



Austin Transportation Department

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To Stakeholder, Property Owner, or Resident:

This is a third notification and contains updated information related to this project. Local stakeholder feedback was used to re-evaluate the proposed project, resulting in a change to proposed parking restrictions. The current proposal does not include any changes to parking restrictions from existing conditions and is further described below.

Background

The Austin Transportation Department (ATD) and the Public Works Department are partnering to implement and improve a bicycle route system, as directed by the Austin City Council per City Ordinance No. 20141106-118 (The Austin Bicycle Plan). Mesa Drive from Far West Boulevard to Cat Mountain Drive is an identified bicycle route in the Austin Bicycle Plan. You are receiving this notification because you live on and/or own property adjacent to Mesa Drive in Austin, Texas or are otherwise registered as a stakeholder in the area.

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

Mesa Drive from Far West Boulevard to Cat Mountain Drive has recently received regular street maintenance (road resurfacing and restriping to follow). By coordinating with this maintenance, the City has the opportunity to address safety and mobility improvements for all users of the roadway with little to no effect on project cost or duration. Because this street is identified in the Austin Bicycle Plan, ATD has analyzed it for opportunities to provide more comfortable bicycling conditions.

The original project proposal that was brought to the community on June 24th included restricting parking on the west side of Mesa Drive for the length of the project to provide parking-free bicycle lanes. Local stakeholder feedback resulted in a second proposal of restricted parking on the west side of mesa south of Knollwood Drive and restricted parking on the east side of Mesa north of Knollwood Drive. This proposal maintained parking-free bicycle lanes and was further discussed at a second meeting held on September 15th. While there was some support raised for the proposed parking restrictions to maintain parking-free bicycle lanes, we received strong feedback that parking is light and that having access to on-street parking on both sides of the street outweighs having a parking-free bicycle facility in this location.

Update

Under the current and revised proposal, **on-street motor vehicle parking would be allowed on both sides of Mesa and the existing bicycle lane would be converted to a wide shoulder that would serve both on-street parking and non-motorized street users** in the locations shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1 – Mesa Drive Project Limits

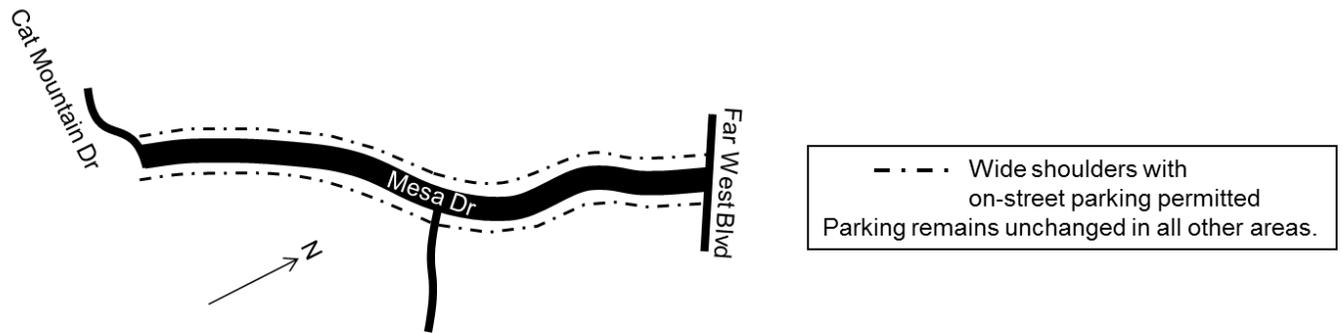
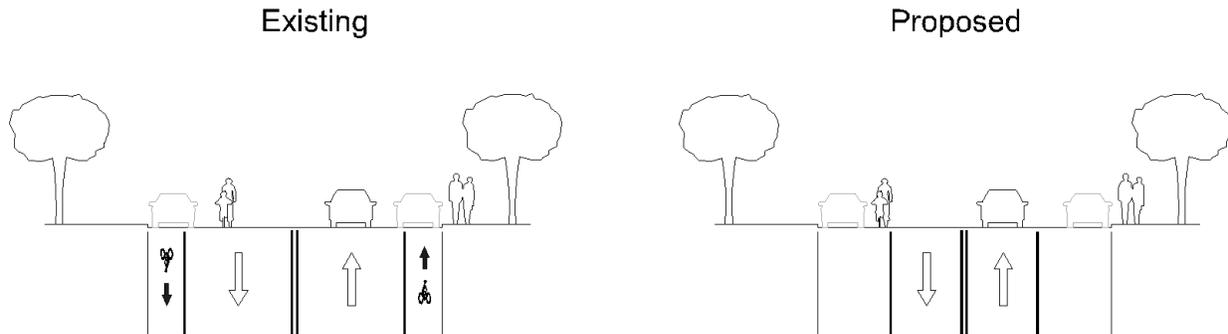


Figure 2 shows the typical proposed striping for Mesa Drive and should provide improved conditions for non-motorized street users due to the widened shoulder. This typical may be altered at intersections in order to facilitate efficient traffic operations. The corridor’s safety and mobility, as well as the results of an on-street parking use analysis, were considered to determine these striping and or parking modifications.

Figure 2 – Mesa Drive Cross Section



You can obtain additional information and provide feedback at an open house on Thursday, October 22th, 2015, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Murchison Middle School, Room 120, 3700 N Hills Drive, Austin, TX 78731. Feedback based on local experience frequently results in improvements to initial project proposals. If feasible, modifications to this proposal can be made after input received at the open house. If you cannot attend this open house and have questions or comments, please contact Nathan Wilkes at 974-7016 or nathan.wilkes@austintexas.gov.

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