

City of Austin Mobility Outcome Report

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MOBILITY

Monthly Highlights

OPEN HOUSE FOR EAST MOKAN TRAIL



The City of Austin is making progress on expanding a new urban trail in east Austin and needs the community's help with feedback on the project. Residents can make recommendations for the trail's alignment and design features with the launch of the [MoKan Trail Preliminary Engineering Phase Virtual Open House](#). The open house focuses on six segments of the 0.75-mile trail extension between Pleasant Valley Road and Springdale Road. Surveys in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) are also part of the online open house, seeking feedback on the proposed design solutions for each segment. The open house is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) through Sunday, April 23, 2023.



There will also be opportunities to meet the Moka Trail project team, ask questions and provide in-person feedback:

- Saturday, April 15 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the [Austin Public Library Cepeda Branch](#)*
- Wednesday, April 19 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the Southern Walnut Creek Trail in [Govalle Neighborhood Park](#)

**Spanish interpretation available at this date. Un intérprete de español estará disponible durante este hora.*

Plans for this trail connection have been years in the making. Once complete, the entire 1.5-mile MoKan Trail will connect an existing protected bike path on Pedernales Street to the [Southern Walnut Creek Trail](#) system. The trail will also connect to the Project Connect [Green Line](#) Pleasant Valley Transfer Station.

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS COMING SOON TO AIRPORT BOULEVARD



The City of Austin anticipates beginning the installation of a new pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB) at Airport Boulevard near 40th Street in the coming weeks. The new PHB can be activated by pedestrians when they need to cross Airport Boulevard. When the signal is not activated by a pedestrian, traffic can flow through the intersection as normal. High-visibility crosswalks and ADA-compliant curb ramps will also be added to this intersection.

Please be on the lookout for these roadway changes in the coming weeks. During construction, there may be temporary lane closures on Airport Boulevard and 40th Street. We appreciate your patience during construction as we implement much needed safety and mobility improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists on Airport Boulevard.

The City of Austin is also planning phased construction of additional multi-modal mobility and safety improvements along the Airport Boulevard corridor over the next few years. To learn more about projects planned as part of the Airport Boulevard corridor improvements, visit www.AustinTexas.gov/AirportBlvd or contact your Corridor Liaison at airportcorridor@austintexas.gov.

SET OF IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO MULTIPLE AREAS OF BARTON SPRINGS RD.



City of Austin crews from multiple departments are working along Barton Springs Road to construct projects to design safety and mobility improvements.

- Crews installed delineators in February at Jessie Street, Lee Barton Road and the Picnic Food Truck Park as well as a median extension at Josephine Street to limit vehicle turning patterns. The changes are part of a larger plan to proactively address a pattern of vehicle conflicts and crashes in the area. [Learn more from the project fact sheet.](#)
- Crews continue working at the intersection of Barton Springs Road and South First Street to make ADA-accessible safety improvements, add protected bicycle lanes and improve traffic signal operations. They will soon complete the second corner of the intersection and are scheduled to finish their work this summer. [You can find more information on the project fact sheet.](#)
- Construction also began in January to dramatically improve pedestrian, bicycle and transit access to Zilker Park along a 0.7-mile stretch of Barton Springs Road and Stratford Drive. The project includes Shared Use Paths with a landscaped buffer separating it from vehicle travel lanes, bus stop improvements and a new pedestrian hybrid beacon and crosswalk near the Zilker Botanical Garden entrance. Construction is expected to take 12-18 months to complete. [View the project fact sheet.](#)

Combined, these three separate projects are designed to improve an approximately two-mile stretch of Barton Springs Road from MoPac to South First Street to make the area safer to navigate for everyone who travels in the area. They also complement speed limit changes approved by Austin City Council in December 2022. [Dynamic Speed Display Devices](#) are now active in the area to alert drivers of their speed and notify them if they are exceeding the speed limit.

Partnership News



The City of Austin and CapMetro have identified 30 locations for potential transit enhancement projects, and we want to hear from bus riders in the community to refine potential projects and prioritize investments at those locations.

The [Transit Enhancement Program](#) works with CapMetro to identify potential sticking points in transit commutes and collaborate to build solutions. In the fall, the City and CapMetro asked for the community's help identifying locations where riders witness the bus experiencing operational issues or have challenges safely and easily accessing bus stops.

Now, the City and CapMetro have taken in that feedback, developed a list of 30 locations for potential transit enhancement projects and are reaching out to the community to hear more. Potential projects range from access improvements such as new pedestrian crossings at bus stops to operational improvements such as installing transit priority lanes. Visit the program website in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to take a brief survey and show us on an interactive map how we can improve your bus ride.

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