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The City of Austin is partnering with staff at Lamar Middle School, and Brentwood and Gullett Elementary Schools to provide safe bicycling access to their schools. Preliminary route feasibility has been completed and Treadwell Boulevard, Bullard Drive, White Rock Drive, Romeria Drive, and Arroyo Seco have been identified as potential routes for improvements.

In order to improve safety for all modes of transportation, the City's Public Works Department is implementing and improving a bicycle route system, as directed by the Austin City Council per City Ordinance No. 20090611-075 (The Austin Bicycle Plan). The Austin Bicycle Plan traditionally addresses cross-town bicycle routes and does not typically make recommendations on bicycle facilities to each school. However, the City is now partnering with schools interested in improving bicycle access to identify improvements that make it safer and easier to bicycle to school.

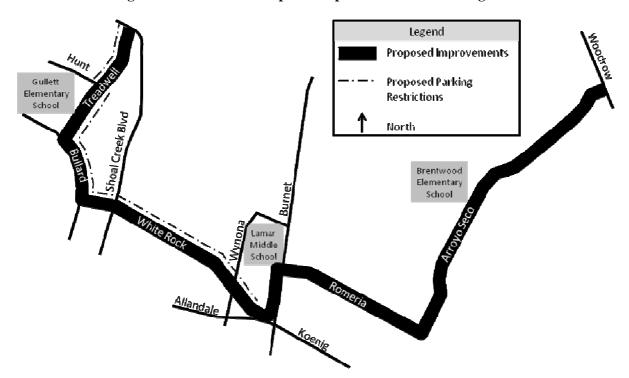
Potential improvements under consideration are physically protected cycle tracks, off-street trails, and crossing improvements at Burnet Lane. In addition to proposed bicycle facilities, sidewalks and improved drop-off areas are being considered to improve access to school and facilitate convenient drop-off and pick-up.



Figure 1 - Example of Cycle Tracks on Bluebonnet Lane at Zilker Elementary

To implement these changes street striping would be reconfigured to improve mobility for both bicycles and motor vehicles. To accomplish this reconfiguration, on-street motor vehicle parking would be prohibited on one side of the street (parking would still be available on the other side of the street) on Treadwell Boulevard, Bullard Drive, and White Rock Drive as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2 – Streets with Proposed Improvements and Parking Restrictions



Usted está recibiendo esta notificación porque vive cerca de Treadwell Boulevard, Bullard Drive, White Rock Drive, Romeria Drive, y Arroyo Seco, es dueño de propiedad cerca de estas calles o es parte interesada de este area en Austin, Texas. Si necesita un documento traducido en español, llame a (512) 974-7142.

We want your feedback on the proposed bicycle safety improvements at these schools. You can obtain additional information and provide feedback at an open house on September 24th, 2013, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Lamar Middle School Cafeteria, 6201 Wynona Ave, Austin, TX . Feedback based on local experience frequently results in improvements to initial project proposals. If feasible, modifications to this proposal can be made after input received at the open house. If you cannot attend this open house and have questions or comments, please contact Nathan Wilkes at 974-7016 or Nathan.Wilkes@austintexas.gov.

Sincerely,

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