

Dear Council Members,

The Parmer Lane Alliance of Neighborhoods encompasses eight neighborhoods adjacent to Parmer Lane in Northwest Austin, between Mopac and SH45 / 620. We formed to provide resident input on future changes to this major roadway near our homes.

We write in support of Resolution No. 20261022-044, agenda item 44. Council Member Laine and her staff have listened to our members, and the resolution accurately reflects our desires and concerns about Parmer's future.

We are committed to a Parmer Lane with improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. Some of us live less than a mile from destinations such as H-E-B, the Milwood Library, and schools. Many of us would love to walk or bike there – and in some cases, have no alternative – but there's no reliably safe way to get there outside of a car.

We also are committed to public transit on Parmer and urge CAMPO, TxDOT and Capital Metro to coordinate on any future expansion of the roadway, such as by designating space for bus pull-outs. We note that CapMetro Rapid bus service on Parmer, between Manor and Lakeline Blvd., is included in the 10+ Year Vision List in the agency's Transit Plan 2035.

We're cognizant that Williamson County is exploding with growth north of us and that demand for routes into Austin will increase. We're also aware that we can't build our way out of congestion by perpetually expanding roads. Carpooling, walking, cycling and transit are essential to reducing congestion and preserving air quality near our homes.

Residents from our neighborhoods made a good showing at CAMPO's most recent open house. We welcome and appreciate the proposed short-term improvements, such as adding right-turn lanes and improving signalization, while remaining concerned about the presented long-term plan, which involves a grade-separated, controlled-access freeway.

We appreciate CM Laine's holistic view of transportation and support agenda item 44.

Thank you for your consideration,
Robyn Ross and Matt Ludlum on behalf of PLAN

PLAN includes these neighborhoods:

- Arbors at Turtle Rock
- McNeil Estates
- Milwood
- Milwood Gardens
- Neighborhood Association of Southwestern Williamson County
- Northwood
- Preston Oaks
- Rattan Creek