

AUSTIN TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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To Stakeholder, Property Owner, or Resident:

Jane Doe 1234 Austin Street Austin, TX ZIPCODE

Whether you drive, roll, or walk, the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) works to improve your transportation options. ATD is evaluating **Stassney Lane** from West Gate Boulevard to South Congress Avenue for changes to enhance the safety and mobility of everyone who uses these streets. Stassney Lane provides access to the ACC South Austin Campus, Crockett High School, Garrison Park, many businesses, and neighborhoods of South Austin. Funding for these changes has been identified from the 2016 Mobility Bond Bikeways and Safe Routes to School programs, and Capital Metro.

Project Background and Goals:

Following an initial evaluation of the western segment of Stassney Lane from West Gate Boulevard to Menchaca Road in 2016, ATD has since expanded the scope of this project to address multimodal improvements along Stassney Lane east to Congress Avenue. The proposed changes were identified from recommendations in the Austin Bicycle Plan, Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Reports, and the Austin

Strategic Mobility Plan.

The proposed changes are expected to:

- Improve predictability and safety for everyone using the street by providing protected space for people bicycling
- Reduce crashes for all modes
- Encourage slower motor vehicle speeds and reduce high-risk speeding
- Improve access to transit, including provide more options for connecting to high-frequency bus routes with a short bicycle ride rather than a longer walk or multiple bus transfers

Proposed Changes:

- Stassney Lane from West Gate Boulevard to Menchaca Road is currently two travel lanes in each direction with no bicycle lanes. The proposal reconfigures the road to one travel lane in each direction with protected bicycle lanes, maintaining the roadway median divided with left turn pockets
- Upgrade existing buffered bicycle lanes with physical protection on Stassney Lane from Menchaca Road to S Congress Avenue
- Modify median at Emerald Forest Drive on the east leg to provide space for crosswalk

ATD welcomes your ideas! Feedback from the people who use the street often results in project outcomes that better reflect community needs. A preliminary design will be available at the project open house along with the project team to answer your questions.

Project Open House

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Thursday, December 5 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Drop in anytime!) Austin Community College, South Campus 1820 W Stassney Ln – Multipurpose Room 1130

If you cannot attend this open house, please visit the project website for updates and to complete the project survey: austintexas.gov/2016Bond-StassneyLn

The survey and materials presented will be available online starting at 7pm on December 5. The survey will be open through Sunday, January 5.

> If you have questions, please contact: Carly Haithcock (512) 974-7783 carly.haithcock@austintexas.gov

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- Signal improvements at West Gate Boulevard/Stassney Lane, Menchaca Road/Stassney Lane, and Emerald Forest Drive/Stassney Lane intersections
- Consolidate bus stops and add new bicycle and scooter parking near bus stops



Figure 1 – Proposed Changes for Stassney Lane (West Gate Boulevard to S Congress Avenue)





A preliminary design will be available at the project open house for you to review and provide feedback. We look forward to seeing you at the project open house on Thursday, December 5, or hearing from you through the project survey. The survey and open house materials will be available online starting at 7pm on December 5. The survey will be open through Sunday, January 5. Visit the project website for more information and updates: **austintexas.gov/2016Bond-StassneyLn**

Sincerely,

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The 2016 Mobility Bond dedicates \$137 million to local mobility projects. For more information about the 2016 Mobility Bond, visit AustinTexas.gov/2016Bond.