work, West for errands/entertainment.
22	East from Anise to HEB and to S. First (to work)
23	1620 E Riverside Dr., Faro Dr and Riverside.
24	HEB, Oracle (Lakeshore Drive), I35, 71, 183
25	HEB, Lakeshore, the ABIA, Wickersham
26	between Lamar and the HEB plus at Pleasant Valley
27	West to downtown.
28	Ruiz Library, HEB Riverside, Taco Joint, bus transfers at Pleasant Valley and at Montopolis, TexDOToffices
29	Ruiz Library, HEB, Shopping center w Mod Pizza

**Safety**

*Question: Are there locations in the corridor where it's difficult to see?*

1	Comment: Please make all (except huge intersections) right turn only!
2	Add wide sidewalk/sup from Montopolis to 71. Very dangerous area for bikes.
3	See what?
4	"The hill elevations on Riverside make it difficult to see when turning left (South) across riverside. "
5	Pulling out from Frontier Valley Dr and Lawrence St. onto Riverside.
6	1st bus stop on right off I-35 no responsibility until on top of buses.
7	"Town Creek Dr. going N. turning right onto S. Lakeshore Blvd. Signage on bike lanes on lakeshore. "
8	"Pleasant Valley HEB turn going N.turning left out of HEB parking lot onto Pleasant Valley near ped light is difficult."
9	Heading east bound on Riverside towards 71. There are no streetlights east of Montopolis
10	The majority of the corridor has low visibility at night, even at lit intersections the lighting is of relatively poor quality and there is a danger of striking pedestrians
11	No
12	Not in the locations I drive
13	east bound from I35 around that large retaining wall
14	The hill/curve just east of IH-35 is a bit hard to see and there's no clear crossing point for pedestrians from Summit.
15	Just East of Faro you cant see too far from the sidewalk.
16	Yes!! ALL over the place. The worst part is approaching Pleasant Valley, though I think it is bad at Wickersham too. There are a lot of blind curves/hills/etc.
17	Pulling out of my neighborhood onto E Riverside is the hardest place for me to see. The lighting at 71 and E Riverside is pretty poor. There are a lot of people that cross the road there and it is very dark. People also cross between montopolis and 71. They are often hard to see due to lighting issues. A hybrid beacon between Montopolis and 71 would really help.
18	No
19	Visibility isn't an issue.
20	East of Montopolis in medium due to trees
21	Yes, pulling out from side streets onto Riverside all up and down the corridor have bad sight lines due to the hills, bushes, and curves on Riverside.
22	Not particularly
23	no
24	Near the Walgreen's when travelling inbound on Riverside
25	Yes, the curves in the road between congress and 35
26	Crossing Place
27	Where cars are exiting the shopping centers between about wickersham and i35.

*Question: When biking or walking along the corridor, are there particular places that feel unsafe?*

1	Yes...Riverside @ Pleasant Valley/every corner). Riverside at Wickersham
2	On north side of E. Riverside just east of 35 - sidewalk is very close traffic. Need barrier
3	Unsafe along entire corridor. Unsafe where S/W are next to curbs.
4	"Lakeshore & Riverside cars still try to turn right when pedestrians & bikes are crossing. Cars also block pedestrian crossing in left turn lane. "

5	"No boardwalk on path. We drive from Fara to Lakeshore in order to get our bikes to the boardwalk won't ride on riverside. ""survive riverside"" "
6	"All of Riverside. No protected bike lanes. Super dangerous even walking since sidewalks are close to road, even though there is much room to expand."
7	Everywhere
8	Check vision markers @ S.Lakehshore
9	"Lakeshore Blvd - do not like driving down w/ bikeland pyeons + parking. Feels unsafe and confusing. "
10	Biking on Riverside... Don't do it! Pleasant Valley is getting better
11	Bike signage and route info connecting from east of Pleasant valley to Lake trails.
12	Between 71 & Montopolis
13	The lighting at the intersections is poor ( see previous answer). Some of the intersecting residential streets also have poor sidewalk provision and visibility ( there are often pedestrians walking in the dark along Royal Crest Drive along the Element Apartment complex on the opposite side of the sidewalk
14	Every intersection and driveway cut. There is so much turning traffic that doesn't pay attention to bikes or peds. The entire stretch of the road is dangerous to cyclists due to fast traffic and poor infratructure.
15	Not in the locations I go
16	the entire stretch of Riverside sidewalks needs to be widened and include vegetation/bollard barriers. This should carry through to Travis Heights along the I-35 overpass
17	Yes. Most places. The speed is too high and there aren't enough barriers between drivers. Also the lights are timed horribly for pedestrians. The light heading North on Pleasant valley is red for almost a minute before the pedestrian light comes on. I do especially hate the Pleasant Valley riverside crossing when running to work.
18	most if it
19	At night, I feel unsafe from Faro going Eadt because of the transients who camp in the woods. I'm nervous about walking early in the morning too.
20	ALL OF IT!!! I ride my bike 50+ miles a week commuting and I would never ride on any portion of Riverside. Sidewalks are substandard. Area around HEB is particularly bad, and near the trail. There needs to be a good connection from Riverside to the trail by bike.
21	The whole road is scary to ride on. I have almost been hit between Montopolis and 71 several times. Even if I ride on the sidewalk, cars are often looking the other way and pull out in front of me. It is really unsafe to cross the six lanes of traffic between 71 and Riverside on my bike to ride on the correct side of the road.
22	I do not walk or cycle along Riverside and I would not with all the vagrants and odd people milling around; I would hope that the crime rate along Riverside is no different than elsewhere in the city.
23	From Pleasant Valley to Wickersham. (High volume of student drivers!)
24	Vargas, Montopolis, Frontier Valley (on east side of Riverside); Bus Stops at Montopolis, Vargas and HEB
25	All of it. Beside traffic something needs to be done about the homeless camps!
26	Biking E riverside is okay, but you have to take the sidewalks which aren't in good shape and end abruptly in places. Turning into neighborhoods on E Riverside where you have to cross (left turns from the right side of the road) are difficult to maneuver on bike because you are coming from the sidewalk
27	It is hard to continue westbound (straight) when traveling on Riverside at I-35 while on a bicycle. It would be great if TXDOT widened the sidewalk over the bridge.

28	Intersection of Riverside and Montopolis, near the College Park and University Park apartments, east of Montopolis
29	Yes, most of it. There are no bike lanes. Would love for this to change!!
30	No pedestrian crossings between Montopolis and Ben White
31	From Sh71 to I35 its unsafe to ride a bike and walk at night. There needs to be protected bike lanes, especially since the bridge into Guererro Park at Kreig Field is out.

**Connectivity**

*Question: Are the proposed midblock pedestrian crosswalk signals (pedestrian hybrid beacons) located in the best places?*

1	At Crossing PL. there is an extraordinary backup Eastbound in Riverside - not sure why, but I sometimes sit through 3 lights just to get through because people have clogged the road, waiting to make their left turn northbound onto Crossing PL.
2	As long as traffic lights also serve pedestrians. There should be enough places to cross Riverside. However, today my experience is that pedestrians cross wherever they choose without regard to their personal safety not to the traffic disruptions.
3	Synchronized 4 Way Crosswalks (Picture is Drawn)
4	Yes, but more are needed east of mountopolis to deal with all of the alw mixed used development planned from mountopolis intersection
5	- Desire for CNX between Elmont & Crossing Place (Picture is Drawn)
6	They are good ideas, The praised walkway should encourage people to walk more. Once they are set up, allowing people to bike should be helpful. The U-turn idea is pretty novel also.
7	Yes, Summit + Riverside is very important. Cannot use IH35 + Riverside because of free-right turn car lanes - very dangerous.
8	Yes, please complete the one at Summit and Riverside!!
9	Alexis Cove - Sound - East - West Traffic Voc. too high (stop at too many signals) Faro Signal for sidestreets - delay too long - Road subgrade just east of Faro - always settling. - Drng Channez West of Penick Dr. needs maintenance & more capacity.
10	- For Pleasant Valley open space - Add bike hubs, scooter hubs, pedestrain hubs - Dog park - Bike trails
11	- Suggest bus stops outside, outside lanes (Bus turnouts) - EB Left @ crossing place - extremely long queue
12	Montopolis East - More ped signals. Either @ traffic signals or mid.blk ped signals.
13	1.) Yes at McDonalds 2.) Summit street is needed for people but concerned about traffic backing up from I-35 merging onto Riverside.
14	Need E-W bike/Ped connector between Grove/Crossing PI/Please. Valley (North of ERSD) (Elmont Corridor)
15	Don't stop the traffic with those stupid flashing lights. Build foot bridges over Riverside. The current one by HEB already causes problems with traffic and is dangerous for pedestrians.
16	I'm sorry but the folks that cross the road in this location are generally transient folks (currently without homes). They don't cross illegally because there is a lack of a pedestrian crosswalk, they just do it. This crosswalk might be a waste of money.
17	there could be another one east of PV
18	No. They need some btwn Montopolis and Ben White
19	Yes those are fine.



**Quality-of-Life**

*Question: Where would shade trees/structures be the most beneficial?*

1	Along pedestrian paths between sidewalks + vehicles. Around bus stops.
2	All intersections with pedestrain crossings
3	Ped bridge needed @ Pleas. Val.
4	71 and Montopolis
5	From I-35 to Pleasant Valley, especially near the newer construction that is mostly concrete. The older developments tend to have more trees already, so preserving those existing trees should be a priority.
6	Down the center on a median, west of lakeshore
7	Along the north sidewalk and in the median.
8	Along the entire length as a buffer between the street and pedestrians. Provide shade and prevent cars from running over pedestrians as they have done quite a lot frequently. Also they would be incredibly beneficial around all bus stops.
9	I'm unsure. Need to be careful about obstructing vision for vehicles.
10	Shade should be mandatory at transit stops. I think the entire sidewalk should have shade, but especially near the commercial hubs
11	Near bus stops. I see a lot of people standing in the sun when waiting for the bus.
12	I don't care. And I hope like heck none of this bond money is going to buy trees and shade structures.
13	Further East around Montopolis.
14	NOT Necessary. If you put them in the medium it negatives affects line of sight. If you add too many you'll attract more homeless camps which leads to extreme litter and theft.
15	At bus stops.
16	All along it. If we are going to have better traffic flow (more traffic) we can at least make it pretty. My favorite part of E Riverside is near 183 where there are nice tall palm trees. Nice trees would be great the whole way.
17	near the bus stops
18	At bus stops
19	At bus stops.

*Question: How can transportation and mobility improvements support community priorities like livability and quality of life?*

1	Frequency of service. Density - Plan for it NOW!
2	Consider all lights Red for pedestrians to cross safely all ways at the same time.
3	Concerned about homelessness in S. Pleas. Valley "Park"
4	Make it more walkable & bring amenities to E Riverside like coffee shops & restaraunts
5	There is an extreme need to pedestrian and bike infrastructure since so many people live near this corridor who don't have a vehicle or use alternative transportation as their primary means of transportation. Separated bike lanes are needed for safety. The corridor needs to be improved to prioritize pedestrians, instead of single passenger vehicles.
6	Sidewalks along both side of entire feeder streets to Riverside - such as on Tinnin Ford Rd & Lake Shore BLVD
7	Protect pedestrians, calm traffic, reduce lanes, add more places to cross.

8	Creating dedicated bus transit lanes and protected bike and pedestrian lanes would help improve the quality of life. Slowing down traffic so that everything doesn't bunch up at IH-35 might make drivers grumpy, but would improve safety and the number of cars that make it through.
9	you cannot measure livability or quality of life. besides, both are outside of the city's authority to change.
10	It would be great to have a rail type system from downtown through Riverside all the way to the airport.
11	Prioritize walking and biking over cars. Make the built infrastructure more pedestrian and bike friendly so cars must slow down and respect these more vulnerable modes
12	The more safe and pedestrian/biking friendly the corridor the more liveable E Riverside will be.
13	By allowing people in their cars to get where they need to go as quickly and safely as possible.
14	Wider, tree lined (urban) sidewalks and bike routes.
15	Change the bus routes. You have multiple buses up and down with duplicate stops but not enough direct to downtown locations.
16	Light rail from Downtown to the Airport should be a priority.
17	Transportation and mobility improvements would best support the community by looking at how other construction is effecting traffic, not to silo the research so much.
18	it would be nice to have a group like the Downtown Rangers clean up the corridor. There is always so much trash. Don't Mess With Texas!
19	Shared sidewalks. safe pedestrian crossings. better access to transit
20	Bike lanes, clear sidewalks, more retail services such as restaurants and bars and theaters. Did I mention bike lanes?

### Placemaking

The City of Austin sought feedback on placemaking and asked the community for ideas of placemaking opportunities along the corridor. At the open house, the placemaking survey was separate from the survey related to the roll plot, for which responses are documented above. Members of the public who responded electronically took one survey that included all questions, including placemaking questions. The responses from the meeting and the online survey are below.

*Question: Where along the corridor are good spots for community gatherings or events?*

1	Grove blvd. as transition for bicycle to Roy G. park. Lucky finding/identity place
2	Ruiz Library/ACC Riverside, Trail on E Townlake
3	If you are considering the community. Where are they going to park?
4	Greenspace at end of S. Pleasant Valley
5	Farmer's market w/ theatre in green space @ P.V. walk way.
6	Montopolis/Vargas
7	Riverside & Pleasant Valley Riverside & Montopolis
8	HEB, the food trailers near the newer development west of Lakeshore Dr.
9	The open green space by LakeShore Blvd and Town Creek dr.

10	Pleasant Valley and Riverside has a lot of space that's currently used for housing the homeless. We could formalize that with public restrooms. We could also add places for playing games and have playscapes. The area around the bus stops on either side of Pleasant Valley near the HEB are both full of people and could become great areas for meeting spaces. The area around Metz is a great spot that families and kids hang out. It would be amazing to formalize that with more community picnic and game space along Riverside that connects to the library and then to Guerrero park.
11	The library on Grove, ACC campus
12	The area near the intersection with Pleasant Valley has potential because of the median
13	Grove and Riverside. The green space around Pleasant Valley. South Shore Distict. Montopolis and East Riverside.
14	Why would we ever do this? You want kids to play alongside Riverside Drive? That is stupidity. I will keep track of the first time that a child is killed or injured because you put neat park benches and playground-like fixtures along the roadway. Insane. Again, why does the City of Austin feel like that paying for things like this out of the bonds or taxes is even what the voting public wants? This is just odd.
15	At the small unused plaza with arches at the creek.
16	NOT NECESSARY!
17	Tons of open land in the center of the streets by Pleasant Valley (currently occupied by homeless camps). Would make cool gathering and park spaces if safe bridges were in place to access them.
18	Near Montopolis. The majority of cultural events happen at nearby churches on Montopolis and the flea market. There are also some amazing food trucks!
19	at Pleasant Valley
20	south shore district and pleasant valley
21	Ruiz Library
22	Near the montopolis rec center, Guerrero park.

*Question: What are your favorite places along the corridor?*

1	The large landscape median is a beautiful relief for pavement & traffic
2	Ruiz Library, Hecho en Mexico
3	Grove Blvd - Guerrero Park
4	Lakeshore/Boardwalk area
5	Grove b/t Pennick & Country Club
6	Local businesses
7	Cafe NeNai South Shote
8	None really. It is not a very attractive corridor.
9	Lake Shore Blvd
10	The Hike and Bike Trail. The restaurants in the South Shore. The HEB. I love almost all of it.
11	Chipotle, Starbucks, Kreig fields, the hike & bike trail.
12	The intersection with the trail, and the greenspace just east of Pleasant Valley
13	Grove and East Riverside. It is very green there.
14	I am excited for the possibilities that Montopolis has for the future. I love how vibrant Pleasant Valley area is and I like how the South Shore Districtis coming along.
15	In my vehicle!
16	Down by I-35 where it gets pretty, but that part is very gentrified, I'd preferably like to have both.
17	Lakeshore

18	Buzz Mill and south shore district
19	Ruiz Library
20	Guererro Park, south shore neighborhood.

Question: What is important for us to know culturally and historically about the corridor?

1	2035 build - reference the pedestrain desire paths thru the median for pedestrain circulation.
2	One of the last bastiurs of affordability in Austin. Feels like that's going away.
3	"There was alot of land that was undeveloped. It was new to see more nature. Now with development, need more gardening, trees. There was a drive - in theatre in Montopolis many years ago. Maybe an amphitheatre in the Pleasant Valley area. But need to consider parking for others in the city to enjoy."
4	"It's important to knwo that there's a straong Hispanic background in the area that should be presented. "
5	"Must have easier/safer bike + ped access - Need more murals on current cement walls - Incorporate more local art. "
6	Gateway to downtown & access to E. Austin Roy Guerrero & Lake Boardwalk
7	I'm a transplant so I can't answer this question
8	That it is a traditionally affordable area for lower income resident and students. Changes should focus on those who already live here and should not accelerate their displacement.
9	People live here and want to continue to live here without worrying they will have to move due to Cooperate buy-out if their property
10	East Riverside has been a melting pot of people looking for cheap housing and commercial space. We should work to make sure that it continues to be easy for people to live in the area without a car, and for their to be abundant housing and commercial space that can allow new families and businesses to grow and flourish.
11	how far back do you go? i heard it used to be a german and czech working class neighborhood.
12	Historically, Harvey Pinnick used to live off of the Riverside Golf Course. I wish there was an off-leash dog park. Austin is known as a dog friendly city yet we have limited off leash parks where they (and their owners) can get exercise together.
13	Respect the community's roots
14	East Riverside is a home to many working class people. It is a diverse area and is home to many Latino neighbors.
15	Not one single thing
16	The more pedestrian friendly it can be, the better.
17	We do not need pretty stuff. We need good lanes of traffic and more visibility at unlighted turning places. The bike lanes are not necessary as everyone rides on the sidewalks. Forget the history and culture. No one cares!
18	E Riverside is socio-economically diverse. The people who need to be filling out this survey probably don't even know it's happening. I hope someone fixes this.
19	?
20	It's one of the few remaining affordable places to live. It is a diverse neighborhood.
21	No opinion.

**Businesses**

The City of Austin sought feedback on how the City of Austin can support businesses during construction. At the open house, the business survey was available online and was separate from the survey related to the roll plot and from placemaking questions, for which responses are documented above. Members of the public responding electronically took one survey that included all questions. The responses from the meeting and the online survey are below.

*Question: How can the City of Austin support businesses during construction?*

1	Providing clear alternative access with good signage. Limiting construction to off-peak times.
2	By not allowing building to be built over 4 stories tall.
3	Incentive staying on schedule, invest in wayfinding during construction
4	Focus on keeping bus routes and pedestrian walkways clear.
5	Make sure patrons can get to their business. Possibly offer free delivery service.
6	Making it clear how to access them by all modes during construction
7	Make sure there is a clear right ways into businesses.
8	Keep access open. Keep businesses aware of upcoming construction changes.
9	Do a block or two at a time to make road closures as short as possible. DO NOT BLOCK SIDEWALKS unless you are going to block them at a place where people can cross the street safely.
10	Listen to needs. For example when the intersection was updated at Lake Shore Drive, no input was gotten from the businesses. Now we have huge areas of dead un-irrigated grass and property. Businesses were willing to help with Landscape and irrigation but city did not care.
11	I don't own a small business, but there are several along E riverside. They could probably use someone asking them how they can help. Some of these businesses might not be registered but there are kids and seniors that rely on the income, so they should be taken into account anyways.
12	Give away coupons from the businesses to the residents that live nearby and the construction crews.
13	Ensure access to parking lots.

*Other Comments*

1	1.) Protected bike lane with a barrier with trees & physical barriers not just striped. 2.) Tree canopy umb up to slow down vehicular traffic - Ref. Lakeshore Drive. 3.) Separate cars from bikes with trees 4.) I would ride a bike if not riding next to roads 5.) Lakeshore Drive - cars park on bike lane & ignore the white verticle tubes "
2	"Grove Rd. should have protected bike lane because the road goes to the ACC. Protect the bike Rd. 2.) Consider traffic circles vs. lights at Vopgas. Too many extra lights proposed. Consider timing of lights can't alleviate a large demand of cars commuting to 71 & the airport. "
3	Traffic signals need to be a priority. Riverside is very congested.
4	"Thrasher Ln blt on N. side using Grove as a park (dug) Tinnin Ford Rd. - empty apt. lot dog park ""hubs"" along corridor? Air quality for park @ PV."
5	"Congested with housing, gas stations & Ford Trucks Neighborhood grovery would be nice, restaurants. Corner of SH 71 southside & airport commerce Excited about light at corridor. Lives off of Anise"
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## C. Survey Themes

The Project Team thoroughly reviewed each survey response and analyzed the appropriate action to address the feedback or other concerns. Actions included but were not limited to:

- Assessing whether the preliminary improvements address the community concern or suggestion
- Further analyzing whether the community concern or suggestion may be addressed as the design of the improvements is refined
- Sharing the feedback with the appropriate agency or department if it was outside the jurisdiction of the City of Austin Corridor Mobility Program

Survey responses pointed to several themes among respondent priorities and concerns. In the area of **mobility**, there was concern about congestion near the Pleasant Valley intersection and I-35.

One meeting attendee responded to the question about where they see the most traffic back-ups, “Intersection at Pleasant Valley and Riverside, especially motor traffic going into and leaving HEB. I live on E Riverside near Ben White and trying to maneuver that direction from the blocks near HEB once I’m there, is difficult...”

When respondents were asked about **safety**, specifically where along the corridor it’s difficult to see, the themes pointed street lighting and the terrain. When it came to street lighting, there was concern about the lack of lighting and the quality of the existing lighting, particularly at intersections. The hills in the terrain and curves along the E. Riverside corridor were also mentioned several times as contributing factors to the poor visibility along the corridor. There was also a theme among the respondents that people do not bike along the corridor because of the lack of protected bike lanes and barriers. There was a common sentiment that the current state of the corridor is very unsafe to bike and walk.

An online respondent said, “Bike lanes, bike lanes and bike lanes because its SO CLOSE to downtown but just out of walking distance. If you put in nice bike lanes and sidewalks and light the streets well people will come as will businesses and services.” A meeting attendee said, “The majority of the corridor has low visibility at night, even at lit intersections the lighting is of relatively poor quality and there is a danger of striking pedestrians.”

Regarding **connectivity**, the question was asked if the proposed midblock pedestrian crosswalk signals are located in the best places. Responses pointed to the importance of the pedestrian signals, particularly at the intersection of Summit St. and E. Riverside.

Support of the proposed midblock pedestrian crosswalk signal included this comment, “Yes, please complete the one at Summit and Riverside!!” An online respondent noted, “Safe pedestrian crossings are very important and very needed.”

When it comes to **quality-of-life**, the majority of respondents expressed the desire for shade trees/structures to be located at bus stops. Most responses pointed toward a major interest in improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians, noting that modes of alternative transportation need to be safer and more accessible along the corridor. Improving the corridor for pedestrians and bicyclists would make E. Riverside more livable.

One respondent commented, “There is an extreme need to pedestrian and bike infrastructure since so many people live near this corridor who don’t have a vehicle or use alternative transportation as their primary means of transportation. Separated bike lanes are needed for safety. The corridor needs to be improved to prioritize pedestrians, instead of single passenger vehicles.”

Participants were able to provide input to **placemaking** questions as well. When asked about good places for community gatherings or events, the area at E. Riverside and Pleasant Valley was identified by

many respondents. Another area that was mentioned by several respondents was E. Riverside and Grove Blvd., specifically Ruiz Library, Guerrero Park.

One respondent commented, “Tons of open land in the center of the streets by Pleasant Valley (currently occupied by homeless camps). Would make cool gathering and park spaces if safe bridges were in place to access them.”

When asked how the City of Austin can support **businesses** during construction, the common themes were to keep clear access to businesses with good signage.

An online respondent commented, “Make sure there is a clear right ways into businesses.” Another said, “Making it clear how to access them by all modes during construction.”

The City of Austin estimates that it will invest \$74.8 million in E. Riverside as part of the Corridor Construction Program, funded in part by the 2016 Mobility Bond. As proposed, E. Riverside would receive up to 4.5 miles of sidewalks or shared-use paths to create an ADA-compliant pedestrian network along the entire length of the corridor. Additionally, the City is evaluating the installation of 3 midblock signalized pedestrian crosswalks in the vicinity of Summit St. and Willow Hill Dr. to better connect to transit stops and other destinations.

**What We Heard & What We’re Doing**

The following table depicts feedback based on theme and provides information about improvements that address the feedback.

<b>What We Heard</b>	<b>What We’re Doing</b>
Desire to improve pedestrian safety and access; particular interest in sidewalk improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4.5 miles of new or rehabilitated sidewalks or shared-use paths along the length of the corridor</li> <li>• Wider sidewalks from Shore District Dr. to Montopolis Dr.</li> </ul>
Desire and support for more bike lanes, especially protected bike lanes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 4 miles of protected bicycle lanes from Shore District Dr. to Montopolis Dr.</li> </ul>
Major concern for pedestrian and bicyclist safety along the E. Riverside corridor in its current state	<p>In addition to the 4 miles of protected bike lanes and up to 4.5 miles of new or rehabilitated sidewalks or shared-use paths, the following plans also address this concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition of up to 17 traffic signal improvements</li> <li>• Evaluation and possible construction of new or reconfigured midblock pedestrian crosswalk signals in the vicinity of Summit St. and Willow Hill Dr.</li> <li>• Bridge widenings at Country Club Creek</li> <li>• New street lighting from Shore District Dr. to Montopolis Dr.</li> <li>• Intersection improvement with possible turn lane modifications at Tinnin Ford Rd., Willow Creek Dr., South Pleasant Valley Rd., and Montopolis Dr.</li> </ul>
General support for planned pedestrian hybrid beacons, but some respondents expressed interest in additional pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, particularly near Montopolis Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current planned pedestrian improvements near Montopolis include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New street lighting</li> <li>○ Intersection improvements with possible turn lane modifications</li> <li>○ Wider sidewalks from Shore District Dr. to Montopolis Dr.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## D. Comment/response matrix

The comment/response matrix includes all comments received during the 15-day comment period as well as responses from the Project Team.

Number	Date Received	Source	Comment	Response
1	August 11, 2018	Open House Comment Card	"* Eastern Park @ McKinney Falls + William Cannon * Whisper Valley "	
2	August 11, 2018	Open House Comment Card	"Thank you for hosting the open house on August 11 - very informative & Mandy did a great job answering questions + concerns. Good luck to you in the coming months + years - it looks very promising. "	Thank you, this comment has been logged.
3	August 11, 2018	Open House Comment Card	"CCC Trail project should align or be coordinated. Underpass + approach ramp needs to be done at same time as bridge widening. PHBO at Pleasant Valley Road - people need to stop"	This comment has been logged and we are in coordination with Urban Trails.
4	August 11, 2018	Open House Comment Card	"Don't put a park in at Pleasant Valley. Not a desirable place to be breathing in the poor air quality and with the noise. Yes to shade trees for peds/bikes Yes to bike infrastructure all the way to 71. Make sure the sidewalk/bike lane is not bumpy concrete. "	This comment has been logged and shared with our technical team.
5	August 11, 2018	Open House Comment Card	"Thank you for hosting - very informative. Eager to see more ped/bike areas we currently drive our bikes from our home on Riverside + Faro to the boardwalk entrance at Lakeshore. We will not ride down Riverside because it is not safe ""Survive Riverside."" We would love to be able to ride down riverside. "	The needs and safety of cyclists and pedestrians are an integral part of the preliminary engineering phase of the East Riverside corridor. Part of the recommended improvements to the corridor include up to 4 miles of protected bike lanes from Shore District Dr. to Montopolis Dr. as well as up to 4.5 miles of new/rehabilitated sidewalks or shared-use paths along the length of the corridor, with wider sidewalks from Shore District Dr. to Montopolis Dr.
6	August 11, 2018	Open House	"Traffic signals - Vargas + Frontier Valley need to go	The project team is currently in the warranting process with the Austin Transportation



		Comment Card	in immediately. People can't get out of their neighborhood. - Routes for shuttles to and from airport check into. "	Department for the proposed traffic signals and pedestrian hybrid beacons.
7	August 11, 2018	Open House Comment Card	What is being done to address pedestrain behavior? Jay walking...	New signalized intersections (pending warrants) will provide additional pedestrian crossings. Additional proposed improvements to help pedestrain mobility, safety, and connectivity include: possible construction of pedestrian crosswalk signals (Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons); up to 4.5 miles of new/rehabilitated sidewalks along the length of the corridor; and bridge widenings at Country Club Creek.
8	August 11, 2018	Open House Comment Card	"Please more trees. Fewer cutouts (driveways to businesses) - They can share :) Thanks for coming out today to Montopolis. "	Trees along East Riverside are not included in the recommendations funded by the 2016 Mobility Bond. However, the City of Austin Corridor Program Office is seeking additional funding to design and construct Enhanced Multimodal Improvements that would include trees. The project team is exploring access management along the corridor and will work with willing property owners on consolidating driveways.
9	August 17, 2018	Online Comment Card	I do not want to move. But because the city allowed corporations like Oracle to take over my neighborhood, I'm being forced to move. This neighborhood was doing great before Oracle and would have continued. Now hard working families will have to move outside the city limits and will have to commute into the city to work - people like me that work in the city of Austin Independent School Distict.	The purpose of the Corridor Construction Program funded by the 2016 Mobility Bond, is to improve mobility, safety, connectivity, and quality of life in the corridor. Changes in many corridors in Austin are due in part to commuter patterns, population growth, and new types of development and property uses. These changes contribute to mobility, safety, and access concerns throughout the transporation system which are being addressed in the Corridor Construction Program. The proposed improvements to the East Riverside corridor are being designed for the long-term future of the corridor based on anticipated growth and City of Austin transportation policy. Corporations in the corridor are not part of the Corridor Construction Program scope of work.
10	August 17, 2018	Online Comment Card	It is exceptionally harsh, and real change will be expensive. Show your leadership and spend the money.	This comment has been logged.
11	August 17, 2018	Online Comment Card	Focus on dedicated bus lanes and shading and protecting pedestrians and cyclists. East Riverside has some of the strongest potential to be a real urban environment if done correctly. Slow down cars and ignore those who push you to cater to them. We need to deal with	This comment has been logged and shared with CapMetro.

			Global Warming and we need drastic change. Your strong leadership can help save the planet.	
12	August 15, 2018	Online Comment Card	Can't think of anything.	
13	August 14, 2018	Online Comment Card	Protected bike lanes should be highly prioritized along the entire corridor	"Up to 4 miles of protected bike lanes from Shore District Dr. to Montopolis Dr. are part of the recommended improvements for the East Riverside corridor."
14	August 14, 2018	Online Comment Card	Will future bonds extend the bike lanes to all parts of Riverside?	The scope of subsequent bonds will be evaluated in the future.
15	August 14, 2018	Online Comment Card	I sure hope that we are trying to spend this money to its proper and best use. Unfortunately it looks like it will not be. What we need to do is this: Austin has a mobility problem. Got it? We need to be doing things that make sense and help people get around in their cars. Let's do something right. Let's not focus on these amenities and put all of the available funding for Riverside into making it easier and safer to drive this thoroughfare.	The needs and safety of vehicles are an integral part of the design phase of the East Riverside corridor improvements. Improving mobility and safety for all travel modes are the goals of the City of Austin's Corridor Construction Program. Some proposed vehicular improvements for the corridor include: up to 3 miles of full pavement reconstruction/rehabilitation to repair spot damage, surface restoration, and improve rideability; intersection improvements with possible turn lane modifications; and up to 17 traffic signal improvement with enhanced technology.
16	August 14, 2018	Online Comment Card	Yes. Provide easy to understand text (using words with sentences instead of pictures and charts. Your charts are fancy but not easy to understand. I have very little idea as to what you were presenting. Some individuals need words.	This comment has been logged and shared with our Communications team at the Corridor Program Office. Please also visit our East Riverside Corridor website for information regarding the project: <a href="https://data.austintexas.gov/stories/s/East-Riverside-Drive-Corridor/nh2n-79mh">https://data.austintexas.gov/stories/s/East-Riverside-Drive-Corridor/nh2n-79mh</a>
17	August 14, 2018	Online Comment Card	more bike lanes, please : )	"Up to 4 miles of protected bike lanes from Shore District Dr. to Montopolis Dr. are part of the recommended improvements for the East Riverside corridor."
18	August 4, 2018	Online Comment Card	Safe pedestrian crossings are very important and very needed.	"Part of the proposed East Riverside corridor improvements include up to 4.5 miles of new/rehabilitated sidewalks or shared-use paths. Also part of the proposed recommendations are wider sidewalks from Shore District Dr. to Montopolis Dr. and evaluation and possible construction of new or reconfigured mid block pedestrian crosswalk signals (Pedestrian Hybrid

				Beacons) for cyclists and pedestrians in the vicinity of both Summit St and Willow Hill Dr. "
19	August 12, 2018	Online Comment Card	Bike lanes, bike lanes and bike lanes because its SO CLOSE to downtown but just out of walking distance. If you put in nice bike lanes and sidewalks and light the streets well people will come as will businesses and services.	"Up to 4 miles of protected bike lanes from Shore District Dr to Montopolis Dr are part of the recommended improvements for the East Riverside corridor. These bike lanes will help to improve safety and mobility for bicyclists and drivers."

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# Appendix

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## I. Notices

Various methods were used to provide notice to the public about the E. Riverside Open House held on August 11, 2018. The open house was attended by 78 stakeholders and the Corridor Program Office received 287 comments and survey responses during the 15-day formal open comment period.

### Mailing

The Corridor Program Office mailed 3,336 letters to property owners along the corridor using addresses based on Travis Central Appraisal District information.



**July 23, 2018**

Dear Property Owner or Tenant,

The City of Austin invites you to attend a public open house to learn about and provide feedback on mobility, safety and connectivity improvements coming to East Riverside Drive between I-35 and SH 71. Our information indicates that you own or occupy one or more properties or businesses adjacent to East Riverside Drive. At the open house, the City will provide information about activities that will occur before construction begins, and project team members will be on-hand to meet you and answer questions.

**The meeting is Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at IDEA Montopolis, 1701 Vargas Rd., 78741.**

No formal presentation is planned, and you are welcome to come and go at your convenience.

The improvements are part of the Corridor Construction Program, which is funded in part by the 2016 Mobility Bond. The design phase of the Corridor Construction Program is currently underway and could last 12 to 36 months, depending on the project. We do not have a construction schedule at this time; however, we are reaching out to make sure you are aware of the Corridor Construction Program and ask that you join us at the open house.

#### About the Corridor Construction Program

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Prioritized improvements include upgrades to intersection configuration, traffic signals, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, transit facilities, as well as pedestrian/placemaking amenities.

Details of the Corridor Construction Program, including the complete list of recommendations for each of the nine corridors, is available at [AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility](http://AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility).

If you have any questions or plan to attend and would like to request translation services or other accommodations, please contact me at [mandy.mcclendon@austintexas.gov](mailto:mandy.mcclendon@austintexas.gov) or call 512-974-7899.

Respectfully,



Mandy McClendon

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## Newsletters

Open house announcements were placed in the 2016 Mobility Bond newsletter and the Austin Transportation newsletters.

2016 Mobility Bond e-Newsletter:

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Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (stop by anytime)

IDEA Montopolis, [1701 Vargas Rd., Austin, TX 78741](#)

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If you plan to attend and would like to request interpretation services or other accommodations, please contact Mandy McClendon at [corridors@austintexas.gov](mailto:corridors@austintexas.gov) or (512) 974-7899.

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Details of the proposed Corridor Construction Program, including the complete list of improvements for each of the nine corridors, is available at [AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility](#).

LEARN MORE

Austin Mobility News (Austin Transportation Department Newsletter):

## City to host 2016 Mobility Bond East Riverside Corridor meeting



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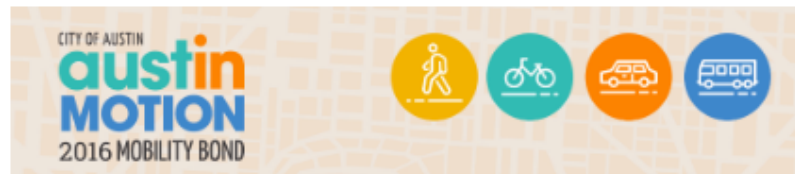
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**E-mail**

399 E. Riverside stakeholders and 10 Elected Officials received e-blasts regarding the E. Riverside open house.

First e-blast sent to stakeholders on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018:



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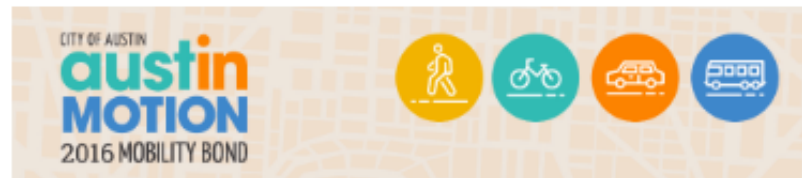
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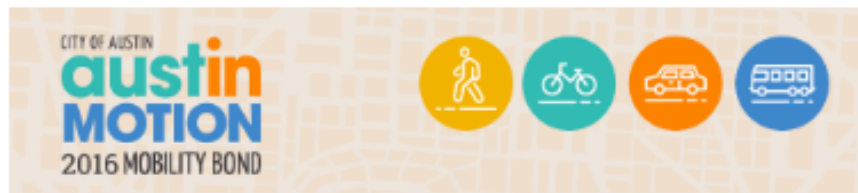
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## MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS ON EAST RIVERSIDE ARE IN DESIGN AND WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

The City of Austin Corridor Program Office and Austin Transportation Department are seeking feedback on mobility, safety and connectivity improvements to be constructed on East Riverside Drive between I-35 and SH 71. These improvements are currently in design.

On Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, we hosted an open house meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at IDEA Montopolis. At the meeting, we provided information about planned improvements for East Riverside Drive and got community feedback that will help refine the design of the improvements.

If you were unable to attend, you still have an opportunity to review the informational materials from the open house and provide input by clicking the links below:

- [Meeting Boards](#)
- [Handouts](#)
- [Interactive Map](#)
- [Survey](#)
- [Questions and Comments](#)

If you would like to sign up to receive updates about East Riverside Drive or other roadways that are being improved by the 2016 Mobility Bond, [click here](#).

*Please Note: The official comment period for the open house meeting ends on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018. While input provided after this date will be considered by the project team, it may not be captured as part of the official summary for the open house meeting, which will be posted on this webpage when it is available.*



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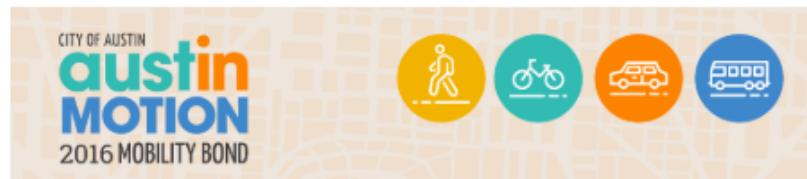
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The improvements are being funded by the [2016 Mobility Bond](#) as part of the [Corridor Construction Program](#).

**East Riverside Drive Corridor Open House**  
**Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018**  
**10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (stop by anytime)**  
**IDEA Montopolis, [1701 Vargas Rd., Austin, TX 78741](#)**

We encourage you to stop by and meet the East Riverside Drive team members, review the improvements being designed on the corridor and learn about activities underway as part of the design phase to get the projects ready for construction.

No formal presentation is planned and you are welcome to come and go at your convenience. Project team members will be on-hand to meet you and answer questions. Display boards, handouts and other meeting materials will be posted online at [AustinTexas.gov/Riverside](#) for anyone who may not be able to attend in person.

Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the Communications Liaison for East Riverside Drive in the City of Austin Corridor Program Office at 512-974-7899 or [corridors@austintexas.gov](mailto:corridors@austintexas.gov) at least two days prior to the meeting. All materials will be available in English with some materials available in Spanish.

Spanish speakers will be on-hand to assist providing information and answering questions. Any requests for additional language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two days prior to the public meeting. The City of Austin will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.



#### **About the Corridor Construction Program**

Austin City Council adopted the Corridor Construction Program in April 2018. It includes improvements to nine key Austin roadways, including East Riverside Drive.

The design phase of work is underway to prepare projects for construction. The bulk of construction of the Corridor Construction Program is expected to take place 2021-24.

Details of the proposed Corridor Construction Program, including the complete list of improvements for each of the nine corridors, is available at [AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility](https://austintexas.gov/CorridorMobility).

Visit our [What's New webpage](#) to see news and upcoming events related to 2016 Mobility Bond projects.

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You are receiving this email because you have expressed interest in City of Austin transportation news, Mobility Talks, the 2016 Mobility Bond, or related topics.

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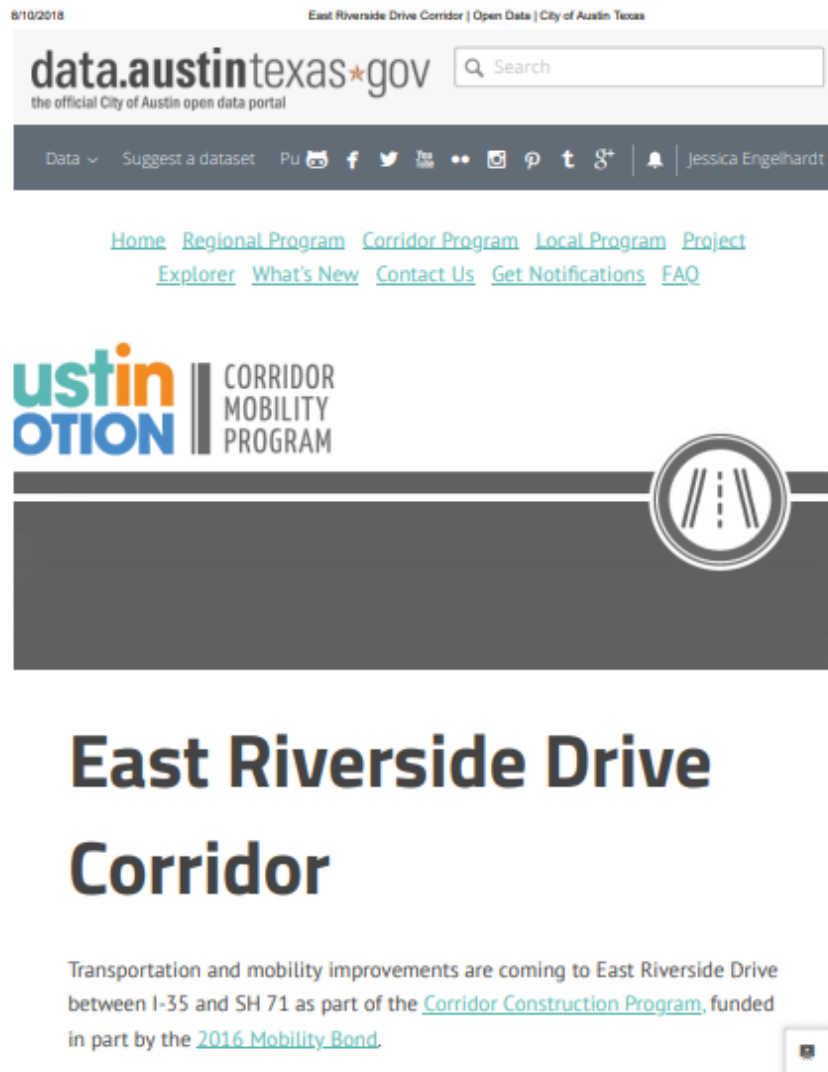
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## Webpage

Announcements were made on the E. Riverside Corridor webpage and the What's New webpage.











East Riverside Drive Corridor webpage ([www.AustinTexas.gov/EastRiverside](http://www.AustinTexas.gov/EastRiverside)):



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
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# East Riverside Drive Corridor

Transportation and mobility improvements are coming to East Riverside Drive between I-35 and SH 71 as part of the [Corridor Construction Program](#), funded in part by the [2016 Mobility Bond](#).



## Join us for our East Riverside Corridor Open House!

The City of Austin invites you to attend an Open House to learn about mobility, safety and connectivity improvements coming to East Riverside Drive between I-35 and SH 71 as part of the Corridor Construction Program. Information will also be available about activities that will occur before construction begins, and project team members will be on-hand to meet you and answer questions.

The meeting is an open house format, so join us anytime.

**Date:** Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** IDEA Montopolis ([1701 Vargas Rd., Austin, TX 78741](#))

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## What is proposed for construction

In Spring 2018, the Austin City Council approved a [Corridor Construction Program](#) that includes mobility, safety, and connectivity improvements on East Riverside Drive to accommodate multiple modes of transportation, including driving, walking, biking, and taking transit.

What's New webpage:



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the data.austintexas.gov website. It includes a search bar, a 'Sign In' button, and a menu with options like 'Data', 'Suggest a dataset', and 'Public Information'. Below the navigation bar, there are links for 'Home', 'Regional Program', 'Corridor Program', 'Local Program', 'Project Explorer', 'What's New', 'Contact Us', 'Get Notifications', and 'FAQ'. The main content area features the 'ustin MOTION' logo and the text 'WHAT'S NEW' next to a circular icon containing a speech bubble.

## What's New

We're hard at work to put mobility, safety and connectivity projects funded by the 2016 Mobility Bond on the ground. Here's where you'll find the latest news about Local, Corridor and Regional mobility improvements, including opportunities to get involved.

### **East Riverside Corridor: Open House**

The City of Austin Corridor Program Office and Austin Transportation Department invite you to attend an open house to learn about mobility, safety and connectivity improvements coming to East Riverside Drive between I-35 and SH 71 as part of the Corridor Construction Program. Information will also be available about activities that will occur before construction begins, and project team members will be on-hand to meet you and answer questions.

The meeting is an open house format, so join us anytime. More information about the East Riverside Corridor can be found [here](#).

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**Time:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (stop by anytime)

**Location:** IDEA Montopolis ([1701 Vargas Rd., Austin, TX 78741](#))

## Social Media

Posts were made to both Twitter and Facebook.

Twitter post on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018:



**Corridor Mobility Program** @ATXcorridors · 24 Jul 2018

We're excited to invite the public to our East Riverside Open House on August 11 at IDEA Montopolis starting at 10:00 AM. If you want more information, check out the Facebook event: [facebook.com/events/2118759...](https://www.facebook.com/events/2118759...) #atx #austinmotion #mobility



**EAST RIVERSIDE DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS**


**JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE**

**AUGUST 11 | IDEA MONTOPOLIS**

10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. (STOP BY ANYTIME) | 1701 Vargas Road, 78741

- EXPLORE EXHIBITS
- LEARN ABOUT THE PROJECT
- CHAT WITH PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS
- PROVIDE FEEDBACK

Twitter post on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018:



**Corridor Mobility Program** @ATXcorridors · 3 Aug 2018

We had a great time at Manos de Cristo Back-to-School Program at the IDEA Montopolis Academy yesterday! Don't forget we will be there on August 11th to talk about the East Riverside Corridor from 11am - 1pm. More information here: [austintexas.gov/riverside](http://austintexas.gov/riverside) #atx #austinmotion



Twitter post on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

 **Corridor Mobility Program** @ATXcorridors · 11 Aug 2018  
 TODAY: Don't forget to join us this morning at IDEA Montopolis Academy about East Riverside Improvements. We will be there from 10 am - 1 pm. Drop in anytime!!! #atx #mobility #austlNmotion



**EAST RIVERSIDE**  
**CORRIDOR**

When: Sat. Aug. 11  
 Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (stop by anytime)

Location:  
 IDEA Montopolis  
 (1701 Vargas Rd.,  
 Austin, TX 78741)



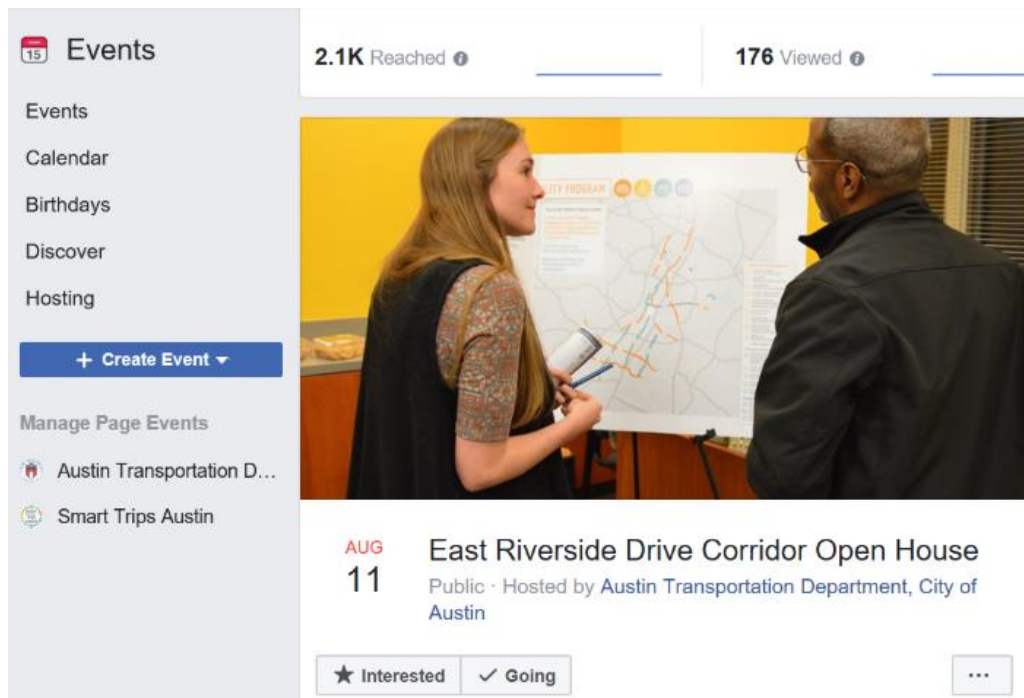
Twitter post on August 13, 2018:

 **Corridor Mobility Program** @ATXcorridors · 13 Aug 2018  
 This past Saturday, we hosted an Open House on East Riverside. If you were unable to attend, you still have an opportunity to review the informational materials from the open house and provide input here: [buff.ly/2B9yvzO](http://buff.ly/2B9yvzO)

#atx #RIVERSIDE #austlNmotion



Facebook post on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018:



### Flyers

An English/Spanish flyer was dropped off to all libraries and recreation centers in the area, listed below. Each location received 20 flyers.

- Ruiz Library
- Terrazas Library
- Montopolis Recreation Center
- Oswaldo/Cantu Recreation Center
- Metz Recreation Center
- Camacho Activity Center
- South Austin Senior Center
- Montopolis WIC Clinic
- City of Austin – Housing Authority
- ACC Riverside
- Oracle Corporation

# EAST RIVERSIDE DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

## JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

**AUGUST 11** | **IDEA MONTOPOLIS**  
10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. | 1701 Vargas Road, 78741  
(STOP BY ANYTIME)



### CORRIDOR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Adopted by Austin City Council in April, the Corridor Construction Program is funded in part by the 2016 Mobility Bond. Nine important Austin roadways will receive improvements to intersections, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, new and upgraded traffic signals, and transit-supportive improvements.

The mobility, safety and connectivity improvements coming to East Riverside Drive between I-35 and SH 71 are expected to:

- Improve safety for all modes of transportation
- Reduce vehicular delay
- Improve the effectiveness of transit
- Create continuous ADA-compliant sidewalks along the entire length of the corridor
- Create continuous bicycle facilities along the entire length of the corridor

The design phase of work is underway and could last 12 to 36 months.



- EXPLORE EXHIBITS
- LEARN ABOUT THE PROJECT
- CHAT WITH PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS
- PROVIDE FEEDBACK

### CONTACT US

WEBSITE: [AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/RIVERSIDE](http://AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/RIVERSIDE)

EMAIL: [CORRIDORS@AUSTINTEXAS.GOV](mailto:CORRIDORS@AUSTINTEXAS.GOV)

PHONE: 512-974-7899 OR AUSTIN 3-1-1

- @ATXCORRIDORS
- @AUSTINTEXASGOV
- /ATXTRANSPORTATION

### CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING?

Visit [AustinTexas.gov/Riverside](http://AustinTexas.gov/Riverside) to learn more.

### LANGUAGE OR OTHER ACCOMODATIONS NEEDED?

- Spanish-language materials and speakers will be available at the meeting.
- For resources in other languages or for other communication or accommodation needs, please contact Mandy McClendon ([mandy.mcclendon@austintexas.gov](mailto:mandy.mcclendon@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-7899).
- Please notify us by August 7th so we can make every reasonable effort to facilitate your requests.



## MEJORAS EN EAST RIVERSIDE DRIVE ACOMPÁÑANOS PARA UNA REUNIÓN PÚBLICA

**AUGUST 11** | **IDEA MONTOPOLIS**  
10 A.M. A 1 P.M. | 1701 Vargas Road, 78741  
(¡Venga a cualquier hora!)



### PROGRAMA DE CONSTRUCCIÓN DEL CORREDOR

Adoptado en abril por la Ciudad de Austin, el Programa de Construcción del Corredor está financiado en parte por el Bono de Movilidad 2016. Incluye mejoras en nueve carreteras importantes de Austin en intersecciones, señales de tráfico, aceras, instalaciones para bicicletas y mejoras de apoyo al tránsito.

Se espera que las mejoras de movilidad, seguridad y conexión que se realizarán en East Riverside Drive entre I-35 y SH 71 son

- Mejoras en la seguridad para todo tipo de transporte
- Reducción en demoras de tráfico
- Mejoras en la efectividad de tránsito
- Crear aceras continuas que cumplan con la Ley Crear aceras continuas que cumplan con la law para Estadunidenses con Discapacidades (ADA por sus siglas en inglés)
- Crear instalaciones para biciletas continuas a lo largo de todo el corredor

La fase de diseño está en progreso y podría durar entre 12 a 36 meses.

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- EXPLORE EXHIBICIONES
- APRENDE SOBRE EL PROYECTO
- HABLE CON LOS MIEMBROS DEL PROYECTO
- COMPARTA SU OPINIÓN

### CONTÁCTENOS

SITIO WEB:

[AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/RIVERSIDE](http://AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/RIVERSIDE)

CORREO ELECTRÓNICO:

[CORRIDORS@AUSTINTEXAS.GOV](mailto:CORRIDORS@AUSTINTEXAS.GOV)

TELÉFONO:

512-974-7899 OR AUSTIN 3-1-1



@ATXCORRIDORS



@AUSTINTEXASGOV



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¿NO PUEDE ASISTIR A LA  
REUNIÓN?

Vaya a [www.AustinTexas.gov/Riverside](http://www.AustinTexas.gov/Riverside)

### ¿NECESITA TRADUCCIÓN U OTROS ARREGLOS?

- Habrá material en español e intérpretes durante la reunión.
- Si necesita asistencia en otros idiomas u otros arreglos, comuníquese con Mandy McClendon ([mandy.mcclendon@austintexas.gov](mailto:mandy.mcclendon@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-7899).
- Por favor notifiquenos antes o al 7 de agosto para que podamos hacer todos los esfuerzos razonables para facilitar sus solicitudes.

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#### VMS sign

A variable-message sign was placed at the intersection of Pleasant Valley and E. Riverside on July 31, 2018. Message board read:

Riverside  
Corridor  
Open house

8/11 IDEA  
Montopolis  
10AM – 1PM





**Newspaper Advertisement**

A display ad was published in the El Mundo newspaper on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**MEJORAS EN EAST RIVERSIDE DRIVE**  
**ACOMPÁÑANOS PARA UNA REUNIÓN PÚBLICA**

**AGOSTO 11** | **IDEA MONTOPOLIS**  
10 A.M. A 1 P.M. | 1701 Vargas Road, 78741  
*(Programa de transporte)*

EXPLORE EXHIBICIONES    APRENDE SOBRE EL PROYECTO    HABLE CON LOS MIEMBROS DEL PROYECTO    COMPARTI TU OPINIÓN

**¿NECESITA TRADUCCIÓN U OTROS ARREGLOS?**

**CONTÁCTENOS**

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austintotal@cityofaustin.gov  
787.441.4444  
311 (24/7) o 787.441.4444

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### Phone calls

Neighborhood association phone calls were made one week prior to the meeting to remind them about the open house.

### Notifications to Elected and Appointed Officials

Open house meeting announcements were sent by Mike Trimble to Austin City Council members and city board and Commissions. Follow-up phone calls were also placed to Council Member offices.

Email sent July 20, 2018:

From: Trimble, Michael  
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 12:56 PM  
Subject: Corridor Construction Program - First Public Meeting for East Riverside Drive - August 11th

Dear Council Members,

Next month, the Corridor Program Office and the Austin Transportation Department will begin hosting the first round of public meetings for all nine corridors included in the City Council-adopted Corridor Construction Program, to be funded in part by the 2016 Mobility Bond. These public meetings are intended to provide information to the public, property owners and businesses about preliminary engineering activities that are underway, and the mobility, safety and connectivity improvements that will be built in each corridor. The Corridor Program Office will also collect input that will help refine the designs of the projects, which are based on Corridor Mobility Plans that City staff has worked with the community to create since 2011.

The first public meeting has been scheduled for East Riverside Drive on Saturday, August 11 from 10 a.m. – 1 **p.m** at IDEA **Montopolis** ([1701 Vargas Road](#)).

The Corridor Program Office and the Austin Transportation Department will be promoting this and other upcoming public meetings broadly, but we welcome you to share information with your constituents and, of course, to attend.

Following is a tentative schedule of all other open houses planned for this fall. The Corridor Program office communications team will follow up with City Council offices whose districts contain all or part of the corridor about a week prior to each open house meeting, as a reminder:

East Riverside Drive: Saturday August 11 (*confirmed*) – IDEA Montopolis

- William Cannon Drive: Saturday, August 18
- Slaughter Lane: Wednesday, August 22 (*confirmed*) – Bethany Lutheran Church
- South Lamar Boulevard: Thursday, September 6
- East MLK/FM 969: Thursday, September 13
- Burnet Road: Tuesday, September 18
- Airport Boulevard: Tuesday, September 25
- North Lamar Boulevard: Thursday, September 27
- Guadalupe Street: Tuesday, October 2

The design phase of the Corridor Construction Program is currently underway and could last 12 to 36 months, depending on the project. Preliminary engineering activities are taking place now to refine project designs and prepare them for construction. Fieldwork and land surveys will be completed throughout the summer to gather additional data on topographical features, boundaries, trees, and geotechnical elements, such as soils and pavements.

The Corridor Program Office anticipates completing a second round of public meetings by early 2019 to share updated project designs that are informed by the results of the analyses currently

underway. Throughout both rounds of meetings, the Corridor Program Office will continue coordinating with partner agencies and their planning processes, including ASMP and ProjectConnect.

Corridor Construction Program Background:

The Corridor Construction Program includes mobility, safety and connectivity improvements to nine major Austin corridors:

- **East** Riverside Drive from I-35 to SH 71
- **North** Lamar Boulevard from US Hwy. 183 to Howard Lane
- **Burnet** Road from Koenig Lane to MoPac Expressway
- **Airport** Boulevard from North Lamar Boulevard to US Hwy. 183
- **East** MLK Jr. Boulevard/FM 969 from US Hwy. 183 to Decker Lane
- **South** Lamar Boulevard from Riverside Drive to Ben White Boulevard/US Hwy. 290 West
- **Guadalupe** Street from MLK Jr. Boulevard to West 29th Street
- **William** Cannon Drive from Southwest Parkway to McKinney Falls Parkway
- **Slaughter** Lane from FM 1826 to Vertex Boulevard

Projects include improvements to intersections, pavement, traffic signals, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and transit-supportive improvements. More information about the East Riverside Drive corridor, including the Corridor Mobility Plan and the improvements included in the Corridor Construction Program can be found at [Austintexas.gov/Riverside](http://Austintexas.gov/Riverside). [More information about the Corridor Construction Program can be found online at Austintexas.gov/CorridorMobility](http://Austintexas.gov/CorridorMobility).

Following is some language you are welcome to use on your social media channels or in your newsletter regarding the East Riverside Drive public meeting:

Facebook:

The City of Austin is hosting an open house about the planned improvements for East Riverside Drive, which are funded in part by the 2016 Mobility Bond. The event is on Saturday, 8/11, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at IDEA Montopolis. You can drop in anytime to share your input, ask questions, and speak with the project team in English or in Spanish. Details at [AustinTexas.gov/Riverside](http://AustinTexas.gov/Riverside).

Twitter:

Join us for an E Riverside open house! 8/11, 10-1 @ IDEA Montopolis. Ask questions; give input in Eng/Span. More info <https://bit.ly/2uEZ9Kj>

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me or Sara Behunek, Communications Manager, at (512) 974-7840.

Sincerely,

Mike Trimble, **PfMP**, CNU-A  
Director, Corridor Program Office  
City of Austin  
512-974-3442  
[Mike.trimble@austintexas.gov](mailto:Mike.trimble@austintexas.gov)

Email sent July 2018:

**Re: East Riverside Drive Corridor Improvements and Open House Meeting**

Council Member [fill in name]:

Next month, the Corridor Program Office and the Austin Transportation Department are hosting an open house about mobility, safety and connectivity improvements for the East Riverside Drive corridor.

**The meeting is Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 10a.m. to 1 p.m. at IDEA Allan Academy, 1701 Vargas Rd., 78741.**

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to the public and businesses about preliminary engineering work, current corridor conditions and what will be built to address identified problems, and to collect input that will help refine the design of the projects.

Project team members will be on-hand to meet community members and answer questions in English and Spanish. No formal presentation is planned, and attendees are welcome to come and go at their convenience. Display boards, handouts, questionnaires, and other meeting materials will also be available online at [AustinTexas.gov/Riverside](http://AustinTexas.gov/Riverside) for anyone who may not be able to attend in person.

**Project Background**

The East Riverside Corridor project is part of the City Council-adopted Corridor Construction Program, to be funded in part by the 2016 Mobility Bond. The bond program dedicates \$482 million for corridor improvements.

The Corridor Construction Program includes mobility, safety and connectivity improvements to nine major Austin corridors, which, in addition to East Riverside Drive, includes:

- **North Lamar Boulevard** from US Hwy. 183 to Howard Lane
- **Burnet Road** from Koenig Lane to MoPac Expressway
- **Airport Boulevard** from North Lamar Boulevard to US Hwy. 183
- **East MLK Jr. Boulevard/FM 969** from US Hwy. 183 to Decker Lane
- **South Lamar Boulevard** from Riverside Drive to Ben White Boulevard/US Hwy. 290 West
- **Guadalupe Street** from MLK Jr. Boulevard to West 29th Street
- **William Cannon Drive** from Southwest Parkway to McKinney Falls Parkway
- **Slaughter Lane** from FM 1826 to Vertex Boulevard

Projects include improvements to intersections, pavement, traffic signals, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and transit-supportive improvements. More information about the East Riverside Drive corridor, including the Corridor Mobility Plan and the improvements included in the Corridor Construction Program can be found at [Austintexas.gov/Riverside](http://Austintexas.gov/Riverside). More information about the Corridor Construction Program can be found online at [Austintexas.gov/CorridorMobility](http://Austintexas.gov/CorridorMobility).

We will be promoting this and the other public meetings broadly, but we welcome you to share information with your constituents and, of course, to attend. We plan to host another round of public meetings this winter and to engage with the community in other ways throughout the design phase.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me or Sara Behunek, Communications Manager, at (512) 974-7840.

Sincerely,

Mike Trimble, Director  
Corridor Program Office, City of Austin  
512-974-3442  
[michael.trimble@austintexas.gov](mailto:michael.trimble@austintexas.gov)

CC: Susan Daniels, Assistant Director  
Sara Behunek, Communications Manager

### Calendar postings

Calendar posting were made to the following online calendars: Corridor Program Office, Austin Transportation Department, and the City of Austin.

### Media Advisories

The following press release was sent to 250+ media outlets on August 8, 2018.

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#### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**For immediate release:** August 8, 2018

**Contact:** Sara Behunek, Corridor Program Office, (512) 974-7840, [sara.behunek@austintexas.gov](mailto:sara.behunek@austintexas.gov)

## City to host corridor mobility public open houses

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On Saturday, the City of Austin Corridor Program Office and Austin Transportation Department will host a public open house for corridor mobility improvements on East Riverside Drive. [Learn more about what is planned for the East Riverside Drive corridor.](#)

### **East Riverside Drive Corridor Open House**

**Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018**

**10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (come anytime)**

**IDEA Montopolis**

**1701 Vargas Road, Austin, TX 78741**

This meeting is the first in a series of public open houses at which the public can learn about and provide feedback on corridors included in the Corridor Construction Program, which is funded in part by the 2016 Mobility Bond.

The second public open house is for Slaughter Lane. [Learn more about what is planned for the Slaughter Lane corridor.](#)

**Slaughter Lane Corridor Open House**  
**Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018**  
**5 to 8 p.m. (come anytime)**  
**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
**3701 W. Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX 78749**

In 2016, Austin voters approved \$720 million for transportation and mobility improvements throughout Austin. The majority of that funding, \$482 million, was earmarked for corridor mobility improvements.

With that funding, the City is designing and constructing mobility, safety and connectivity improvements on nine key corridors. Those corridors are:

- **North Lamar Boulevard** from US 183 to Howard Lane/I-35
- **Burnet Road** from Koenig Lane to Mopac Expressway
- **Airport Boulevard** from North Lamar Boulevard to US 183
- **East MLK Jr. Boulevard/FM 969** from US Hwy. 183 to Decker Lane
- **South Lamar Boulevard** from Riverside Drive to Ben White Boulevard/US 290
- **East Riverside Drive** from Riverside Drive to SH 71
- **Guadalupe Street** from MLK Jr. Boulevard to West 29th Street
- **William Cannon Drive** from Southwest Parkway to McKinney Falls Parkway
- **Slaughter Lane** from FM 1826 to Vertex Boulevard

Austin City Council adopted a Corridor Construction Program in April 2018 that prioritizes the corridor improvements for funding. The design phase of the Corridor Construction Program is currently underway and could last 12 to 36 months, depending on the project. The design phase includes preliminary engineering activities, such as land surveys, refinements to the mobility improvements, updates to cost estimates and public input.

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City staff will return to City Council in spring 2019 to provide an update on preliminary engineering. At that time, City staff will seek City Council approval to proceed with full design.

The City will post future public open house dates for the remaining corridors at [AustinTexas.gov/WhatsNew](http://AustinTexas.gov/WhatsNew).

### Television interview

An on-camera interview in Spanish with Univision was conducted on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The interview was featured in a 2-minute community update within the news hour. The promotion on Facebook is below.



## Nextdoor

12,998 stakeholders were reached via Nextdoor with the following message:

**OPEN HOUSE NOTICE (for Nextdoor, VMS)**  
**City of Austin Corridor Construction Program**  
**East Riverside Drive – From I-35 to I-71**

### Nextdoor:

The City of Austin invites you to attend an Open House to learn about mobility, safety and connectivity improvements coming to East Riverside Drive between I-35 and SH 71 as part of the Corridor Construction Program. Information will also be available about activities that will occur before construction begins, and project team members will be on-hand to meet you and answer questions.

**WHAT:** East Riverside Drive Open House

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**WHERE:** IDEA Montoplis - 1701 Vargas Rd., 78741

No formal presentation is planned and you are welcome to come and go at your convenience. If you plan to attend and would like to request translation services or other accommodations, please contact Frances Jordan at [mandy.mcClendon@austintexas.gov](mailto:mandy.mcClendon@austintexas.gov) or 512-XXX-XXXX.

Following the Open House, display boards, handouts and other meeting materials will be posted online for anyone who may not be able to attend in person.

Para obtener información en español, haga clic aquí o llame a Austin 3-1-1.

### About the Corridor Construction Program

Adopted by Austin City Council in April, the Corridor Construction Program is funded in part by the 2016 Mobility Bond. It includes improvements to nine important Austin roadways, including East Riverside Drive.

The design phase of work is underway to prepare projects for construction, which include improvements to intersections, traffic signals, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and transit-supportive improvements. The design phase could last 12 to 36 months, depending on the project.

Details of the proposed Corridor Construction Program, including the complete list of recommendations for each of the nine corridors are available at [AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility](http://AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility).

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## II. Sign-in sheets



**WHEN** August 11, 2018  
**WHERE** IDEA Montopolis - East Riverside Drive Open House

NAME NOMBRE	ADDRESS DOMICILIO	EMAIL CORREO ELECTRONICO	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS EVENT? ¿CÓMO TE ENTERASTE ACERCA DE ESTE EVENTO?
Deborah Marsh	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	email
Marion Sanchez	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	a friend's city
James Linardos	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	face book
Bill Cassis	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	email
Ann Heiberger	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	post card
Just Mike Pullin	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Postal
Donna West	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Austin Social Cycling
Theresa Rankin	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	library flyer
Brenda Chulewala	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Michelle Miller	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SOCIAL RIDE
CHRIS DE GREGO	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SOCIAL BIKE RIDE
Lillian Furnell	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Flyer
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MTValesca	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Road Light Sign
Hans Peng	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	(newsmediaextra@gmail.com)
Gloria Morales Pannu	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neighbor
Chris Jones	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neighbor
Lisa Jones	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SIGN
BJ Morris	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
F. GAYAN	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Lauren Siegel	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	

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Jennifer Barry			email

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James D Brown			MAIL
MK KAVOUSI			MAIL
Will Liska			facebook
Rose Warren			
DAN Donnelly			local
LISA Donnelly			"
<del>Maria</del>			
Bianca Boykin			Social Cycling Austin
RADUEZ ORTEGA			Social Cycling Austin
James Stoppel			"
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Lisa Perez				
Leonardo Caballero				Newspaper
Alicia DuLeon				Newspaper
At Montopolis				
Ron & Gwyn Thruer				
Jay Nason				
Rex Albers				Email from Corridor Pgm
Myra Rojas Hernandez				email
Rich Hollenbeck				facebook
Tom Robinson				chronicle

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Dianne Downey			Friend
Rick Fenley			
Camila Pitecis			Email
<del>RACHEL DINGENFELT</del>			
STEPHEN BOND			NEXT DOOR Neighbour
Chris Lee			Email
Jacob Callman			friend

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### III. Figures

#### Meeting Display Boards (English)

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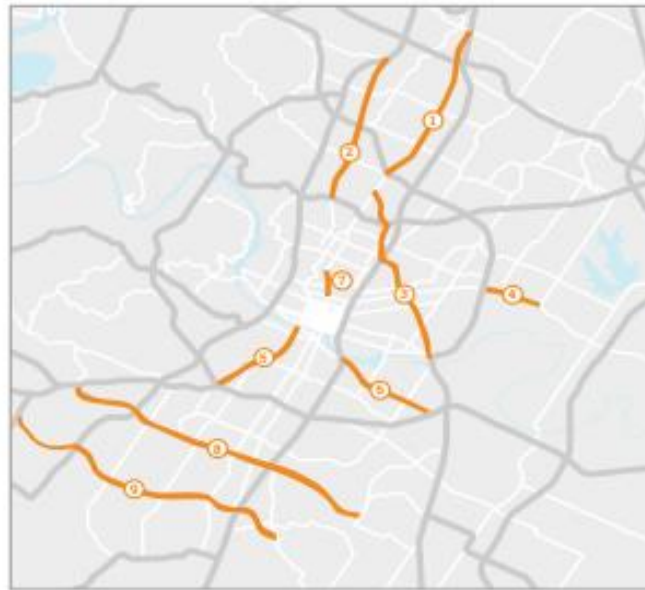
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# Corridor Construction Program

In Spring 2018, City Council adopted a \$1.4 billion Corridor Construction Program on nine major Austin corridors. The Corridor Construction Program includes mobility, safety, and connectivity improvements for everyone—including for people who drive, walk, bike, and take transit. These projects will get funding from the \$482 million for corridors approved by voters in the 2016 Mobility Bond.

## CORRIDOR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

- 1 NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD FROM US 183 TO HOWARD LANE
- 2 BURNET ROAD FROM KOENIG LANE TO MORAC EXPRESSWAY
- 3 AIRPORT BOULEVARD FROM NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD TO US HWY 183
- 4 EAST MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD/FM 969 FROM US 183 TO DECKER LANE
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- 6 EAST RIVERSIDE DRIVE FROM I-35 TO SH 71
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- 9 SLAUGHTER LANE FROM FM 1826 TO VERTEX ROAD



## PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Improve safety for all modes of transportation
- Reduce vehicular delay
- Improve the effectiveness of transit
- Create continuous ADA-compliant sidewalks along the entire length of the corridors
- Create continuous bicycle facilities along the entire length of the corridors





# Project Purpose & Goals

The purpose of the Corridor Construction Program is to improve mobility, safety, connectivity and quality of life in the corridor. Here are key outcomes we seek to achieve.

## MOBILITY

- Reduce delay
- Increase people throughput
- Improve reliability
- Improve level-of-service for all modes
- Improve connectivity
- Manage congestion
- Improve effectiveness of transit operations

## SAFETY

- Reduce crashes
- Increase confidence to bicycle and/or walk
- Improve level-of-service for all modes

## CONNECTIVITY

- Improve ability to safely get where you want to go
- Increase connections to bicycle routes
- Provide connected and ADA-compliant sidewalks
- Improve access to transit facilities

## QUALITY OF LIFE

- Improve access to employment opportunities, services, healthcare, affordable housing, businesses, education, entertainment, recreation, cultural centers and parks/greenspace
- Enhance community vibrancy
- Support businesses so they can thrive
- Create livable, walkable, safe and transit-supportive corridors
- Allow for affordable and mixed-income housing
- Enable healthy, equitable and complete communities



# Corridor Construction Program Timeline



## Preliminary Engineering Timeline



# Preliminary Engineering / Design-Phase Activities

Improvements in the Corridor Construction Program are at a conceptual/preliminary level. Additional design must take place before the projects are ready for construction.



Preliminary engineering is the first part of the design phase. During preliminary engineering, the following activities take place:

- Land surveying to gather information about utilities, property lines, and trees
- Collecting soil samples and assessing pavement condition
- Community outreach
- Updating cost estimates and looking for budget efficiencies
- Refining design of improvements

# Corridor Mobility Plan

The City of Austin has completed Corridor Mobility Plans for nine major Austin corridors. The improvements in the Corridor Construction Program are based on recommendations in these Corridor Mobility Plans.

The City of Austin finalized the East Riverside Drive Corridor Mobility Plan in December 2013. Since then, the City of Austin has built recommendations in the plan as funding has become available. The Corridor Construction Program will include more comprehensive improvements to enhance mobility, safety and connectivity along the entire corridor.



*Clockwise from top left: Mobility and safety improvements at the Lakeshore Boulevard intersection facing west. Mobility and safety improvements at the Lakeshore Boulevard intersection facing south. Sidewalk and ADA ramp improvements at the Pleasant Valley Drive intersection completed in 2013.*

## DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN INCLUDED

- Public engagement
- Data collection
- Assessing needs and missing infrastructure
- Drainage analysis
- Future travel demand analysis
- Recommendations for improvements

# Corridor Mobility Plan Public Feedback

## 1. WHEN ASKED HOW THEY USE THE EAST RIVERSIDE CORRIDOR, RESPONDENTS ANSWERED:



- 40 Connection to other locations
- 23 Commute to downtown
- 18 I don't travel on East Riverside Corridor on a regular basis
- 17 Airport connection
- 6 College / University connection

## 2. WHEN ASKED WHERE THEY CURRENTLY ENTER/EXIT THE EAST RIVERSIDE CORRIDOR, RESPONDENTS ANSWERED:



- 41 Other
- 38 I-35
- 17 SH 71

## 3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT AREAS IN THE EAST RIVERSIDE DRIVE CORRIDOR, RESPONDENTS INDICATED THAT THESE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION NEED TO BE IMPROVED:



- 51 Bicycle / Pedestrians
- 38 Transit (bus or rail)
- 18 Cars

Public Engagement was an important component of the Corridor Mobility Plan development process for East Riverside Drive. It included:

- Two open house meetings
- One open house meeting for businesses
- Three focus group meetings
- Stakeholder meetings with transportation and public agencies, major landowners, transportation advocates and interest groups

This board shows a sample of the public input received through a questionnaire provided at an open house meeting.

## 4. WHEN ASKED ABOUT TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES, THE COMMUNITY RANKED THE FOLLOWING WITH 1 BEING THE MOST IMPORTANT.



#1 Enhanced pedestrian experience



#2 Improved transit access



#3 Enhanced bicycle access and mobility



#4 Improved automobile access

# Other Nearby Improvements

## PLEASANT VALLEY/ELMONT INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Austin Transportation completed safety and mobility improvements in June at the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and Elmont Drive. This is the first 2016 Mobility Bond-funded Intersection Safety/Vision Zero project for which construction has been completed.

The purpose of the Pleasant Valley/Elmont improvements is to reduce crashes by addressing left-turn conflicts and enhancing pedestrian and bicycle safety.



Improvements include:

- New exclusive left turn lanes northbound and southbound on Pleasant Valley
- New raised center-medians on Pleasant Valley and Elmont
- New shared use path on both sides of Pleasant Valley for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Upgraded Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant pedestrian ramps at all four corners of the intersection
- High-visibility continental crosswalks
- Signal phasing improvements

## LAKESHORE BOULEVARD PROJECT

In 2015, the Austin Transportation and Public Works departments teamed up to resurface Lakeshore Boulevard and create a two-way protected bikeway and parking lane on the north side of the roadway between East Riverside Drive and Pleasant Valley Road.

*Before*



*After*

*Image courtesy of Kelly Deacon*

# What We Want to Achieve

The Corridor Construction Program aims to improve mobility, safety and connectivity along East Riverside Drive, whether you drive, bike, walk or take transit.

## CURRENT CORRIDOR CONDITIONS

- The intersections of East Riverside Drive and Willow Creek Drive, Wickersham Lane, Tinnin Ford Road and Pleasant Valley Road are among Austin's Top 28 crash intersections
- Cyclists must share vehicular lanes or sidewalks because there are no bicycle facilities
- Sidewalks are not in good condition and need to be upgraded/rehabilitated
- Signalized pedestrian crossings are spaced too far apart



## HOW WE ARE IMPROVING THE CORRIDOR

- Reducing delay by an estimated 25% on average for all of the corridors compared with doing nothing
- Upgrading intersections, including modifications to turn lanes
- Adding and upgrading traffic signals with enhanced technology
- Improving four of Austin's Top 28 crash intersections (at Willow Creek Drive, Wickersham Lane, Tinnin Ford Road and Pleasant Valley Road)
- Upgrading sidewalks to complete an ADA-compliant network for the full length of the corridor
- Creating bicycle facilities along the full length of the corridor
- Creating streetscapes with shade for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Adding connections to 3 existing bike routes, resulting in connections to 12 interconnected routes
- Coordinating transit improvements with Capital Metro
- Improving connectivity to transit stops through added sidewalks, bicycle facilities and midblock pedestrian crosswalks (pedestrian hybrid beacons)

# Mobility, Safety and Connectivity Improvements

The Corridor Construction Program includes mobility, safety and connectivity improvements on East Riverside Drive between I-35 and SH 71.

We anticipate putting approximately \$84 million from the 2016 Mobility Bond into improvements on East Riverside Drive that best meet City Council's Contract With Voters.

## Design and Construction

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Up to 17 traffic signal improvements with enhanced technology to promote vehicular and transit efficiency and pedestrian and bicyclist safety
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Intersection improvements with possible turn lane modifications to enhance vehicular and transit efficiency and pedestrian and bicyclist safety at:

  1. Tustin Ford Rd
  2. Willow Creek Dr
  3. S Pleasant Valley Rd
  4. Montopolis Dr
- 

Up to 3 miles of full pavement reconstruction and/or rehabilitation to repair spot damage, restore surface, and improve rideability
- 

Bridge widenings at Country Club Creek to provide safer crossings for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists
- 

Evaluation and possible construction of new or reconfigured midblock pedestrian crosswalk signals (Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons) for cyclists and pedestrians in the vicinity of:

  - Summit St
  - Willow Hill Dr (C)
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On-corridor stormwater drainage upgrades from Shore District Dr to Montopolis Dr to support mobility improvements



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Up to 4 miles of protected bicycle lanes from Shore District Dr to Montopolis Dr to improve safety and mobility for bicyclists and drivers
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New street lighting from Shore District Dr to Montopolis Dr to improve visibility and enhance safety
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Streetscape enhancements with elements like barriers, aesthetic treatments, landscaping, landscaping, etc.
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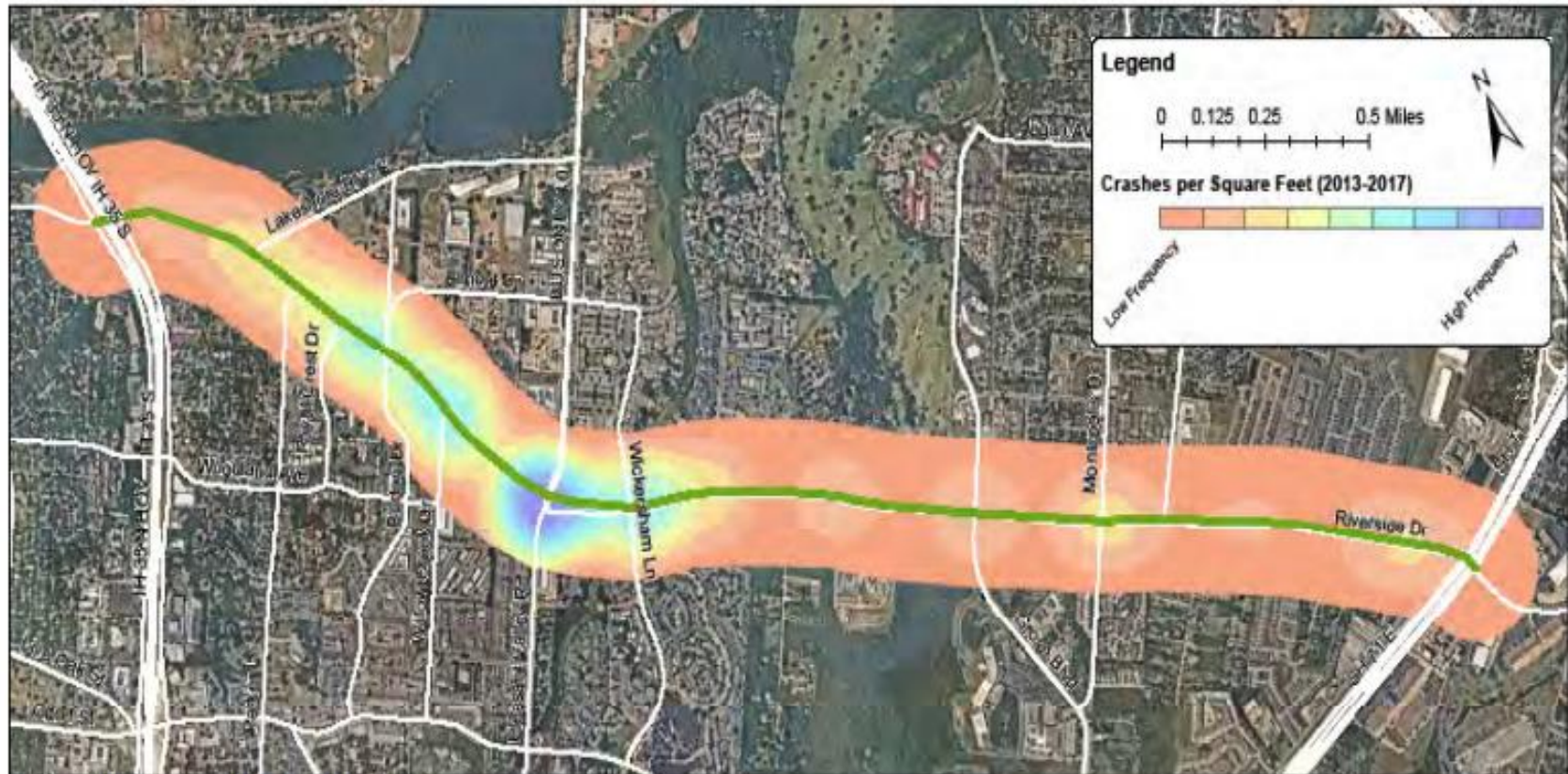
Up to 4.5 miles of new or rehabilitated sidewalks or shared-use paths to create continuous ADA-compliant sidewalks along length of corridor, with wider sidewalks from Shore District Dr to Montopolis Dr
- A single improvement may benefit multiple transportation modes.

● Vehicular    ● Bicycle  
● Pedestrian    ● Transit  
 Corridor Limits



# Crash Frequency

This map depicts crash locations on East Riverside Drive from 2013-2017.



Source: City of Austin Transportation Department

# Environmental Considerations

During the design phase of the Corridor Construction Program, the City of Austin will analyze these environmental considerations in accordance with Land Development Code requirements and the National Environmental Policy Act (as needed). The results of the analyses will be used to help refine the improvement projects to reduce impacts.

As appropriate, the City of Austin will analyze the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of these environmental considerations, and will coordinate with State and Federal Regulatory Agencies, including the Texas Historical Commission, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



**Air Quality and Traffic Noise**  
(where applicable)



**Biological Resources**  
(including threatened and endangered species as well as other fauna and flora)



**Cultural Resources**  
(including historic places and archaeological sites)



**Geology, Soils and Land-Use Patterns**



**Hazardous Materials**



**Parkland Impacts**



**Social and Community Impacts**  
(including low-income populations, limited English proficiency, parks, community centers, and residential and business impacts)



**Water Resources**

# Public Outreach

In addition to outreach conducted when the Corridor Mobility Plan was created, the City of Austin conducted the following community engagement during development of the Corridor Construction Program (between July 2017 and April 2018).

## WHAT WE HEARD

"We encourage access for all modes walk/bike/public/auto; but do not discriminate or deter against auto." – East Riverside Drive business owner

Your feedback helped shape the improvements. Here's what we heard:

- Improve pedestrian facilities by rehabilitating and filling in gaps in sidewalks and curb cuts, and adding safe crossings
- Address unprotected left-turns
- Make it easier and safer for handicapped community members to get around
- Build a dedicated bike lane
- Concern about traffic congestion from development
- Add lighting along the corridor

## WE HOSTED A POP-IN MEETING LAST YEAR

**97** conversations with the public

**12,924** postcards sent to homes and businesses

**2,500** residents reached through NextDoor

## WE HAD AN ONLINE SURVEY

**254** community surveys completed for East Riverside Drive corridor

## WE SPOKE WITH PROPERTY-OWNERS & BUSINESSES

**149** letters sent to property owners

**80** door-to-door conversations with corridor businesses

# Pleasant Valley Road Intersection

The East Riverside Drive and Pleasant Valley Road intersection is one of the most dangerous intersections on East Riverside Drive and in Austin.

The Corridor Construction Program reconfigures the intersection in a way that will improve safety and reduce delay, and makes innovative use of the space currently occupied by the wide median.

It also creates an opportunity for the community to help come up with ideas for creating a new community space.

The image here is just one idea for the future of that space.

Figure 6-4: Recommended Pleasant Valley Road



Source: East Riverside Drive Corridor Mobility Plan

# Placemaking

As part of the design phase, we want you to think about how to enhance the character of the corridor through placemaking. Use these images to inspire you as you respond to the questionnaire.

"Placemaking facilitates creative patterns of use, paying particular attention to the physical, cultural, and social identities that define a place and support its ongoing evolution."

- Project for Public Spaces



# Help Us Refine Improvements

The goals of the Corridor Construction Program are to improve mobility, safety and connectivity. Help us refine the improvements to better meet these goals by giving us feedback on comment cards.

## MOBILITY

- *Where along the corridor do you see the most traffic back-ups?*
- *Where are your most frequent destinations on the corridor?*

## SAFETY

- *Are there locations in the corridor where it is difficult to see?*
- *When biking or walking along the corridor, are there particular places that feel unsafe?*

## CONNECTIVITY

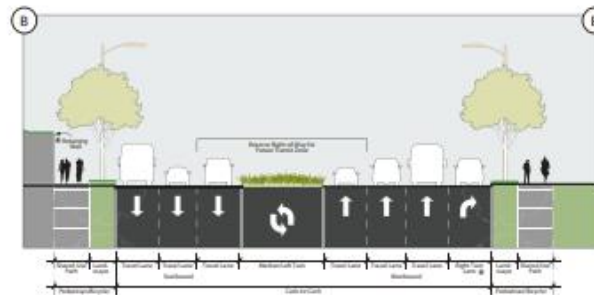
- *Are the proposed midblock pedestrian crosswalk signals (pedestrian hybrid beacons) located in the best places?*

## QUALITY OF LIFE

- *Where would shade trees/ structures be most beneficial?*
- *How can transportation and mobility improvements support community priorities like livability and quality of life?*

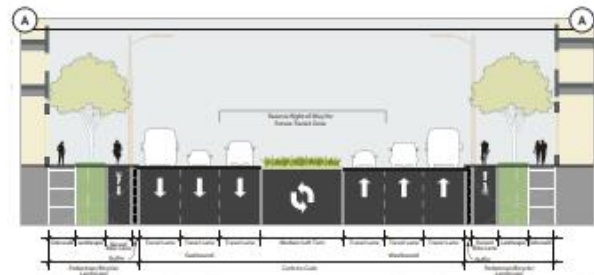


# Typical Cross-Sections



SH 71 to Montopolis Drive and  
Shore District Drive to I-35

\*Retaining wall and right-turn lane from Summit St to I-35



Willow Creek Drive to Shore District Drive and  
Montopolis to Wickersham Lane



Wickersham Lane to Willow Creek Drive

The cross-sections depicted are preliminary and subject to change. Trees and street lighting are subject to preliminary engineering and design.

# Understanding the Impacts

Whenever transportation and mobility projects are constructed, properties and businesses near the improvements can be affected. Typical impacts that may be associated with these types of improvements are listed below.

- Adjustments to utility service lines
- Access adjustments
- Right-of-way acquisition
- Temporary construction easements
- Grading and topography easements
- Parking



We understand these changes will be of concern to some property and business owners, and are seeking ways to mitigate impacts.

Boundary surveys are underway, and we anticipate having more information about impacts to specific properties later this year.

If you own a property or business and you have questions or concerns, please email Sara Behunek at [corridors@austintexas.gov](mailto:corridors@austintexas.gov) or call (512) 974-7840.

Are you a neighbor or stakeholder with a concern? Reach out to us at the above email and phone number.



# Supporting Businesses During Construction

We know construction can be disruptive, and we're actively considering how we can minimize impacts to businesses throughout the process.



We will discuss these and other ideas at a business roundtable meeting this fall. If you own or manage a business on the corridor and would like to participate, please email or call Sara Behunek at [corridors@austintexas.gov](mailto:corridors@austintexas.gov) or (512) 974-7840.

## WHAT WE ARE DOING:

- ✓ Having a Corridor Ambassador team for each corridor to connect the public to the project team, answer questions, and address concerns
- ✓ Maintaining access to businesses during construction and providing signage to help direct drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians
- ✓ Using multiple methods to keep people informed (e.g., door-to-door, Nextdoor, small group meetings, emails, Austin 3-1-1, events and mailings)
- ✓ Responding to inquiries promptly

# Project Partners

The City of Austin Corridor Program Office is partnering with other City of Austin departments and regional public agencies. These are the public agencies and City of Austin departments we are working with:

## Public Agency Partners

- Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Travis County

The Corridor Program Office is also coordinating with others, like private utilities and nonprofits, and seeking more partnership opportunities. If you have suggestions for partnerships, let us know.

## City of Austin Partners

- Austin 3-1-1
- Austin Energy
- Austin Fire Department
- Austin Public Health
- Austin Transportation Department
- Austin Water
- Capital Contracting Office
- Development Services Department
- Economic Development Department
- Equity Office
- Neighborhood Housing and Community Development
- Office of Real Estate Services
- Office of Sustainability
- Parks and Recreation Department
- Public Works Department
- Small and Minority Business Resources Department
- Watershed Protection Department

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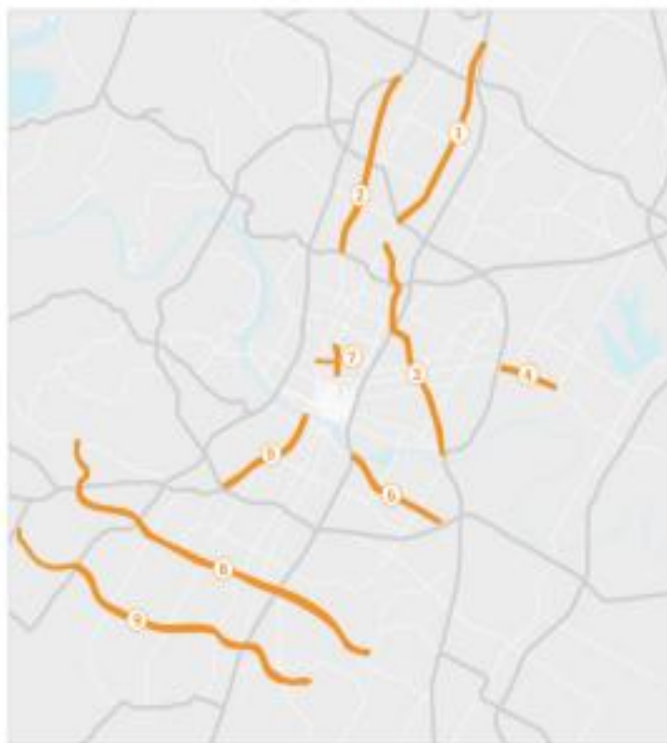
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# Programa de Construcción del Corredor

En la primavera del 2018, el Concejo Municipal aprobó un Programa de Construcción de Corredores de \$ 1.4 billones en nueve corredores principales de Austin. El Programa de construcción de corredores incluye mejoras de movilidad, seguridad y conectividad para todos- incluyendo para personas que manejan, caminan, andan en bicicleta y transitan. Estos proyectos obtendrán fondos de los \$482 millones para corredores aprobados por los votantes en el Bono de Movilidad del 2016.

## PROJECT CORRIDORS

- 1 NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD FROM US HWY 183 TO HOWARD LANE
- 2 BURNET ROAD FROM KOEHLER LANE TO MOPAC EXPRESSWAY
- 3 AIRPORT BOULEVARD FROM NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD TO US HWY 183
- 4 EAST MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BOULEVARD/FM 969 FROM US HWY 183 TO BRECKEN LANE
- 5 SOUTH LAMAR BOULEVARD FROM RIVERSIDE DRIVE TO BEN WHITE BOULEVARD/US HWY 290 WEST
- 6 EAST RIVERSIDE DRIVE FROM I-35 TO SH 71
- 7 GUADALUPE STREET FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BOULEVARD TO WEST 29TH STREET AND WEST 24TH STREET FROM GUADALUPE TO NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD
- 8 WILLIAM CANNON DRIVE FROM SOUTHWEST PARKWAY TO MCKINNEY HILLS PARKWAY
- 9 SLAUGHTER LANE FROM FM 1826 TO VERTER BOULEVARD



## SE ESPERA QUE ESTOS PROYECTOS:

- Mejoren la seguridad para todos los modos de transporte
- Reduzcan el retraso vehicular
- Mejoren la efectividad del tránsito
- Creen aceras continuas que cumplan con la Ley para Estadunidenses con Discapacidades (ADA por sus siglas en inglés) a lo largo de todo el corredor
- Creen instalaciones continuas para bicicletas a lo largo de todo el corredor.



# Propósito y objetivos del proyecto

El objetivo de los proyectos es mejorar la movilidad, la seguridad, la conectividad y la calidad de vida en el corredor. Aquí están los resultados clave que buscamos lograr.

## MOVILIDAD

- Reducir el retraso
- Aumentar el flujo de personas
- Mejorar la fiabilidad
- Mejorar el nivel de servicio para todos los modos de transporte
- Mejorar la conectividad
- Controlar la congestión
- Mejorar la efectividad de las operaciones de tránsito

## SEGURIDAD

- Reducir los choques
- Aumentar la confianza de andar en bicicleta y / o caminar
- Mejorar el nivel de servicio para todos los modos

## CONECTIVIDAD

- Mejorar la habilidad de poder llegar de manera segura a donde quieras ir
- Aumentar las conexiones a rutas de bicicleta
- Proporcionar aceras conectadas y que cumplan con la ley ADA
- Mejorar el acceso a las instalaciones de tránsito

## CALIDAD DE VIDA

- Mejorar el acceso a oportunidades de empleo, servicios, cuidado de la salud, viviendas asequibles, negocios, educación, entretenimiento, recreación, centros culturales y parques / espacios verdes
- Mejorar la vitalidad de la comunidad
- Apoyar negocios prósperos
- Crear corredores habitables, transitables, seguros y de apoyo al tránsito
- Permitir viviendas asequibles y de ingresos mixtos
- Habilitar comunidades saludables, equitativas y completas



# Ayúdenos a perfeccionar las mejoras

Los objetivos del programa de construcción de corredores son mejorar la movilidad, la seguridad y la conectividad. Ayúdenos a refinar las mejoras para cumplir mejor los objetivos al darnos su opinión en las tarjetas de comentarios.

## MOVILIDAD:

- *A lo largo del corredor, ¿dónde ve la mayoría de retraso en el tráfico?*
- *¿Dónde están localizados sus destinos más frecuentados en el corredor?*

## SEGURIDAD:

- *¿Hay lugares en el corredor donde es difícil ver?*
- *Al andar en bicicleta o caminar por el corredor, ¿hay lugares particulares que se sientan inseguros?*

## CONECTIVIDAD:

- *¿Están las señales centrales de paso peatonal propuestas (foros híbridos peatonales) ubicadas en el mejor sitio?*

## CALIDAD DE VIDA:

- *¿Dónde serían más beneficiosos los árboles de sombra / estructuras?*
- *¿Cómo pueden las mejoras de transporte y movilidad apoyar las prioridades de la comunidad, como la habitabilidad y la calidad de vida?*



# Mejoras de Movilidad, Seguridad y Conectividad

El programa de construcción del corredor incluye mejoras de movilidad, seguridad y conectividad en East Riverside Drive entre la I-35 y la autopista 71.

Anticipamos invertir aproximadamente \$ 84 millones del Bono de Movilidad del 2016 en mejoras en East Riverside Drive que mejor se ajusten al Contrato Con Vocantes del Concejo Municipal

"Mejoras de intersección con modificaciones propuestas de vías de giro para mejorar vehículos.."

## Diseño y Construcción



Hasta 17 señales de tráfico con mejoras tecnológicas para promover seguridad vehicular, eficiencia de tránsito público y seguridad de peatrones y ciclistas.



Mejoras a intersecciones modificando curvas de rotación para eficiencia de vehículos y tránsito público y la seguridad de peatrones y ciclistas en:  
1. Travis Road Rd  
2. Wilson Creek Dr  
3. El Mesquite Valley Rd  
4. Montopolis Dr



Hasta 3 millas de renovaciones del pavimento para reparar deterioros, agujeros, y mejorar la conectividad.



Ampliar el Puente en County Club Creek para estar seguro de conductores, peatrones, y ciclistas.



Mejoras intersección en varios lugares para mejorar eficiencia vehicular y de tránsito público y la seguridad peatonal y de ciclistas.



Evaluar y problematizar construir nuevas señales peatonales a media acera (Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons) para ciclistas y peatrones cerca de:  
- Guadalupe Dr  
- Wilson Hill Dr (2)



Mejoras a diseños de torres de tráfico en el corredor desde Shreve District Dr a Montopolis Dr para apoyar mejoras de movilidad.



Hasta 8 miles de cambios propuestos para bicicletas desde Shreve District Dr a Montopolis Dr para mejorar la seguridad y movilidad de ciclistas y conductores.



Nuevas abastecimientos de calles desde Shreve District Dr a Montopolis Dr para mejorar visibilidad y seguridad.



Mejoras de las calles públicas incluir bancos, árboles, banderos, instalaciones, paraderos, etc.



Hasta 4.5 millas de puntos curvados e nivelados para crear una red continua de aceras amplias y adecuadas ADA para personas discapacitadas desde Shreve District Dr a Montopolis Dr.

Una sola mejora podría beneficiar a múltiples modos de transporte en:

- Vehicular
- Peditonal
- Bicicleta
- Tránsito Público

# Planeación: Comentarios del público

Como parte de la fase de diseño, queremos que piensen sobre cómo mejorar la personalidad del corredor a través de la creación de espacios.

“La creación de espacios facilita los patrones creativos de uso, prestando atención en particular a las identidades físicas, culturales y sociales que definen un lugar y apoyan su evolución continua.” - Proyecto de espacios





# Apoyando a negocios durante la construcción

Sabemos que la construcción puede ser perjudicial, y estamos activamente considerando cómo podemos ayudar a los negocios a través del proceso.



Discutiremos estas y otras ideas en una reunión de mesa redonda de negocios este otoño. Si posee o administra un negocio en el corredor y desea participar, escriba o llame a Sara Behunek a [corridors@austintexas.gov](mailto:corridors@austintexas.gov) o al (512) 974-7840.

## QUÉ ESTAMOS HACIENDO:

- ✓ Teniendo un equipo de embajadores en cada corredor para conectar al público con el equipo de proyecto, responder preguntas y abordar inquietudes
- ✓ Manteniendo acceso a los negocios durante la construcción y proporcionar señalización para ayudar a dirigir a los conductores, ciclistas y peatones
- ✓ Usando varios métodos para mantener a las personas informadas (por ejemplo, de puerta a puerta, a través de Nextdoor, reuniones de grupos pequeños, correos electrónicos, la línea telefónica 3-1-1 en Austin, eventos y por correo)
- ✓ Respondiendo a consultas con prontitud

# Entendiendo los impactos

Quando se construyen proyectos de transporte y movilidad, las propiedades y negocios cercanos a las mejoras pueden verse afectados. Los impactos potenciales asociados con este tipo de mejoras se detallan a continuación.

- Ajustes a las líneas de servicios públicos
- Ajustes de acceso
- Adquisición de derecho de paso
- Servidumbres temporales de construcción
- Servidumbres de nivelación y topografía

Entendemos que estos cambios serán motivo de preocupación para algunos propietarios de propiedades y negocios, y buscaremos formas de reducir los impactos.

Las encuestas de límites se están llevando a cabo actualmente y anticipamos tener más información sobre sus impactos a propiedades específicas más adelante este otoño.

Si posee una propiedad o un negocio y tiene preguntas o inquietudes, envíe un correo electrónico a Sara Behunek a [corridors@austintexas.gov](mailto:corridors@austintexas.gov) o llame al (512) 974-7840.



**Meeting Handouts** (English and Spanish)


Upon arrival at the Open House, attendees were asked to sign in and were offered a set of handouts that included:

- A one-page informational sheet on the project
- East Riverside team contact information

## Corridor Construction Program: Project Design Phase

On April 26, 2018, Austin City Council adopted the Corridor Construction Program, which is funded in part by the 2016 Mobility Bond. The Corridor Construction Program makes mobility, safety and connectivity improvements to nine key roadways throughout Austin. Projects include improvements to intersections, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, new mid-block pedestrian crosswalk signals (pedestrian hybrid beacons), new and upgraded traffic signals and transit-supportive improvements.

The design phase of work is currently underway and could last 12 to 36 months, depending on the project. Preliminary engineering activities are taking place now to refine project designs and prepare them for construction.




**Some of the activities you may see occurring in the corridors into fall 2018 include:**

- Land surveys, such as retracing boundary lines
- Topographical surveys, including LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) and tree surveys
- Geotechnical borings

This work will result in intermittent and short-term lane closures along the corridors. The lane closures will avoid peak-period travel times. Some work could occur at night, but activities would comply with City of Austin noise ordinances. More information can be found online at [AustinTexas.gov/CorridorFAQ](http://AustinTexas.gov/CorridorFAQ).

### Program Timeline



**Design phase activities include:**

- Confirm existing corridor conditions through land surveys, identifying utility locations, drainage, traffic counts and signal timings
- Complete preliminary environmental investigations and documentation
- Identify placemaking opportunities along the corridors
- Refine and finalize corridor design plans
- Update cost estimates, look for budget efficiencies, and explore leveraging/partnership opportunities
- Conduct ongoing outreach to the community, including corridor businesses, property owners and neighborhoods as well as across City departments, and local agencies
- Prepare for construction by obtaining permits, developing traffic management plans, coordinating utility relocations, acquiring right-of-way, and procuring construction services

City staff anticipate returning to City Council with more information and to seek their approval to proceed with final design in spring 2019. Construction would begin following the design phase. Construction would be ongoing for several years, with the bulk of work taking place 2021-24.

You can learn more about the Corridor Construction Program and improvements coming to each corridor, as well as sign up to receive updates, at [AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility](http://AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility).

**Contact Us**

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# Programa de Construcción de Corredor: Fase de Diseño



El 26 de abril del 2018, el Ayuntamiento de Austin adoptó el Programa de Construcción de Corredor que será financiado en parte por el Bono de Movilidad del 2016. El programa de construcción del corredor ofrece mejoras de movilidad, seguridad y conectividad en nueve carreteras principales de Austin. Los proyectos incluyen mejoras a las intersecciones, aceras, instalaciones para bicicletas, nuevas señales de paso de peatones en el medio del bloque (balizas híbridas peatonales), señales de tráfico nuevas y mejoradas y mejoras de apoyo al tránsito.

La fase de diseño del trabajo está actualmente en marcha y podría durar de 12 a 36 meses, dependiendo del proyecto. Las actividades preliminares de ingeniería están en marcha para refinar los diseños de los proyectos y prepararlos para la construcción.

### Algunas de las actividades que podrá ver que ocurren en los corredores hasta el otoño del 2018 incluyen:

- Levantamientos de terreno, como el trazado de líneas fronterizas
- Levantamientos topográficos, que incluyen LIDAR (Detección y determinación de la luz) y Estudios de árboles
- Perforaciones geotécnicas

Este trabajo dará lugar a cierres de carriles intermitentes y de corto plazo a lo largo de los corredores. Los cierres de carriles se evitarán durante periodos de horas pico. Algunos trabajos podrían ocurrir por la noche, pero las actividades cumplirán con las ordenanzas de ruido de la Ciudad de Austin. Se puede encontrar más información en línea en [AustinTexas.gov/CorridorFAQ](http://AustinTexas.gov/CorridorFAQ).

## Cronología del Programa



### Las actividades de la fase de diseño incluyen:

- Confirmar las condiciones del corredor existente a través de encuestas, identificando ubicaciones de servicios públicos, drenaje, recuentos de tráfico y tiempos de señales
- Completar investigaciones ambientales preliminares y documentación
- Identificar oportunidades de creación de espacios a lo largo de los corredores
- Refinar y finalizar los planes de diseño del corredor
- Actualizar las estimaciones de costos, buscar eficiencias presupuestarias y explorar oportunidades de apalancamiento / asociación
- Llevar a cabo actividades continuas de alcance a la comunidad, incluyendo negocios en el corredor, propietarios y vecindarios, así como a través de departamentos de la Ciudad y agencias locales
- Prepararse para la construcción mediante la adquisición de permisos, el desarrollo de planes de gestión del tráfico, la coordinación de reubicaciones de servicios públicos, la adquisición de los derechos de paso y la adquisición de servicios de construcción

Anticipamos regresar al Concejo Municipal con más información y buscar su aprobación para proceder con el diseño final en la primavera del 2019. La construcción comenzaría después de la fase de diseño. La construcción continuará durante varios años, y la mayor parte del trabajo tendrá lugar entre el 2021-24.

Puede obtener más información sobre el Programa de Construcción del Corredor y las mejoras que llegan a cada corredor, así como inscribirse para recibir actualizaciones, en [AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility](http://AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility).

### Para Más Información

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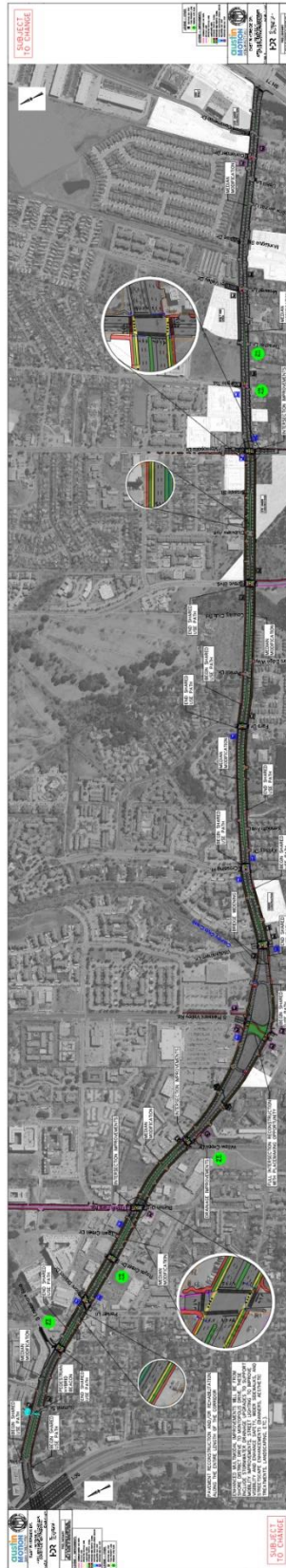
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### Roll plot

A roll plot of the corridor-wide improvements was available at the open house. It was also available as a downloadable PDF and a geographic information system (GIS) interactive map.



**Comment cards and Online survey**

Open house participants were encouraged to provide input using a survey and comment cards. The community was also given an opportunity to provide input online by submitting comments and completing a survey.

Comment Cards (English and Spanish):

 <b>PLACEMAKING</b>	 <b>CREACIÓN DE ESPACIOS</b>
<p>Where along the corridor are good spots for community gatherings or events?</p>	<p>¿Dónde a lo largo del corredor hay buenos lugares para reuniones o eventos comunitarios?</p>
<p>What are your favorite places along the corridor?</p>	<p>¿Cuáles son sus lugares favoritos a lo largo del corredor?</p>
<p>What is important for us to know culturally and historically about the corridor?</p>	<p>¿Qué es importante para nosotros saber cultural e históricamente sobre el corredor?</p>

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# CONNECTIVITY

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# CONECTIVIDAD

**The Corridor Construction Program aims to improve connectivity through:**

- Greater ability to safely get to where you want to go
- Increased connections to bicycle routes
- Connected and ADA-compliant sidewalks
- Improved access to transit facilities



**El programa de construcción del corredor tiene como objetivo mejorar la conectividad a través de:**

- Mayor habilidad para llegar de forma segura a donde quiere ir
- Aumento de conexiones a rutas de bicicletas
- Aceras que se conecten y que conformen con la Ley para Estadunidenses con discapacidades (ADA por sus siglas en inglés)
- Mejor acceso a instalaciones de tránsito



**Are the proposed midblock pedestrian crosswalk signals (pedestrian hybrid beacons) located in the best places?**

**¿Están las señales centrales de paso peatonal propuestas (foros híbridos peatonales) ubicadas en los mejores sitios?**





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# QUALITY OF LIFE

**The Corridor Construction Program aims to improve quality of life through:**

- Improved access to employment opportunities, services, healthcare, affordable housing, businesses, education, entertainment, recreation, cultural centers and parks/ greenspace
- Enhanced Community vibrancy
- Supporting businesses so they can thrive
- Creating livable, walkable, safe and transit-supportive corridors
- Allowing for affordable and mixed-income housing
- Enabling healthy, equitable and complete communities

**Where would shade trees/structures be the most beneficial?**

**Where do you observe people congregating on the corridor?**

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# CALIDAD DE VIDA

**El programa de construcción del corredor tiene como objetivo mejorar la calidad de vida a través de:**

- Acceso mejorado a oportunidades de empleo, servicios, cuidado de la salud, viviendas asequibles, negocios, educación, entretenimiento, recreación, centros culturales y parques / espacios verdes
- Vibración mejorada de la comunidad
- Apoyar negocios para que puedan prosperar
- Creación de corredores habitables, transitables, seguros y de apoyo al tránsito.
- Permitir viviendas asequibles y de ingresos mixtos
- Permitir comunidades saludables, equitativas y completas

**¿Dónde serían más beneficiosos los árboles de sombra / estructuras?**

**¿Cómo pueden las mejoras en el transporte y la movilidad apoyar las prioridades de la comunidad, como la habitabilidad y la calidad de vida?**

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# SAFETY

The Corridor Construction Program aims to improve safety through:

- Reduced crashes
- Increased confidence to bicycle and/or walk
- Improved level-of-service for all modes



Are there locations in the corridor where it's difficult to see?

When biking or walking along the corridor, are there particular places that feel unsafe?

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# SEGURIDAD

El programa de construcción del corredor tiene como objetivo mejorar la seguridad a través de:

- Disminuidos de choques
- Aumento en la confianza para andar en bicicleta y / o caminar
- Nivel de servicio mejorado para todos los modos



¿Hay lugares en el corredor donde es difícil ver?

Al andar en bicicleta o caminar a lo largo del corredor, ¿hay lugares en particular que se sientan inseguros?



## BUSINESSES

How can the City of Austin support businesses during construction?

## NEGOCIOS

¿Cómo puede la Ciudad de Austin apoyar a los negocios durante la construcción?

## East Riverside Corridor Improvements Online Survey (English and Spanish)



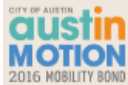
### East Riverside Drive Corridor Improvements Survey

#### Introduction

In Spring 2018, Austin City Council approved a \$1.4 billion Corridor Construction Program on nine major Austin corridors. The Corridor Construction Program includes mobility, safety, and connectivity improvements for everyone—including for people who drive, walk, bike, and take transit. These projects will get funding from the \$482 million for corridors approved by voters in the 2016 Mobility Bond.

Help us refine the East Riverside Drive improvements by giving us feedback. You may answer any/all questions or provide general feedback in the space provided. Please provide as much detail as possible when answering the questions.

[Click here for the survey in Spanish.](#)



### East Riverside Drive Corridor Improvements Survey

#### Mobility

The purpose of the Corridor Construction Program is to improve mobility, safety, connectivity and quality of life in the corridors. Below are some examples of **mobility** goals.

- Reduce delay
- Increase people throughput
- Improve reliability
- Improve level-of-service for all modes
- Improve connectivity
- Manage congestion
- Improve effectiveness of transit operations

Think about how you experience mobility on East Riverside Drive and answer the questions below.

1. Where along East Riverside Drive do you see the most traffic back-ups?

2. Where are your most frequent destinations on East Riverside Drive?

## Safety

The purpose of the Corridor Construction Program is to improve mobility, safety, connectivity and quality of life in the corridors. Below are some examples of **safety** goals.

- Reduce crashes
- Increase confidence to bicycle and/or walk
- Improve level-of-service for all modes

Think about how you experience safety on East Riverside Drive and answer the questions below.

3. Are there locations on East Riverside Drive where it's difficult to see?

4. When biking or walking along East Riverside Drive, are there particular places that feel unsafe?

## Connectivity

The purpose of the Corridor Construction Program is to improve mobility, safety, connectivity and quality of life in the corridors. Below are some examples of **connectivity** goals.

- Improve your ability to safely get to where you want to go
- Increase connections to bicycle routes
- Provide connected and ADA-compliant sidewalks
- Improve access to transit facilities

Think about how you experience connectivity on East Riverside Drive and answer the question below.

5. Review the map below. Are the proposed midblock pedestrian crosswalk signals (pedestrian hybrid beacons) located in the best places?

Improvements on East Riverside Drive include evaluation and possible construction of new or reconfigured midblock pedestrian crosswalk signals for cyclists and pedestrians in the vicinity of Summit Street and Willow Hill Drive.



## Quality of Life

The purpose of the Corridor Construction Program is to improve mobility, safety, connectivity and quality of life in the corridors. Below are some examples of **quality of life** goals.

- Improve access to employment opportunities, services, healthcare, affordable housing, businesses, education, entertainment, recreation, cultural centers and parks/greenspace
- Enhance community vibrancy
- Support businesses so they can thrive
- Create livable, walkable, safe and transit-supportive corridors
- Allow for affordable and mixed-income housing
- Enable healthy, equitable and complete communities

Think about how you experience quality of life on East Riverside Drive and answer the questions below.

6. Where would shade trees/structures be the most beneficial on East Riverside Drive?

7. How can transportation and mobility improvements support community priorities like livability and quality of life in the East Riverside Drive corridor?



### Placemaking

"Placemaking facilitates creative patterns of use, paying particular attention to the physical, cultural, and social identities that define a place and support its ongoing evolution."- *Project for Public Spaces*

As part of the design phase of the Corridor Construction Program, we want you to think about how to enhance the character of the East Riverside Drive corridor through placemaking. Use these images to inspire you as you answer the questions below.

Images from Left to Right (Row 1 - Two boys sitting on a bench, a flower bed, kids playing hopscotch and a creative bus stop with kids sitting; Row 2 - Art along a stone fence, street signs, creative cross walks and another painted stone fence)



8. Where along the corridor are good spots for community gathering or events?

9. Where are your favorite places along East Riverside Drive?

10. What is important for us to know culturally and historically about East Riverside Drive?

## Supporting Businesses During Construction

We know construction can be disruptive, and the City of Austin is actively considering how we can support businesses through the process.

We will discuss these and other efforts at a business roundtable meeting this fall. If you own or manage a business on the corridor and would like to participate, please respond to Question #12.

What we are doing:

- Having a Corridor Ambassador team for each corridor to connect the public to the project team, answer questions, and address concerns
- Maintaining access to businesses during construction and providing signage to help direct drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians
- Using multiple methods to keep people informed (e.g., door-to-door, Nextdoor, small group meetings, emails, Austin 3-1-1, events and mailings)
- Responding to inquiries

11. How can the City of Austin support businesses during construction?

12. If you own or manage a business in the corridor, and would like to participate in a business roundtable meeting this fall, please provide the following information so we can get in touch with you.

<b>Your name</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Business name</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Business address</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Phone number</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Email address</b>	<input type="text"/>

### Other Comments?

13. Is there anything else you would like to share with the Corridor Construction Program team about the East Riverside Drive corridor?



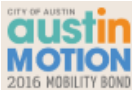
## East Riverside Drive Corridor Improvements Survey

### Sign Up To Receive Updates

Thank you for taking the time to provide your input through this survey.

If you would like to sign up to receive updates about East Riverside Drive or other roadways that are being improved by the 2016 Mobility Bond, [click here](#).

### Spanish Online survey



## Encuesta de Mejoras del Corredor East Riverside Drive

### Introducción

En la primavera del 2018, el Concilio de la Ciudad de Austin aprobó un Programa de Construcción de Corredores de \$ 1.4 billones de dólares en nueve corredores principales de Austin. El Programa de Construcción de Corredores incluye mejoras de movilidad, seguridad y conectividad para todos, incluyendo las personas que manejan, caminan, andan en bicicleta y utilizan el transporte público. Estos proyectos obtendrán fondos de los \$ 482 millones de dólares para corredores aprobados por los votantes en el Bono de Movilidad 2016.

Ayúdenos a refinar las mejoras de East Riverside Drive brindándonos sus retroalimentaciones. Usted puede responder a una o todas las preguntas o proporcionar comentarios generales en el espacio proporcionado abajo. Por favor proporcione tantos detalles como le sea posible al responder las preguntas.

### Movilidad

El propósito del Programa de Construcción de Corredor es mejorar la movilidad, la seguridad, la conectividad y la calidad de vida en los corredores. A continuación, hay algunos ejemplos objetivos de **movilidad**.

- Reducir retrasos
- Acelerar el flujo de personas
- Mejora la confiabilidad
- Mejora el nivel de servicio para todos los métodos de transporte
- Mejora la conectividad
- Administrar la congestión
- Mejorar la efectividad de las operaciones de tránsito

Piense en cómo experimenta la movilidad en East Riverside Drive y responda las siguientes preguntas.

1. ¿A lo largo de East Riverside Drive, donde ve usted la mayor cantidad de retrasos de tráfico?

2. ¿Dónde están sus destinos más frecuentes en East Riverside Drive?

## Seguridad

El propósito del Programa de Construcción de Corredores es mejorar la movilidad, seguridad, conectividad y la calidad de vida en los corredores. A continuación, hay algunos ejemplos de objetivos de **seguridad**.

- Reducir choques
- Aumenta la sensación de seguridad para andar en bicicleta y / o caminar
- Mejora el nivel de servicio para todos los métodos de transporte

Piense en cómo experimenta el sentimiento de seguridad en East Riverside Drive y responda las siguientes preguntas.

3. ¿Existen en East Riverside Drive algunos puntos donde se dificulta la visibilidad?

4. Al andar en bicicleta o caminar por East Riverside Drive, ¿Hay lugares en particular en el que usted se siente inseguro?

### Conectividad

El propósito del Programa de Construcción de Corredores es mejorar la movilidad, seguridad, conectividad y la calidad de vida en los corredores. A continuación, hay algunos ejemplos de objetivos de **conectividad**.

- Mejorar su capacidad de llegar de manera segura a su destino
- Incrementar el número de conexiones en las rutas en bicicleta
- Proveer con banquetas conectadas y que cumplan con los requisitos del ADA, Acta para los Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA, por sus siglas en inglés, Americans with Disabilities Act)
- Mejorar el acceso a las instalaciones de transporte público

Piense en cómo experimenta la conectividad en East Riverside Drive y responda la pregunta a continuación.

5. Revisa el mapa a continuación. ¿Están los señalamientos peatonales de mediados de cuadra (Balizas Híbridas Peatonales PHB) sugeridos en las mejores ubicaciones?



Las mejoras en East Riverside Drive incluyen la evaluación y posible construcción de señales peatonales nuevos o reconfigurados señalamientos peatonales de mediados de cuadra (Balizas Híbridas Peatonales PHB) para ciclistas y peatones en las inmediaciones de Summit Street y Willow Hill Drive.



### Calidad de Vida

El propósito del Programa de Construcción de Corredores es mejorar la movilidad, seguridad, conectividad y la calidad de vida en los corredores. A continuación, hay algunos ejemplos de objetivos de **calidad de vida**.

- Mejorar el acceso a oportunidades de empleo, servicios, cuidado de la salud, viviendas asequibles, negocios, educación, entretenimiento, recreación, centros culturales y parques / espacios verdes.
- Incrementar la vitalidad de la comunidad
- Apoyar a las empresas para que puedan prosperar
- Crear corredores habitables, transitables, seguros y que apoyen el transporte público
- Permitir la existencia de viviendas asequibles y viviendas de ingresos mixtos
- Permitir comunidades saludables, equitativas y completas

Piense en cómo experimenta la calidad de vida en East Riverside Drive y responda las preguntas a continuación.

6. ¿Dónde sería más conveniente proveer espacios con árboles de sombra/estructuras con sombras en East Riverside Drive?

7. ¿Cómo pueden las mejoras del transporte y movilidad apoyar las prioridades de la comunidad como la habitabilidad y la calidad de vida en el corredor de East Riverside Drive?



## Creación de Espacios

"La creación de espacios favorece los patrones de uso creativos, prestando especial atención a las identidades físicas, culturales y sociales que definen un lugar y respaldan su evolución en curso." - Proyecto para Espacios Públicos

Como parte de la fase de diseño del Programa de Construcción de Corredores, queremos saber qué piensa de cómo mejorar el carácter del corredor de East Riverside Drive a través de la creación de espacios. Use estas imágenes para inspirarse mientras contesta las siguientes preguntas.



8. ¿Dónde a lo largo del corredor hay buenos espacios para reuniones o eventos comunitarios?

9. ¿Dónde están sus lugares favoritos en East Riverside Drive?

10. ¿Qué es importante que nosotros sepamos desde una perspectiva cultural e históricamente sobre East Riverside Drive?

## Apoyar a las empresas durante la construcción

Sabemos que la construcción puede ser molesta, y la Ciudad de Austin está considerando activamente cómo podemos apoyar a los negocios durante este proceso.

**Qué estamos haciendo:**

- Tener un Embajador del Corredor para cada corredor con el objetivo de conectar con al público con el equipo del proyecto, contestar preguntas y solucionar inquietudes
- Mantener acceso a los negocios durante la construcción y proveer con señalamientos para ayudar a dirigir a los choferes, ciclistas y peatones
- Utilizar múltiples métodos para mantener informada a la gente (Ejemplo: de puerta-en-puerta, pequeñas juntas de grupo, correos electrónicos, Austin 3-1-1, eventos y correspondencia)
- Responder preguntas de manera oportuna

Discutiremos estos y otros esfuerzos en una reunión de mesa redonda para comerciantes este otoño. Si usted es propietario o administrador de un negocio en el corredor y desea participar, por favor responda la Pregunta 12.

11. ¿Cómo puede la ciudad de Austin apoyar a los negocios durante la construcción?

12. Si posee o administra un negocio en el corredor y desea participar en una reunión de mesa redonda para negocios este otoño, por favor proporcione la siguiente información para que podamos ponernos en contacto con usted.

**Tu Nombre**

**Nombre del Negocio**

**Dirección de Negocios**

**Número de Teléfono**

**Dirección de Correo Electrónico**

## ¿Otros Comentarios?

13. ¿Hay algo más que a usted le gustaría compartir con el equipo del Programa de Construcción de Corredores sobre el corredor East Riverside Drive?



## Encuesta de Mejoras del Corredor East Riverside Drive

### Regístrese para recibir actualizaciones

Gracias por tomarse el tiempo para proporcionar su opinión a través de esta encuesta.

Si desea suscribirse para recibir actualizaciones sobre East Riverside Drive u otras carreteras que están siendo mejoradas por el Bono de movilidad 2016, haga clic aquí.

### Screenshots of webpage (English and Spanish)

English:



The screenshot shows the homepage of the data.austintexas.gov portal. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for Data, Help, Suggest a dataset, AustinTexas.gov, Terms of Use, and Blog. Below the navigation bar, there are social media icons and the name Jessica Engelhardt. The main content area features the Austin Motion logo and the text "CORRIDOR MOBILITY PROGRAM". A large graphic of a road with lane markings is visible on the right side of the page.

## East Riverside Drive Corridor

Transportation and mobility improvements are coming to East Riverside Drive between I-35 and SH 71 as part of the [Corridor Construction Program](#), funded in part by the [2016 Mobility Bond](#).

### Join us for East Riverside Corridor Open House!

The City of Austin invites you to attend an Open House to learn about mobility, safety and connectivity improvements coming to East Riverside Drive between I-35 and SH 71 as part of the Corridor Construction Program. Information will also be available about activities that will occur before construction begins, and project team members will be on-hand to meet you and answer questions.

The meeting is an open house format, so join us anytime.

**Date:** Saturday, August 11

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** IDEA Montopolis ([1701 Vargas Rd., Austin, TX 78741](#))

## What is proposed for construction

In Spring 2018, the Austin City Council approved a [Corridor Construction Program](#) that includes mobility, safety, and connectivity improvements on East Riverside Drive to accommodate multiple modes of transportation, including driving, walking, biking, and taking transit.

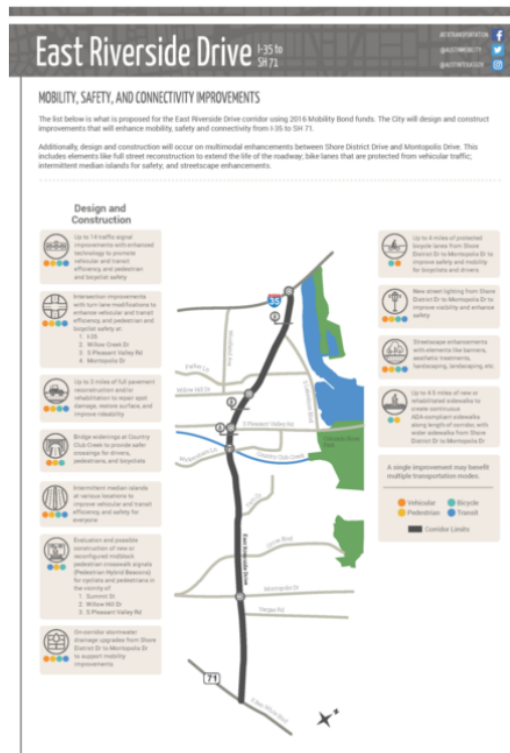
These projects are expected to:

- reduce vehicular delay and crashes
- improve the effectiveness of transit
- create continuous ADA-compliant sidewalks along the entire length of the corridor
- create continuous bicycle facilities along the entire length of the corridor.

More information about improvements for East Riverside Drive can be accessed by clicking on the following links:

- [Interactive Map](#)
- [Downloadable Handout \(English\)](#)
- [Folleto descargable \(español\)](#)

Get more information about the Corridor Construction Program at [AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility](http://AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility).



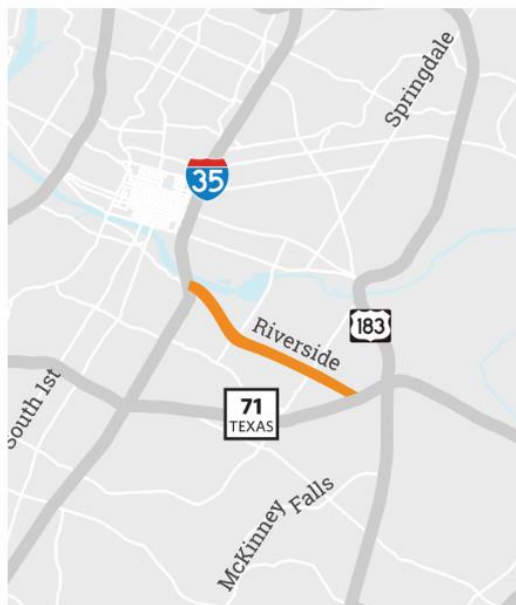
## East Riverside Drive Corridor Mobility Plan

Corridor Mobility Plans were used as the basis for development of the [Corridor Construction Program](#). The City of Austin finalized a Corridor Mobility Plan for East Riverside Drive in December 2013.

This plan recommends short and long-term improvements for mobility and safety along East Riverside Drive between I-35 and SH 71 to meet anticipated future mobility needs in the area.

Click on the link below to read the plan:

[East Riverside Drive Corridor Report](#) - (PDF, 16.2 MB)



## Stakeholder Engagement

The following engagement was conducted over the course of the Corridor Mobility Plan development process:

- Public meeting to introduce the planning process on October 27, 2011 (100 participants)
- Second public meeting to review improvement ideas on March 20, 2012
- Business open house meeting also held on March 20, 2012 to receive input from business owners and managers on the corridor
- Three community focus group meetings to gather input on the specific projects/concepts under consideration
- Other stakeholder meetings with transportation and public agencies, major landowners, transportation advocates and interest groups

Click [here](#) to learn about outreach conducted since the plan was completed, during development of the Corridor Construction Program.



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## Corredor de East Riverside Drive

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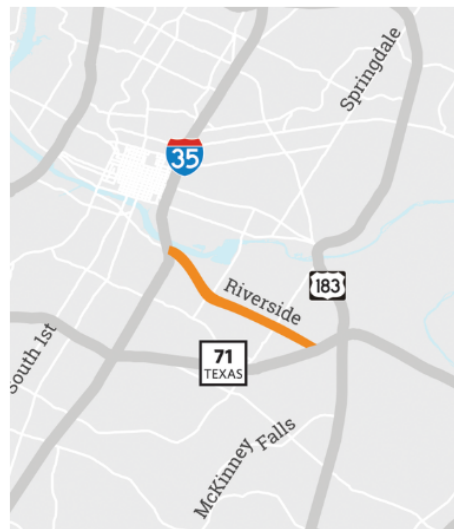
Mejoras de transporte y movilidad vienen a East Riverside Drive entre I-35 and SH 71 como parte del Programa de Construcción de Corredores que se llevará a cabo con los fondos del Bono de Movilidad 2016.

El proyecto, el cual incluye mejoras de movilidad, seguridad y conectividad está en la fase de diseño. La primera fase se considera la fase de ingeniería.

Durante la fase preliminar de ingeniería se llevan a cabo las siguientes actividades:

- Estudios topográficos
- Análisis del suelo y de las condiciones del pavimento
- Contacto comunitario
- Refinar diseño de las mejoras

Conozca más sobre la ingeniería preliminar en nuestra página de [preguntas frecuentes](#).



## Conozca más sobre las mejoras programadas para East Riverside Drive

Estamos buscando retroalimentación sobre mejoras de movilidad, seguridad y conectividad para construirse en East Riverside Drive. Estas mejoras están en la parte de diseño.

El sábado, 11 de agosto del del 2018 tuvimos una audiencia pública de 10 a.m. a 1 p.m. en IDEA Montopolis, ubicada en [1701 Vargas Rd, Austin, TX 78741](#). En la audiencia, proporcionamos información sobre las mejoras planificadas para East Riverside Drive y obtuvimos comentarios de la comunidad que ayudarán a refinar el diseño de las mejoras.

Si no pudo asistir, todavía tiene la oportunidad de revisar los materiales informativos de la audiencia pública y proporcionar información utilizando los enlaces a continuación.

Si desea registrarse para recibir actualizaciones sobre East Riverside Drive u otras vías que se están mejorando con el Bono de Movilidad 2016, [haga clic aquí](#).

*Nota: El periodo de comentarios oficiales para las audiencias públicas se cerró el domingo, 26 de Agosto de 2018. Si bien el equipo del proyecto considerará las aportaciones proporcionadas después de esta fecha, no podrá capturarse como parte del resumen oficial de la reunión de jornadas de información, que se publicará en esta página web cuando esté disponible.*

## Panel de Información



## Boletines

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**Daryi Ruybal, Gerente de Proyecto**

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512-273-7967

## Mapas Interactivos



Si usted prefiere descargar la información en formato PDF de las mejoras preliminares de East Riverside Drive, [haga clic aquí](#).

Vea el resumen de la página de las mejoras [aquí](#).

**¿Quieres contactar con el equipo del corredor de East Riverside Drive?** Puede enviar comentarios y / o preguntas o entregarlos en persona en la Oficina del Programa de Corredores ubicada en 5202 East Ben White Boulevard, o enviando un correo electrónico a [corridors@austintexas.gov](mailto:corridors@austintexas.gov).

## Programa de Construcción de Corredores

En la primavera del 2018, el Consejo de la Ciudad de Austin aprobó un Programa de Construcción de Corredores que incluye mejoras de movilidad, seguridad y conectividad en East Riverside Drive entre la I-35 and SH 71.

Se espera con estos proyectos:

- Reducir retrasos vehiculares y choques
- Mejorar la efectividad del tránsito
- Crear aceras continuas que cumplan con la ley ADA a lo largo de toda la longitud del corredor
- Crear instalaciones para bicicletas continuas a lo largo de todo el corredor



Obtenga más información sobre el Programa de Construcción de Corredores en [AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility](https://AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility).



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