



Austin Transportation Department

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To Stakeholder, Property Owner, or Resident:

Give Input on Proposed Street Improvements

Speedway, from 31st Street to 45th Street, is being evaluated for improvements to enhance the safety and mobility of everyone who uses the street. You are receiving this notification because you live on and/or own property adjacent to Speedway in Austin, Texas or are otherwise registered with the City as a stakeholder in the area.

Speedway, de la calle 31 a la calle 45, se está evaluando para mejoramientos a la seguridad y movilidad de todos los usuarios de la calle. Usted está recibiendo esta notificación porque vive cerca de Speedway, es dueño de propiedad cerca de Speedway, o es parte interesada de Speedway en Austin, Texas. Si necesita un documento traducido en español, llame a (512) 974-7092.

Speedway is a street that serves north-south access in central Austin, including to the University of Texas at Austin campus, Hyde Park, several schools, churches, and is an identified bicycle route per Council per City Ordinance No. 20141106-118 (The Austin Bicycle Master Plan) and a bus route served by Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority. On average, 1700 people get on or off a bus on this section of Speedway daily.

The Austin Transportation Department (ATD) works to provide improved street designs to make Austin travel safer for everyone. Between 38th Street and 45th Street, a total of 13 crashes have occurred on Speedway in the last 5 years. Of those, 5 crashes involved a person walking or biking. To protect all people who use the street, as part of this project 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.

How to Provide Input

ATD is seeking feedback from people who use this street. City staff are hosting an 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 making the final decision to proceed with the project.

Project Open House | Casa Abierta del Proyecto
Thursday, March 2, 630 to 730 PM
Hancock Recreation Center, 811 E. 41st Street, Austin, TX, 78751

For more information or to provide input by the date above, you may also contact the project designer at Alison.Mills@austintexas.gov. Or phone 512/974-7166.

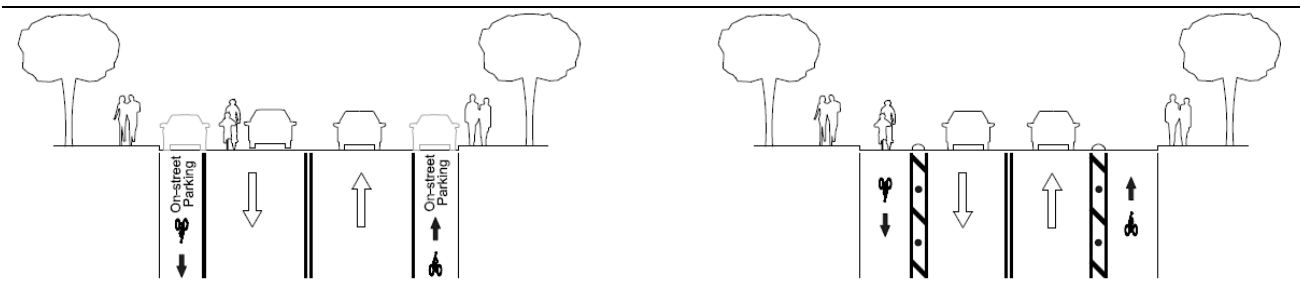
Bicycle Facilities Proposed:

The City of Austin is looking to improve this identified bicycle route to become an all ages and abilities route, meaning it provides the highest level of comfort and safety for bicyclists. Proposed improvements include:

- **Speedway** (from 31st Street to 38th Street) – Installation of physical protection along the existing buffered bike lane. The typical cross section design proposed for this section is shown in Figure 2.
- **Speedway** (from 38th Street to 45th Street) – This section of Speedway is scheduled for street maintenance (routine road resurfacing and restriping) by the Public Works Department within the next six months. To enhance mobility in the corridor for both motor vehicles and bicycles, ATD is proposing that the street striping and signage be reconfigured to remove parking from the bicycle lanes. The typical striping plan and cross section design proposed for this section is shown in Figure 2. It includes a protected bike lane on the east and west sides of the street. Because this project is coordinated with resurfacing, adding these improvements will have little or no impact on project cost and duration.

Figure 1 – Typical Existing Cross Section for Speedway – 38th Street to 45th Street

Figure 2 – Typical Proposed Cross Section for Speedway – 31st Street to 45th Street



Pedestrian Facilities Proposed:

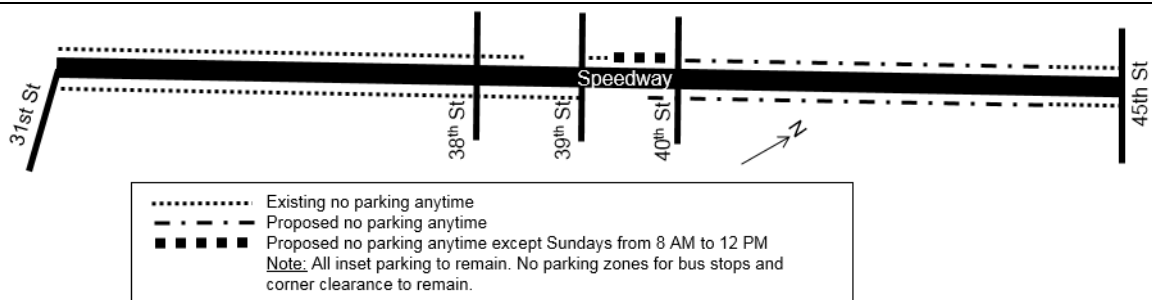
ATD is looking to improve this street for people walking by improving pedestrian crossings. Approximately 9 crosswalks will be upgraded for visibility and crossing distances are proposed to be shortened as a result of adding protected bike lanes. A pedestrian refuge island is proposed between 39th Street and 40th Street.

Parking Changes Proposed: In order to provide for shorter pedestrian crossings and safer parking free bicycle facilities on Speedway, on-street motor vehicle parking will be designated as listed below and in Figure 3.

Proposed conditions include:

- **Speedway** (from 39th Street to 40th Street) – Prohibited parking on the east side of the street. Prohibited parking on the west side of the street at all times except Sundays from 8 AM to 12 PM.
- **Speedway** (from 38th Street to 39th Street and 40th Street to 45th Street) – Prohibited parking on the east and west sides of the street.

Figure 3 – Speedway Project Area



Sincerely,

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