

City of Austin Great Streets

Urban Design Division/Planning & Development Review Department

The following standards highlight the major urban design and landscaping components of the *City of Austin Great Streets Master Plan*. For further information please contact Humberto Rey, Great Streets Program Coordinator, Urban Design Division, Planning & Development Review Department (PDRD) at (512) 974-7288 or humberto.rey@austintexas.gov

Master Plan Boundaries:

North: Martin Luther King Blvd.
South: Cesar Chavez Blvd.
East: IH-35
West: Lamar Blvd.

Reimbursement Program:

Private development may apply to receive partial reimbursement for the implementation of Great Streets improvements.

Program's Boundaries:

North: 11th Street
South: Cesar Chavez Blvd.
East: IH-35
West: Lamar Blvd.

Streetscape Design Standards:

Street Widths:

Curb to curb street width for travel lanes with or without parallel parking:

- Standard Street: 44'-0"
- Pedestrian Dominant Street: 32'-0"
- Commuter Boulevard: 54'-0"

Corner and curb radii: 22.5' radius at all corners and 10' radius at driveways and alleys (requires approval by Transportation and Fire Department); otherwise maximum radius of 15'.

Curb and gutter: Please use the City's standard curb and gutter detail (6" curb and 18" gutter).

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Standard Sidewalk width: 18'-0"* (to face of curb) of which:

- a) *Pedestrian Zone*: 10 feet (from Property Line outward),
- b) *Zone*: 8 feet remaining to curb for trees, utility access, street furnishings;

* At certain locations, 18 feet width sidewalks may not be possible due to existing conditions. UD/PDRD will evaluate these situations on a case-by-case basis.

- Street Trees Spacing: 22'-0" O.C.; 4'-0" from face of curb;
- Light Poles Spacing: 88'-0" O.C.; 4'-0" from face of curb;
- Pedestrian Crossing at every intersection with ADA ramps with two flares;

Street Lights:

Light placement:

- 88'-0" pole to pole spacing;
- Streetlight poles adjacent to street intersections shall be 6'-0" inward from property corner (coincides with interior edge of corner ramp); then commence the 88'-0" pole to pole spacing;
- Provide at least 11'-0" distance between light poles and centerline of trees;
- Light poles will be placed on sidewalk 4'-0" from pole centerline to face of curb – centered within the 8'-0" *Curbside Zone* (matching placement of trees).

Trees:

Trees shall be a minimum of five-inch (5") caliper (measured 12" above the root ball) at installation, with a typical canopy height of 14-16 feet.

- Spacing of trees shall be 22'-0" O.C. beginning 11'-0" from corner light pole, which in turn is located 6 feet from interior edge of corner ramp.
- Trees will be placed on sidewalk 4'-0" from tree centerline to face of curb – centered within the 8'-0" *Curbside Zone* (matching placement of light poles).
- **Tree Wells:** On 18'-0" sidewalks minimum size shall be 6'-0" long x 6'-0" wide x 4'-0" deep.
- **Cast Iron Tree Grates:** 6'-0" x 6'-0" with an expandable middle ring.

STREET FURNISHINGS:

- Benches: 4 per block face – installed perpendicular to street
- Bike racks: 8 per block face – installed at centerline with trees and light poles.
- Waste Bins: 2 per block face – to be located near building entrances if mid-block site or adjacent to corner ramps if site is located at a corner.