# **Austin Transportation Department**

P.O. Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767

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To Stakeholder, Property Owner, or Resident:

### **Give Input on Proposed Street Improvements**

Two streets are being evaluated for improvements to enhance the safety and mobility of everyone who uses them:

- Redd St (from Pack Saddle Pass to Manchaca Rd)
- W St Elmo Rd (from Mt Vernon Dr to S 1st St)

You are receiving this notification because you live on and/or own property adjacent to one of these streets in Austin, Texas or are otherwise registered with the City as a stakeholder in the area.

**Redd**, de Pack Saddle Pass a la calle Manchaca, y **St Elmo**, de la calle Mt Vernon a la calle South 1<sup>st</sup> se están evaluando para mejoramientos a la seguridad y movilidad de todos los usuarios de estas calles. Usted está recibiendo esta notificación porque vive cerca de Redd o de St Elmo, es dueño de propiedad cerca de Redd o de St Elmo, o es parte interesada de Redd o de St Elmo en Austin, Texas. Si necesita un documento traducido en español, llame a (512) 974-7092.

Redd and St Elmo are both streets that provide east-west access in south Austin. Together, these streets serve two elementary schools and two churches and are both identified bicycle routes per Council under City Ordinance No. 20141106-118 (The Austin Bicycle Master Plan). Redd St also provides access to three bus routes served by Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

The Austin Transportation Department (ATD) works to provide improved street designs to make Austin travel safer for everyone. ATD is proposing safety enhancements that are expected to provide a positive impact on calming traffic speeds, improve crossings for people walking and improve comfort and safety for people traveling by bicycle.

#### **Project Proposal:**

To enhance mobility in the corridor for both motor vehicles and bicycles, ATD is proposing that bicycle lanes be added to both Redd St and St Elmo Rd. The street striping and signage will be reconfigured to not allow parking in the bicycle lanes. The typical cross section design proposed for these sections is shown in Figure 1b. It includes bike lanes on the north and south sides of the street

Figure 1a – Typical Existing Cross Section for Redd and St Elmo

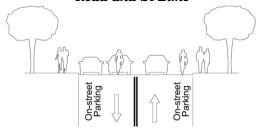
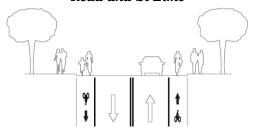


Figure 1b – Typical Proposed Cross Section for Redd and St Elmo



ATD is also looking to complete gaps in the sidewalk network on Pack Saddle Pass between Redd St and Ben White Blvd on the west side of the street as well as improving the pedestrian crossings along these streets. Approximately 6 crosswalks will be upgraded for visibility and crossing distances are

proposed to be shortened as a result of adding bike lanes. One new crosswalk is proposed to be added at St Elmo and Mt Vernon.

Both Redd and St Elmo are scheduled for street maintenance (routine road resurfacing and restriping) by the Public Works Department within the next six months. Because the following proposed changes are coordinated with resurfacing, adding these improvements will have little or no impact on project cost and duration.

# Parking Changes Proposed:

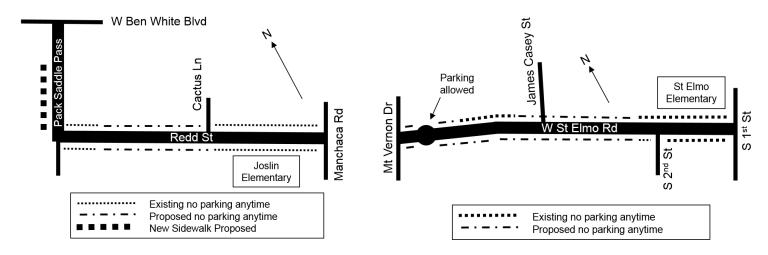
In order to provide for shorter pedestrian crossings and safer parking-free bicycle facilities on Redd and St Elmo, on-street motor vehicle parking will be designated as listed below and in Figures 2a and 2b.

Proposed conditions include:

- Redd St (from 300' east of Pack Saddle to Cactus Ln) Prohibited parking on the north and south sides of the street.
- St Elmo Rd (from Mt Vernon Dr to 50' west of S 2<sup>nd</sup> St) Prohibited parking on the south side of the street.
- St Elmo Rd (from 125' west of James Casey to 50' west of S 2<sup>nd</sup> St) Prohibited parking on the north side of the street.

Figure 2a - Redd Project Area

Figure 2b - St Elmo Project Area



## **How to Provide Input**

ATD is seeking feedback from people who use this street. City staff are hosting an open house event to explain the project, listen, and address any concerns. ATD will then revisit the project design, making sure concerns identified are substantively addressed before determining final plans.

Project Open House | Casa Abierta del Proyecto Wednesday, March 29, anytime between 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM Joslin Elementary School, 4500 Manchaca Rd, Austin, TX, 78745

For more information or to provide input by the date above, you may also contact the project designer at <u>aleksiina.chapman@austintexas.gov</u> or by phone at (512) 974-7798.

Sincerely,

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