



LOYOLA LANE (NORTHEAST DRIVE TO US 183)

Multimodal Improvements

Loyola Lane between Northeast Drive and US 183 provides northwest-southeast connectivity and access to the University Hills neighborhood, Andrews Elementary School, Dottie Jordan Neighborhood Park and Recreation Center, the University Hills Branch of the Austin Public Library, and businesses at the intersection of Loyola Lane and Manor Road. In 2018, the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) collected feedback from the community on safety and connectivity needs in the area.

Community input led to a number of planned improvements such as pedestrian crossings and bike lanes. Following resurfacing of Loyola Lane in 2019, new markings were installed to form bike lanes, and to set up the space for pedestrian crossings. Beginning this February, new pedestrian crossing islands will be built on Loyola Lane. After the islands are constructed, new crosswalks and signage will also be installed.

ABOUT PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ISLANDS

Pedestrian crossing islands are protected spaces placed in the center of a street to facilitate safe crossings for people walking. A pedestrian crossing island allows a person crossing the street to focus on traffic in two segments and provides space to wait for a gap before finishing crossing an intersection. Pedestrian crossing islands also help slow motor vehicle speeds and improve the likelihood that a person driving will yield to a person crossing the street.

Along Loyola Lane, new pedestrian island crossings are being built or improved at seven locations with concrete. See map on the back. Where pedestrian crossings are being installed, parking will taper to make space for the pedestrian crossing island. Reflective elements at these pedestrian crossing islands will offer better visibility at night.



Example of a pedestrian crossing island near Allison Elementary School at Vargas Road/Lynch Lane.

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The pedestrian crossing islands are being funded by the Pedestrian Crossings and Safe Routes to School programs. Initial funding for the project was provided by the Bikeways Program.

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