

Bluff Springs Road Safety Improvements

Bluff Springs Road from William Cannon to Austin city limits

Public Engagement Summary (August 2023)

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Public engagement process

In July and August 2023, Austin Transportation & Public Works Department (TPW) gathered community feedback through a survey on the design of the [Bluff Springs Road Safety Improvements Project](#) to improve safety and mobility between William Cannon Drive and the Austin city limits (8300 block of Bluff Springs Road). Promotion of the survey included mailer notifications to neighboring properties, block walking to nearby businesses, yard signs around the project area, media interviews, council member newsletters, and social media posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor.

Survey results

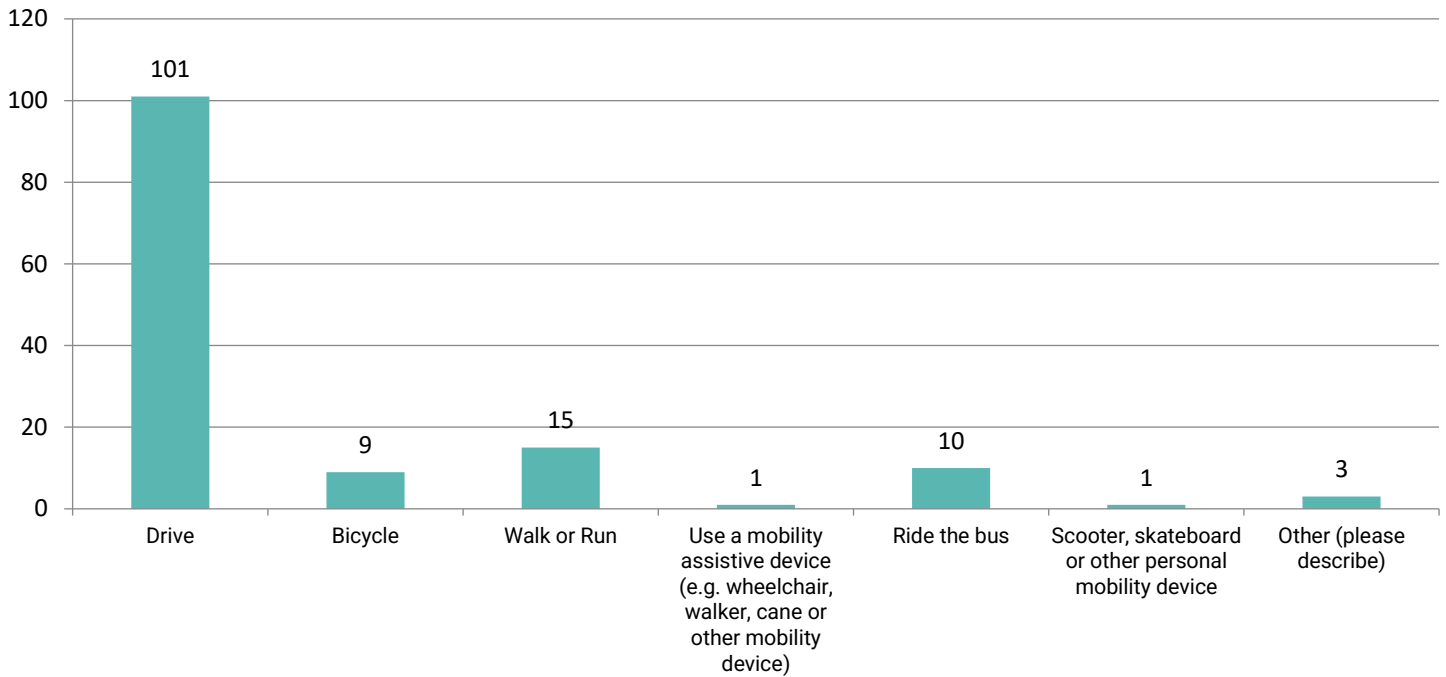
The survey was open July 7 through Aug. 6 and received 108 responses. The survey posed seven questions about the project: four with multiple answer choices and three open-ended. The project team reviewed the survey responses to better understand how people use Bluff Springs Road and their safety and mobility needs in the area.

Multiple-choice questions

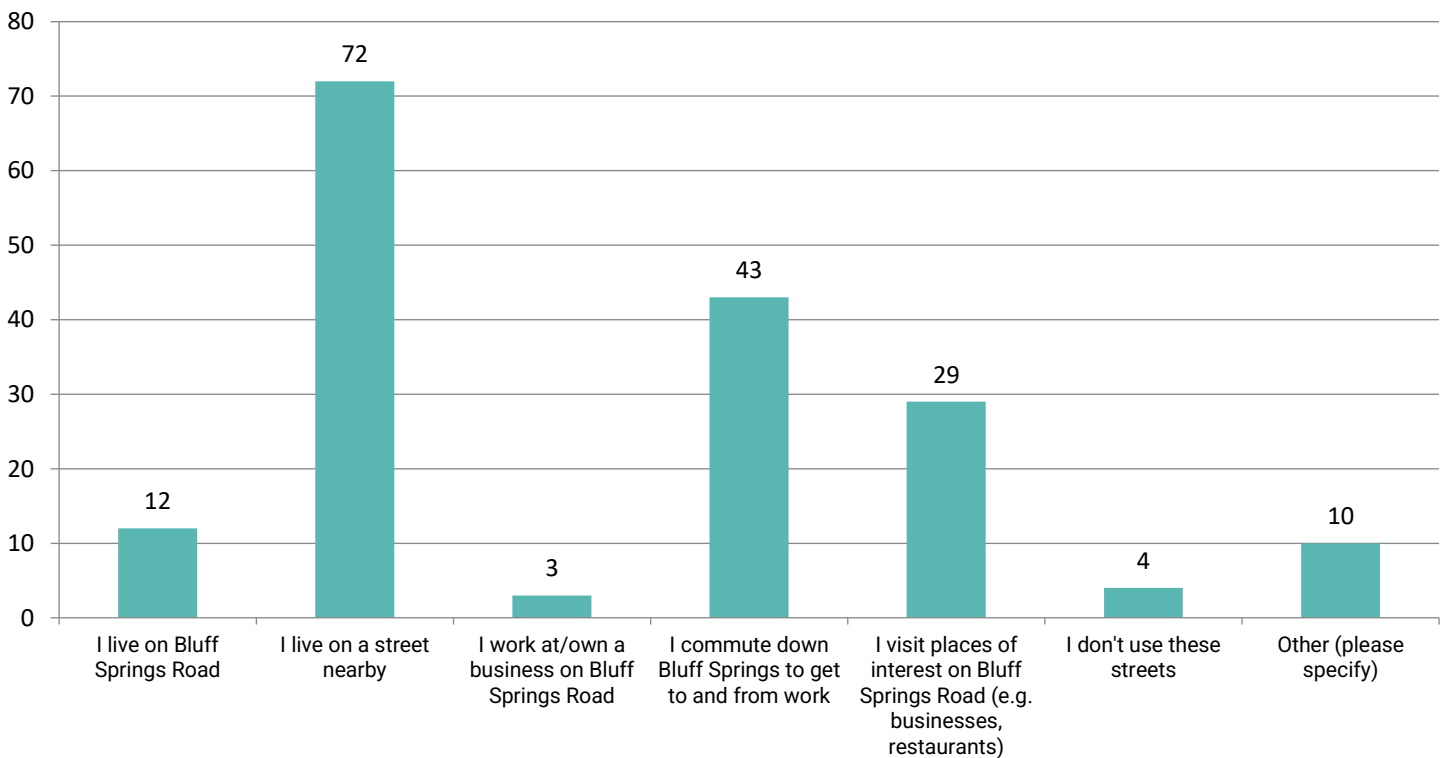
The following questions provided multiple-choice options.

- How do you currently use Bluff Springs Road? – 104 responses
- Why do you use Bluff Springs Road between William Cannon Drive and the Austin City limit (8300 Bluff Springs Road)? – 106 responses
- How would you like to use Bluff Springs Road? – 107 responses
- Please let us know your level of support for the project. – 92 responses

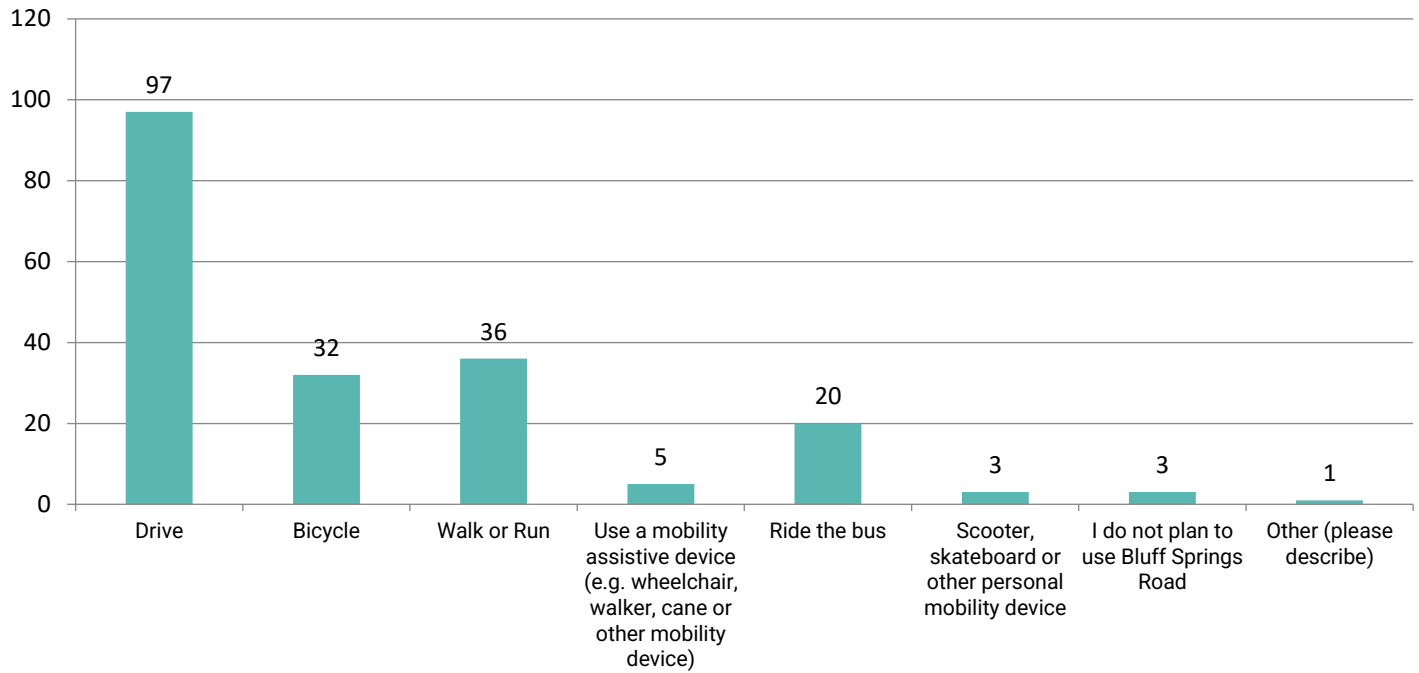
How do you currently use Bluff Springs Road? Check all that apply.



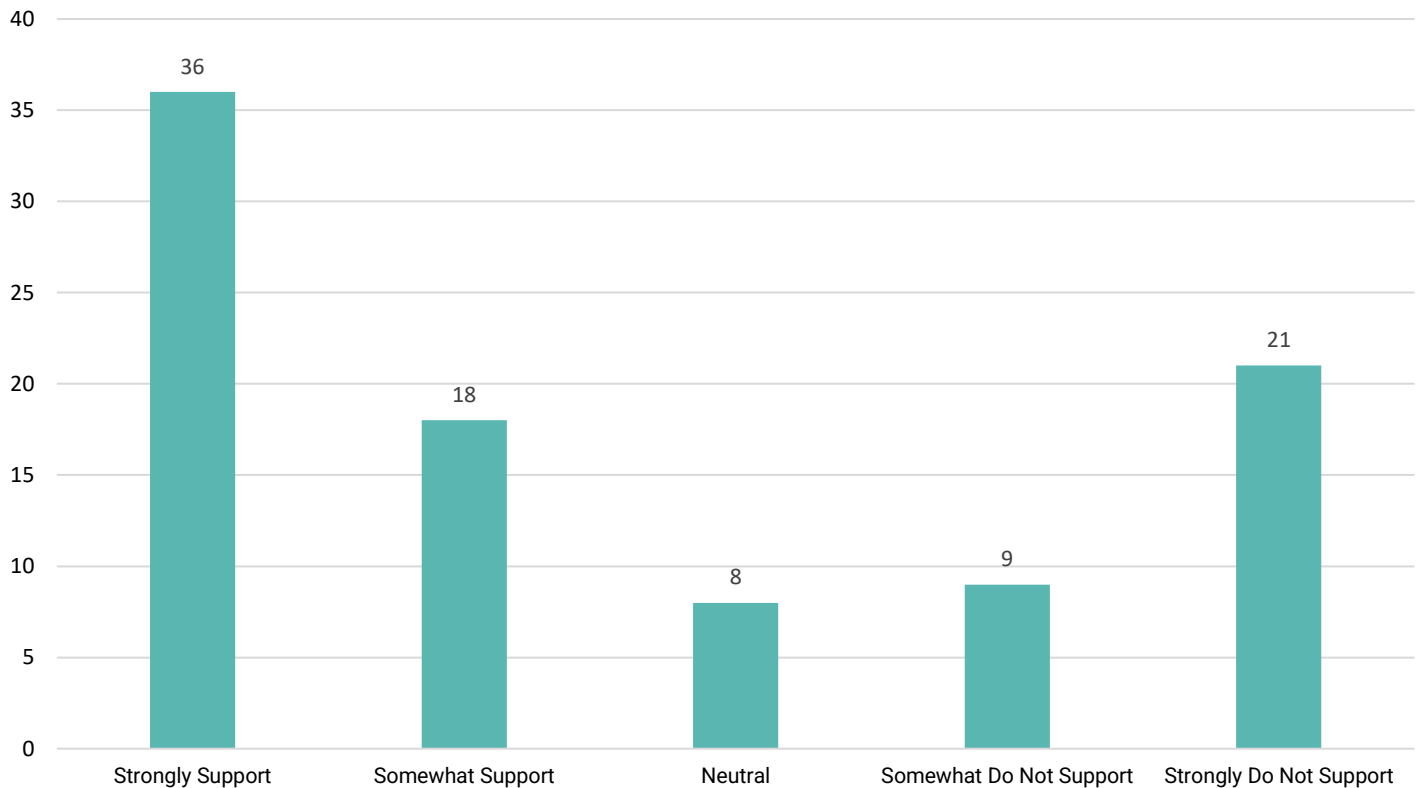
Why do you use Bluff Springs Road between William Cannon Drive and the Austin City limit (8300 Bluff Springs Road)?



How would you like to use Bluff Springs Road? Check all that apply.



Please let us know your level of support for the project.



Open-ended questions

For the three open-ended questions, the project team read and tagged each comment for themes, sometimes multiple themes when applicable. For the open-ended questions, 88 respondents submitted comments.

- “What do you like about the project?” – 86 comments
- “What do you not like about the proposed pilot design?” – 80 comments
- “Do you have any additional comments?” – 48 comments

The total number of support and concern themes were counted for each of the 88 respondents that submitted open-ended comments. The following table shows the number of respondents that expressed majority support, majority concern, or a balance of support and concern comments.

Sentiment category	Number of respondents	Percent
Majority support comments	47	53%
Majority concern comments	21	24%
Balance of support and concern comments	20	23%

Comments by themes

The project team identified 66 themes that were applied across the 214 open-ended comments. All comments are listed at the end of this report by question. Themes were organized by those expressing support or concern for the project as well as those requesting additional improvements or improvements that fall outside the scope of the project.

Support

Theme	Comments
Bicycle infrastructure	20
General support for the project	20
New traffic signals	15
Dedicated turn lanes	14
Street lighting	14
Improved crossings or intersections	13
Safety in general	13
Improved bus stops	11
Safety for pedestrians	10
Sidewalk or other pedestrian infrastructure	7
Calmer traffic	6
Safety for cyclists	6
Fewer/narrower lanes	5
Prioritizing more travel modes	3

Fewer crashes	3
Safety for all road users	3
Pedestrian refuge islands	2
Aesthetic of the design	1
Engagement materials	1
Reduction in lanes	1
Wider travel lanes	1
Safety for drivers	1

"I like that this long neglected street and intersection (WC/BS) are finally getting attention and fixes. I live in the ETJ, so I'm interested to see what the additional street lighting will look like. Please make sure this additional lighting is not creating light pollution. Do we have a dark sky ordinance? I like the improved safety elements, such as the protected bike/ped elements. I like the idea of ped islands. That seems like a potential visual cue to slow speeders down. I think the light at Quicksilver is decades too late, but glad it's happening finally!"

"That the road is going to be improved. I hear so many cars speeding down this road specially at night time. I seen drivers go 60-70 MPH on this road. I also like that there's going to be sidewalks added because the road right now is not safe or accesible to walk on."

Concern

Theme	Comments
Congestion / Leave lanes as is	50
Bicycle infrastructure	16
General concern	9
Safety in general	9
Congestion due to construction	4
Safety for bicyclists	3
Lack of sweeping maintenance for bicycle lane	1
Effect of narrow roads on drivers	1
Safety for pedestrians	1
Unsafe merges by drivers	1
Allow enough space for traffic to bypass buses stopped at bus stops	1
Bus stop locations	1

"My concern is it will not reduce the wait time in the morning to turn from Bluff Springs westward on William Cannon. If it extends the already long time, I feel this will lead to more aggressive driving from others. Also, I'm concerned people will not respect the bike lane without some sort of barrier."



"Bike lanes don't extend all the way down to the nuckols crossing. As a resident of Goodnight Ranch, it would be ideal to have an safer bike route all the way up the road. I'm also worried about the construction. Our neighborhood of Goodnight Ranch has two chokepoints to get anywhere; Slaughter/35 and Bluff Springs/William Cannon. Already it takes 10-15 minutes just to get to the other side of Austin. I'm afraid this construction will only exacerbate that issue and the final result won't be able to effectively handle the increased traffic from all of the apartments that continue to be built alongside Bluff Springs."

"Need traffic improvements to the intersection of Bluff Springs and William Cannon. Traffic backs up here with cars trying to get to I-35 from both north and south, and this results in really unsafe practices. The red light is constantly being run, cars are turning when in a straight only lane, etc. It made me scared to take this road to drive my daughter to school. Then cars start driving through the adjacent HEB parking lot and taking other side streets to avoid the backup. Just super unsafe during the school year."

Request to improve

Themes	Comments
Different/improved protection type for bicycle infrastructure	5
Add turn lanes for motor vehicles	4
Extend improvements beyond current project limits	4
Add/preserve trees in area	4
Create two-way bike lane on one side of the street	2
Mitigate light pollution from street lights	2
Improve traffic signal (timing)	2
More sidewalks	2
Crossings or intersections	1
Shade from heat	1
Resurfacing	1
Motor vehicle access or circulation	1
Access management	1
Modify lane conversion layout	1
Physical delineation for turning traffic	1
Enforcement	1
Improve conditions of existing sidewalks	1
Wider sidewalk	1
Floating bus islands	1
Tree trimming needed	1

"The protection could go further. Speeds would be reduced further and more regularly if concrete curbs would be used to protect the bike lane and sidewalk. The improved bus stops should really be bus islands with the bike lane behind them."

Outside of project scope

Themes	Comments
Request for improvements outside City limits (forwarded to Travis County)	5
Improve access along/to I-35 SVRD	3
Speed management (speed humps, tables, bumps)	3
Move bicyclists and pedestrians onto sidewalk off roadway (shared-use path)	2
New traffic signal	2
Project limits of bike lane	1
Other	1
Lower speed limit	1
Sidewalks outside of project limits	1
Direct bus route to downtown	1
More bus stops	1

"Does not connect the sidewalks past the 8300 Block - would like to walk further along Bluff Springs but the city sidewalk ends and does not connect to the private sidewalk at the apartments, and there is no safe crosswalk to get to the other side of Bluff Springs where the sidewalk does connect."

Design Modifications

After reviewing feedback, the project team has modified the project design to prohibit left turns onto Bluff Springs Road from the driveways south of the William Cannon Drive intersection. This left turn prohibition will reduce conflict points and thus reduce crash risk related to access from the driveways.

Appendix: All comments by question

Blank responses indicate that the respondent did not submit a comment.

What do you like about the project?

Respondent ID	Response
14705	
14706	I like that it's improving safety. Better sidewalks are nice. Please add more trees because it's too hot to walk in full sun.
14707	the new signal at quicksilver and more lighting. I like the new bike lanes and better sidewalks. This project is longtime due.
14708	Adding a light at quicksilver
14709	All in favor of added safety for all road users
14710	I like that the want to add a left bays on Blue Meadow Dr on the intersection of Bluff Springs Road. I like that they want to create a crosswalk on bluff springs
14711	
14712	
14713	The crossing and improvements to bus stops.
14714	I like how this project will protect bikers and pedestrians.
14715	Safety improvements in this area benefit the entire community. I care that the City has identified this area as needing improvements and are making those necessary upgrades to help people and community be safer.
14716	City needs to leave the lanes already used by vehicles for vehicles. City needs to go by the new Texas Department of Transportation building and see that the sidewalks in that area are going to be used by bicycles and people leaving the road for vehicles.
14717	protected bike lanes! fewer/narrower car lanes!
14718	Ped crossing
14719	I like the pedestrian crossings. An upgraded bus stop is also nice.
14720	I like the proposed changes
14721	Bike lanes for improved mobility. Turn lanes to eliminate one car from backing up the entire lane.
14722	Fewer crashes
14723	Nothing
14724	While I think it is good to make it safer the main people using Bluff Springs are drivers. I have lived in this area for over 20 years. I think focusing on the bus lanes/stops safety makes much more sense here than bike lanes. That narrows these roads and makes it unsafe for drivers. William Cannon from I-35 to Pleasant Valley is a nightmare. NARROW lanes and pavement in terrible condition. I avoid that area at all costs.
14725	I like that this long neglected street and intersection (WC/BS) are finally getting attention and fixes. I live in the ETJ, so I'm interested to see what the additional street lighting will look like. Please make sure this additional lighting is not creating light pollution. Do we have a dark sky ordinance? I like the improved safety elements, such as the protected bike/ped elements. I like the idea of ped islands. That seems like a potential visual cue to slow speeders down. I think the light at Quicksilver is decades too late, but glad it's happening finally!
14726	I like the bus stop improvements.
14727	Dedicated turning lanes are a great addition and will greatly reduce risk of rear-end crashes due to unsafe driving behaviors from the increased volume of traffic since constructing all of the new apartment complexes. These drivers regularly swing into the right lane to avoid one turning car, and immediately and blindly swing back to the left after the conflict point in order to increase speeds above what is safe, where they regularly presented with a separate conflict with another vehicle turning left, creating hazardous conditions for rear-end accidents regularly. Turn lanes go a long way to alleviating this. As a cyclist, protected bike lanes are a nice addition, especially in the upper section of this road.

14728	Improving safety of the road and prioritizing alternative transportation methods.
14729	I don't like it. Have safer side walks that aren't cracked and uneven.
14730	Increased pedestrian safety
14731	New lighting
14732	
14733	the better lighting and the protected turn lanes.
14734	Road and intersections need to be redone.
14735	Nothing
14736	
14737	Safe side walks will allow the community to exercise mornings or evenings.
14738	Hoping this will notably increase safety and the aesthetic of the community, although I have never witnessed an accident here.
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14740	
14741	Improved safety, protected bike lanes, lighting, improved bus stops
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14743	
14744	Street lights
14745	Nothing. It does not improve traffic.
14746	What I like about the project is that it's going to minimize crashes and it going to widen the street
14747	That they are building and amplifying the road
14748	More bus stops and safety features.
14749	Safety improvements, dedicated and separated bike lane, improved bus stops
14750	Left turn bays, update signal timing and phasing, improved signal, street lighting, transit stops, pedestrian crossing
14751	Finally the city recognize Bluff Springs needs improvements.
14752	I like the removal of a lane and the addition of dedicated space for bikes. It will make both walking and biking feel much safer.
14753	The expansion
14754	Esta muy bien el agregar un semáforo en Quick silver
14755	The road needs bikelanes badly
14756	Increased traffic lights and lighting
14757	Nothing!!!!
14758	Pedestrian crossings and improved bus stops.
14759	Not a [expletive] thing
14760	better lighting
14761	I think a medium or turning lane is necessary to help increase safety as I've had cars come into my lane many times. I also appreciate the improvement and focus on pedestrian & bike safety.
14762	Restricting traffic, better lighting, more clear crossings
14763	Bike lane and pedestrian safety
14764	Nothing
14765	Reducing the speeds and create left turn lanes
14766	Additional traffic lights. Too many people speed down Bluff Springs. Adding more stops would reduce drivers' ability to speed in between the stops.
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14769	Turn lanes
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14771	I like the increased points for safe crossings.
14772	I like the addition of safer crosswalks and signals.
14773	
14774	Crosswalks and new lighting, improved bus stops and higher visibility intersections.
14775	That the road is going to be improved. I hear so many cars speeding down this road specially at night time. I seen drivers go 60-70 MPH on this road. I also like that there's going to be sidewalks added because the road right now is not safe or accesible to walk on.
14776	I like that it'll reduce the speed of the traffic and make it safer
14777	Pedestrian crosswalks, added traffic lights, added bike lanes, middle turning lane.
14778	
14779	Safety improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians are essential!
14780	Adding bike lanes as the existing infrastructure is terrible and unsafe for bikes.
14781	I love that more safety upgrades will be added to the street. We need stop lights along the street and street lights
14782	Increased pedestrian safety and lighting
14783	Going down to 1 lane will be terrible for traffic and make it much harder to get out of my neighborhood
14784	Safety features for pedestrians and left turns.
14785	Nothing
14786	I like that there are proposed updates to making this road safer overall and a better designed space.
14787	The dedicated left hand turn lanes are a good idea. The bike lanes are a good touch as well
14788	Newer traffic lights
14789	
14790	That there is going to be a light. It's so dangerous
14791	That you all are trying to do something.
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14794	
14795	Safety
14796	Improved safety for all! Would no longer need to bike on the sidewalk! Better bus stops
14797	I like there will be an added bike lane.
14798	Protecting others that will share the road by providing dedicated lanes to bicyclists with intersections to better protect others as they cross. Dedicated turn lanes
14799	I support more bike lanes and pedestrian crossings especially with pedestrian islands
14800	It's great! I support the city converting wasteful and dangerous excess car space on roads into safer, more productive bike and pedestrian space.
14801	I like that this will expand safe choices for mobility
14802	better sidewalks and increased safety
14803	Improved safety
14696	
14697	traffic light at Quicksilver will be needed once the apt complex opens. Cars travel at speeds well beyond posted 35mph limit on bluff springs making left turns dangerous
14698	

14699	I like that it decreases the amount of lanes for cars and adds a bike lane. Hopefully this will help with the cars that refuse to lower to the speed limit.
14700	street lights down bluff springs rd,speed limit signs ,signal lights.
14701	Not much. This is poor understanding of why these accidents occurred. Traffic light at Blue Meadow is long overdue and street lighting is vital as well.
14702	Protected bike lanes. It is a popular route for cyclist and drivers tend to sped through this street.
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What do you dislike about the project?

Respondent ID	Response
14705	
14706	It's reducing lanes and there is already congestion on this road. I live on a cul-de-sac that only let's out onto Bluff Springs. Slowing down traffic and reducing lanes will make it more congested and trap me on my street.
14707	nothing its an awesome project
14708	Reducing to one lane. It gets very busy on bluff springs. I am concerned about traffic building up back onto Quicksilver, and all through bluff springs.
14709	Nothkng
14710	I disagree with having a one lane on bluff springs instead of keeping as two lanes. The traffic is already heavy with two lanes. Just imagine having one lanes on Bluff Springs rd
14711	
14712	Just consider that the traffic is really bad with two lanes. With one lane is going to be worst.
14713	The bike lanes that will limit the number of lines for traffic to flow, especially considering that we have an AISD bus terminal at that street and after using that street for more than 15 years I see the heavy backed traffic at rush hours but have rarely seen any bikes using that road at all.
14714	I don't think is a good idea to reconfigure the travel lanes to have one vehicle lane in each direction, the driving traffic is already a jam (early in the mornings and in the evenings) at the intersection of William Cannon and Bluff Springs. I hope we can have everything in the plan and keep the travel lanes that we already have.
14715	There is nothing that I have read that reflects anything that I would dislike.
14716	Do not like the the number of vehicle lines are going to be reduced. Make the sidewalks the area where bikes and people can use to get around Bluff Springs area.
14717	I wish street trees were included in this project to provide shade and greenery. Also, I wish there were a more substantial and appealing barrier protecting the bike lanes instead of flex posts. Street trees or other greenery would be ideal.
14718	Taking the car lanes and making them bike lanes. There is too much traffic to be cut down to 1 lane each way!
14719	I do not like reducing the number of lanes for cars. I also hate the dividers between the car and bike lane. This seems like a waste of money and effort.
14720	
14721	Bike lanes don't extend all the way down to the nuckols crossing. As a resident of Goodnight Ranch, it would be ideal to have an safer bike route all the way up the road. I'm also worried about the construction. Our neighborhood of Goodnight Ranch has two chokepoints to get anywhere; Slaughter/35 and Bluff Springs/William Cannon. Already it takes 10-15 minutes just to get to the other side of Austin. I'm afraid this construction will only exacerbate that issue and the final result won't be able to effectively handle the increased traffic from all of the apartments that continue to be built alongside Bluff Springs.
14722	With the recently constructed and soon to be open apt complex at Bluff springs and Quicksilver reducing two lanes to one is going to impact traffic congestion negatively and grossly. It is going to take additional time to get out of the neighborhood. Additionally, there are few bike riders or even walkers. I don't see this plan improving quality of life for the residents of the neighborhood.

14723	There is already too much traffic with the apartments they have put up in recent years and one that is not even open yet. Also there is the school bus depot which furthers adds to the congestion. Taking it down to one lane on either side is going to cause chaos and traffic backup which is already crazy during the school year. Maybe adding traffic lights could help slow down the traffic. My family has lived in this area over 20 years and have not had any accidents or issues.
14724	Realistically, making it more of a hassle to drive is not solving anything. Narrowing the amount of lanes going straight at the traffic lights is no good and seems confusing having to squeeze in to the one lane. I've seen lots of problems and congestion after changes like that. Having a dedicated turn arrow and sign notifying of that is a better option.
14725	I am not convinced that the bus stop reconfiguration will work at all. One of the things that bogs this intersection down is the buses camping in the places they currently are located, which bogs down cars that can't get around, and then they need to get all the way over to make a left to head East on WC. This is a nightmare and something we requested NOT happen when the AISD bus barn went in and the intersection received an "F." This was not fixed. The bus stops seem better further away not closer to the intersection to cause continued conflict. Turning right out of the backside of HEB will now put people into conflict with a parked bus that they can't see because that's a blind right exit.
14726	I dislike the idea of only having one lane in Each direction for vehicles
14727	The traffic loads have increased exponentially as new apartment complexes are regularly built between Bluff Springs and I-35. This additional traffic, combined with all of the neighborhoods that must rely on the William Cannon chokepoint, as well as traffic that diverts away from I-35 when it slows down is likely to overwhelm this stretch of road with only two lanes. If not today, it will do so in the very near future. More access to the I-35 service road at points that can allow traffic to enter the freeway before requiring them to go through the light at William Cannon will help alleviate this congestion.
14728	I am unsure if this project will impact the current bluff springs and William Cannon intersection. The left turn on bluff springs onto William Cannon causes serious traffic and safety problems for crossing pedestrians.
14729	We don't want bike lanes
14730	Need traffic improvements to the intersection of Bluff Springs and William Cannon. Traffic backs up here with cars trying to get to I-35 from both north and south, and this results in really unsafe practices. The red light is constantly being run, cars are turning when in a straight only lane, etc. It made me scared to take this road to drive my daughter to school. Then cars start driving through the adjacent HEB parking lot and taking other side streets to avoid the backup. Just super unsafe during the school year.
14731	Going to 1 lane, especially northbound is going to be a HUGE cluster of cars at righ hour. It's already insanely ling to go north in bluff spring andntuen left on wm. Cannon in the morning. This is going to make it worse. There's nit enough bike traffic to warrant it. At most, should only be bike lane on one side of street.
14732	
14733	Cutting down a two lane road into a one lane road while adding people into the community through multi-family units is a horrible idea. There are not that many cyclists that use that road and vehicular traffic already hate bicyclists. This will only fuel that fire. I am an avid bike rider and i still think adding bike lanes to acquire trash, debris, and junkie needles is a horrible idea. The problem with Bluff Springs is not the road, it is the motorists that drive on it trying to get where they are going while raging because of traffic. Cutting this down to one lane, and protected bike lanes or not, people will still make bad choices. Over populating before making adequate infrastructure is asinine. This will not help the community only increase controversy.
14734	I cannot believe you're getting rid of a driving lane right next to the bus barn for Austin ISD. This road will be unusable during high traffic times if your plan goes through. There is limited bike traffic so I see no justification for taking away a whole lane. I live in Goodnight ranch, drive this road every day. This will be a nightmare during heavy traffic times and especially when school starts back up. I think this road needs attention but please don't remove a whole lane!
14735	Moving from 4 lanes down to 2 lanes which will cause more traffic delays.
14736	Potential traffic nightmare during construction, especially during peak commute times.
14737	Please do not reduce the car lanes. People will not use bike lanes in 110 degree temperature. The reduction of car lane will only create traffic jams and increase frustration for drivers.
14738	I am concerned that (1) the construction happening at the same time at the I-35 corridor improvements will create even more dysfunction for our community and (2) the reduction in travel lanes will create more congestion. Re: #2, I hope that the bus stops are well integrated outside of the travel lanes so that traffic can bypass stopped buses.
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14741	Would like a direct to downtown bus stop. Would also like more sidewalks and bus stops on Bluff Springs.
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14744	The street lights aren't continued down the entire road
14745	There will be a line 5 miles long every morning since there will only be one lane. People wanting to make a right hand turn will have to wait for all those ahead of them. It will be a traffic disaster like all the other "improvements" this "mobility bond" has sadly wasted our money on.
14746	What I don't like that is that the trees are not trimmed so cars get scratched and bicycles are a burden if put because it minimizes cars to pass by avoiding the cyclists
14747	That they make they roads smaller because of the people with bicycles
14748	Turning onto William Cannon westbound should be two turning lanes as traffic on Bluff Springs backs up too easily.
14749	The bike lane is not fully protected.
14750	Bike lane because it decreases street and big cars drive through there
14751	Bluff Springs reduced to one lane each way.
14752	The protection could go further. Speeds would be reduced further and more regularly if concrete curbs would be used to protect the bike lane and sidewalk. The improved bus stops should really be bus islands with the bike lane behind them.
14753	You did not roads that will feed to I-35, the phone # 512-974-2300 is useless no one pick up ☹️
14754	
14755	Will probably die from being hit by a car on that road no matter what who do. Before any decisions are made, the city should send all of their city planners to The Netherlands for a few days so they can learn to design cities around people and not something that sits in a parking spot for 99% of the day.
14756	Taking away car lanes to put in bike lanes, such as Woodward and also Teri road, is very frustrating for drivers. Additional driving lanes would be better, not less. There aren't that many bike riders, and they would be better off and safer if they rode in the sidewalk. I do not like that se posted bike lanes. The piles get knocked down and they seem more dangerous than safe for the one or two bike riders I see using them.
14757	Turning into a one lane road. With the new apartment complex opening on the road, the traffic will be horrendous. Stop with all the bike lanes! No one is using them!
14758	The bike lanes and reduced driving lanes. There are not enough cyclists to justify this change.
14759	Removing one vehicle lane in each direction, are you [expletive]? When the H-E-B delivery truck tries to come out into that one lane, traffic is going to be backed up, or when the city bus leaves the northbound stop and then wants to turn left on William Cannon the same thing is going to happen, I swear the people that plan [expletive] like this has their heads up their [expletive]. Take a peek at the condition of the sidewalk down on Nelms by the Ferrari dealership, nice sidewalk expect for a 4'x4' section that is missing, imagine me coming upon this section in my wheelchair only to find out I can't and have to turn around. You [expletive] can't even maintain the streets we have, now you're going to waste money on this. Ffs
14760	taking away a lane makes no sense, it will cause more traffic all the time for the very few bikes that might use the lane. This will create the same problems that are now on Slaughter Lane due to the bike lanes and smaller lanes.
14761	I dislike the reduction to one lane either way as this road gets very busy especially during rush hour. I highly suggest conducting a traffic study as I've sat through 3 red light cycles before being able to turn left onto William Cannon from Bluff Springs road. The when considering one lane either way, this will only continue to congest traffic to this light. People also make dangerous turns left through red light traffic from the businesses at the corner of William Cannon and Bluff Springs so I would recommend adding a middle barrier by the turning lane to eliminate this option.
14762	Nothing
14763	Work done during daytime.
14764	I think it's going to cause more traffic for those in the neighborhood who use it to commute to work or school
14765	Does not connect the sidewalks past the 8300 Block - would like to walk further along Bluff Springs but the city sidewalk ends and does not connect to the private sidewalk at the apartments, and there is no safe crosswalk to get to the other side of Bluff Springs where the sidewalk does connect.
14766	That there are plans to reduce the number of lanes in each direction from 2 down to 1. I live in the Goodnight Ranch neighborhood, which is still under development. There are plans to develop housing for at least another 6000 people. Reducing the lane capacity on Bluff Springs is going to cause an increase in traffic jams, and/or more people are going to choose driving down E. Slaughter, which is already a mess on its own.
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14769	Bike lanes. There are not enough bicyclists in this area to necessitate bike lanes vs shared sidewalks. Removing two traffic lanes will cause longer backups at William Cannon, especially during morning commute times, where traffic is already backed up past Boggy Creek Rd.
14770	
14771	I do NOT like that they want to change to 2 lanes to 1 lane with a turning lane. I traverse this road EVERY DAY. all this will cause is more road rage which in turn is going to lead to more violence/road rage shootings. This isn't going to be positive with turning it into 1 lane both directions.
14772	The reduction of driving lanes. It serves as a local alternative to the I-35 access road in this area and carries heavy commuter traffic most weekdays.
14773	
14774	Less lanes and bike lanes on both sides. I feel this will make this road congested and defeat the reason I take it.
14775	Probably the amount of traffic is going to create in the area.
14776	There'll be more chances if traffic piling up by making it 2 lanes instead of 4
14777	I do not see a speed reduction. Currently it's at 35 mph and I often see people drive 45-55 mph as the normal. I think adding speed bumps in at least 2 locations would keep people from excessive speeding. In Mexico a lot of the rural roads that are now neighboring housing developments speed bumps are incorporated into the roads to keep drivers from speeding. I would like to see this. I often see kids walking down the sidewalk or attempting to cross the street during the school year with drivers speeding by.
14778	
14779	I have major concerns about the loss of travel lanes, particularly near William Cannon during rush hour. It can already take 20 minutes to get through the light in the mornings, and that's with 2 lanes and before they open all those new apartments on Bluff Springs. I'm not sure this plan accounts for how much traffic is funneled down this road and how much it's growing. There are no other viable exit points from southeast Austin (Slaughter is a nightmare). Please consider maintaining 4 lanes between WC and at least Tranquilo Trail. I also hope you've engaged AISD regarding the need for access to the Bus terminal.
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14782	Going from 2 lanes to 1 lane each way will be detrimental for traffic especially given the boom of housing in onion creek, all the apartments off bluff springs, and the expansion of the Goodnight Ranch neighborhood...as well as upcoming multiple retail space plans in Goodnight Ranch. This plan is less than ideal for traffic which may in turn lead to more road rage and aggressive driving.
14783	Going down to 1 lane will be terrible for traffic and make it much harder to get out of my neighborhood
14784	Making a multiple lane road into 1 lane. Austin loves to do this garbage. We don't have enough roads the way it is, don't make an overall 4 lane road into 2 lanes. Dumb. More neighborhoods and apartment complexes are being built, how is making the road into less lanes helpful for that? So incredibly dumb. Please stop being so dumb.
14785	The one lane Street would be a nightmare, causing even more road rage and more safety issues. This was not a very well thought out plan.
14786	I hate the idea of the one lane, there are some extremely crazy drivers on Bluff Springs that I think having the lane to turn into or transfer into makes a huge difference. I would feel very unsafe if my options were only the turn lane or the bike lane. I have had many an almost car accident on that road and I think having the two lanes makes a huge difference in safety.
14787	A single lane is only going to increase dangerous passing through the middle lane or even the wrong side. My neighborhood is pretty much in agreement that the cause of the higher speed is down to a built up driver annoyance from being stuck behind a very slow driver in the existing 1 lane section from Slaughter Ln to where it becomes two lanes. I will personally admit that I've been very frustrated being stuck behind drivers going 10 below the limit (on a road with 35mph speed limit) and then once the lane splits into two, I floor it out of frustration. It's human tendency. I'd suggest making the single lane section into two lanes. In addition, even if the rest of the plan were to happen as it is, at a minimum I want to point out that it would be nice to have a dedicated turn lane and traffic light for turning left on Brandt road while going north. During school days especially, the turn can back up with traffic for half a mile and those wanting to go straight or even turn right into Nuckols Crossing are blocked in traffic.
14788	Turning Bluff Springs from 2 lanes each side to 1 lane + bike lane. I drive Bluff Springs 4 times a day. Going to one lane each direction will be horrible, there's enough traffic as is. I also very rarely see cyclists, replacing driving lines with cyclist lines is overkill and hurts the majority while not providing much at all for the minority. I wholeheartedly disagree with reducing the number of driving lanes.

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14791	Basically everything. Removing lanes for bikes. No one is biking down here lol. We should be making this road a four lane with a turn lane in the middle from William cannon to Slaughter. When it goes to down to one lane near Brandt, the road is dangerous. It is primarily used to bypass the cluster that is Slaughter and i35 and go north to the William Cannon i35 interchange.
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14795	Worried about decreasing lanes
14796	Could the improvements continue north across William Cannon? That piece of Bluff Springs is quite wide (lots of speeding) but has the bus and many apartments that would be served by extending the lanes north. Plus, with the new I-35 SUPs, one can get all the way to Stassney safely if the improvements continued north of William Cannon.
14797	My concern is it will not reduce the wait time in the morning to turn from Bluff Springs westward on William Cannon. If it extends the already long time, I feel this will lead to more aggressive driving from others. Also, I'm concerned people will not respect the bike lane without some sort of barrier.
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14800	As with many city road projects lately, it appears the city is cheaping out on pedestrian infrastructure - without wider sidewalks separated from the road with street trees, walking will continue to be hot, uncomfortable, noisy and more dangerous than needed.
14801	I do not like that the project will stop at the Travis Co line. Please coordinate with the county to create a safe path all the way to Slaughter Lane.
14802	so far some of the changes have not been shared with us until it's started. like the bus lane change at bluff springs and will cannon. No painted lane showing the now bus only lane. and opposite pulling out of the valero the new curb is too sharp with the narrowed street.
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14699	It does NOT come down to my part of Bluff Springs. WE CANNOT get off our street in the mornings and afternoons AND it is no longer safe for us to walk along Bluff Springs.
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14701	Reducing the number of lanes is unwise. I've been using bud Springs Road for over 40 years. When the road was widened, the number of vehicle crashes that I was aware of. Adding bike lanes in my opinion will be a disaster. The crashes that have occurred over the last few years have risen by the number of new apartments built. Those that are in these apartments are younger and are not patient. Having to deal with many of those in the wrecks they are younger people speeding in and out of traffic and even racing. Some of them have crashed into our fences on our property. My question is how many of these wrecks have involved people on bicycles. None that I know of. Your pictures of these individuals appearing to be family bicycles are not the ones that these bike lines will be built for those pictures are staged. I dislike the reduction of traffic lanes and the adding a bike lanes.
14702	Reduction of to single lane, might increase congestion in the short term if this is in conjunction with I35 Improvements. We are already seeing an increase in traffic on Bluff Springs due to I35 construction.
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Do you have any additional comments?

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14706	Improving the I-35 access road would keep people from zooming down Bluff Springs. A lot of people try to avoid the clogged freeway by taking Bluff Springs. That's what makes it dangerous.
14707	will there be plans for speed bumps on bluffsprings rd? speed limit is 35mph and cars drive 40-50mph I feel like they will use the middle lane to pass around slower cars.
14708	I think this gives to much space to bikes. I never see neighborhood locals biking om bluff springs, only occasionally bicyclists in full gear who don't live near the
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14713	Please eliminate the use of a traffic lane to replace it with bike lanes, if you want to accommodate bikes add a lane. We cannot afford to lose a lane for car commuters.
14714	Please, keep the travel lanes as they are!
14715	I appreciate the one pager that I received by mail that detailed the project and solicited my response.
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14717	Thanks for doing this!
14718	Stop taking the driving lanes for bike lanes who never have anyone using it. It is not safe for drivers. There is too much congestion on this road to take lanes away from cars. Fix the light on William cannon and bluff springs.
14719	Please do not reduce the number of lanes for cars. Also please do not put in a bike lane/ dividers.
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14723	This needed to be researched more and actually talk to the residents to get our feedback. This affects us not anyone that approved the project.
14724	I feel like the city focusing on bike lanes is pie in the sky. I am very worried about environmental issues but I just don't see people using bike lanes. First of all with our heat and hills and the distance between areas of interest - no one uses the lanes. Maybe closer to town.
14725	Please, please, please cut off the ability for cars to make a left turn heading south onto BS Rd from the alley behind the Cash American Pawn business on the SE corner of WC/BS. It is insanity, and you would not believe what goes on in this intersection when rude/clueless push through three lanes of cars to make a left. That I haven't witnessed an accident is nothing short of a miracle. These people often whip into oncoming cars turning right off WC heading south on BS. Similarly people shouldn't be able to make a left out of the back of the HEB onto BS Rd. This is also dangerous and bogs down the intersection for all. No clue what the HEB trucks will do, but cars definitely should be stopped.
14726	I like the idea of making improvements to the street. however I feel like the improvements being presented for the project work in other parts of Austin not necessarily on bluff springs road. The improvements being presented look like it will cause more traffic.
14727	Please, please, please install responsible lighting that does not project upward into the sky and increases light pollution. As an astrophotographer living along this corridor, a large increase in ambient light pollution would be devastating.
14728	I believe the reduction to one lane each way with dedicated turning lanes at street intersections will improve safety for the neighborhood.
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14730	I think the improvements are great and will be especially helpful for individuals who walk and bike this route. Would welcome more ways for cars to be slowed. Although I'm a driver of this route, I see how the ability to speed impacts the safety of everyone on this road. I also hope the merge that occurs just at the south of the project is removed because this is a danger -- cars do not allow others to merge and I've nearly been run off the road multiple times coming home from my daughter's school. I moved into 78747 in April 2023 and in just a few short months, I've seen countless near-accidents. It is scary.
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14733	Quit cutting down the trees to put in more asphalt. I want my open fields back and more green spaces, not more room to build currently nice apartment homes to dilapidate into trash when the cost of living turns everyone homeless. Quit moving people here.
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14737	Leave the car lanes unchanged.
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14744	Brandt Road is in dire need of work also. Part of it is in the city limits. Unfortunately the rest of it is in the county, which I know can be a problem.
14745	Stop it now before it becomes another horrible traffic mess.
14746	Don't put space for bikes
14747	Don't make space for people with bikes because it makes the roads smaller and I drive a trailer because that's my road and it would make it harder to drive
14748	While working on this please look at it from a driver's point of view. Too often, as of right now in fact, construction takes up more lanes than seems necessary and this causes huge backups wasting driver's time and gas.
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14750	Please no bike lane many people don't use bike around here and keep in mind a lot of trailers, big trucks go through here and use it as there transportation
14751	Please add two turning lanes from Bluff Springs Rd to west William Cannon and I-35. Individuals are forcefully turning from the straight only lane. This can cause accidents. There is too much growth and not enough turning lanes from Bluff Springs to William Cannon and I-35 and from William Cannon and I-35 to Bluff Springs Rd. . Also, a traffic light and pedestrian cross is needed on Chateau Village Way and Bluff Springs. There have been several car accidents and pedestrian fatalities from Chateau at Onion Creek and Bluff Springs Rd.
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14753	Yes, add more roads that connect to I-35 to reduce traffic on Bluff Strings.
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14756	Every street that I have seen been improved, such as part of Congress, seems a lot more dangerous than safer . Please don't put the post bike lanes on William cannon.
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14758	You will regret reducing vehicle lanes as Austin continues to grow. Please do not reduce it to one lane only.
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14760	you need to remember the roads are mainly for cars to drive on, if you want to add room for bikes and other modes of travel, add them, dont take away from what the cars use,
14761	Mentioned previously as I drive this road almost daily to get to I-35.
14762	Another great safety problem with deaths and accidents is close by at Ripple Run and William Cannon. High speeding is rampant, and reckless lane changes, and uncontrolled access to Wm Cannon
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14769	Lane reduction should not be implemented north of Blue Meadow Dr. Commute times to William Cannon and I-35 will be negatively affected.
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14771	increased police presence for traffic violations would solve the high crash issue. The crashes and deaths are results from high speeds and losing control of the car.
14772	Consistent sidewalk availability along both sides would be helpful in the area. I understand the importance of improving safety, but since there are no parks in the area, I don't see the point of redoing it to be like Pleasant Valley Drive between Elmont and Cesar Chavez. With the population growth in the area due to all these new apartment complexes opening, that thoroughfare will be needed more than ever for commuters.
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14774	Maybe the bike lanes could both be on the same side.
14775	I'm looking forward to this road being safer for drivers and pedestrians.
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14777	I think the plan looks good overall. Please take my recommendations in mind. This area will only get increased development and we want to try and promote a less car dependent neighborhood and make our bikers and pedestrians feel safe.
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14779	Reducing travel lanes will only increase aggression on this roadway. Reducing the speed limit recently only increased the disparity between some going 35 and others 60. People lay on their horn and practically run you over if they're stuck behind you at 40 or 45 mph. They will not hesitate to pass in oncoming traffic if there's only one travel lane, and head-on collisions will definitely increase fatalities. I know you can't design for stupidity, but please consider the context before you inadvertently increase fatalities.
14780	Bike lanes would be better served with concrete protections other than plastic sticks that will be ran down by SUVs and trucks within weeks
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14784	Safety goals are awesome but find another way other than taking road space away from cars. Also, light synchronization should be done without a safety project. When you install a light, synchronize it. Easy win, no need to wait for an entire project. That BS is all over the city.
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14786	I am so excited this road is being looked at and I believe it truly could use some major updates. I would love a turn lane in most areas and I love the cross walks. I overall really hope that it remains two lanes on either side for safety.
14787	Please please add a dedicated left turn lane into Brandt road. It will save years of war and millions of lives
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14797	If this is the same project that's adding lights at the Bluff Springs Road/Slaughter intersection, I encourage another look at the nearby 4-way stop. If it backs up the traffic to the stop, my concern is people will be aggressive and not consider others turning from Old Lockhart Rd.

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14802	This project needs to continue. I have lived here for almost 15 years and with the frequency of accidents it causes major traffic disruptions.
14803	More road diets in more places, please
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14699	Just wish it came all the way down Bluff Springs.
14700	yes,do the whole street from william cannon dr to E. slaughter ln.
14701	I would like to know how many people that live in this area did you consult in drying up this project?
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