
Notice
Virtual Public Hearing
Burnet Road
From US 183 to the MoPac Frontage Road
CSJ: 1376-02-042
Travis County, Texas

The City of Austin Corridor Program Office, in coordination with The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is proposing to implement mobility, safety, and connectivity improvements on Burnet Road from US 183 to the MoPac frontage road in Travis County, Texas. This notice advises the public that the City will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project. The virtual public hearing will be launched on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 9 a.m. To participate, go to AustinTexas.gov/BurnetENV.

To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: AustinTexas.gov/BurnetENV. Project staff will give a presentation regarding the project. The presentation will include both audio and visual components. If you do not have internet access, you may call 512-974-7751 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the project development process. Following the launch of the virtual public hearing, members of the public may call 512-974-8833 and provide verbal comments until the end of the comment period on Friday, June 5, 2020 at 5 p.m. Formal written comments may also be provided online, by mail or email as explained below. All verbal and written comments submitted online, by mail or email will be included as part of the official record for this hearing and project, and considered by the City. Responses to verbal and written comments will be prepared by the City, included as part of the hearing and project record, and made available online.

The proposed projects will be partially funded by the voter-approved 2016 Mobility Bond, and are expected to improve mobility, safety, and connectivity along the 2.5-mile Burnet Road corridor for all users, whether they walk, bike, drive or take transit. Funded improvements include eight traffic signal upgrades; improvements to three intersections with turn lane modifications; 2.5-miles of new, shared-use paths to create continuous ADA-compliant sidewalk and bicycle facilities; 2.5-miles of pavement rehabilitation; drainage improvements to upgraded, closed storm system to support mobility improvements; reconstruction and modification of some driveways; bus stop improvements in partnership with Capital Metro; and raised median islands at the Burnet Road/Braker Lane intersection.

The City has also evaluated the environmental impacts of additional improvements outside the existing right of way (ROW) that are not yet funded for construction. These improvements would include 2.5-miles of full street reconstruction to widen Burnet Road from 4 lanes to 6 lanes with an additional through lane for both travel directions, enhanced and separate pedestrian and bicycle facilities, streetscape, trees, raised medians, and street lighting.

Though it varies in this section, the existing ROW width is generally 120 feet and the proposed ROW width following widening would be approximately 130 feet.

Though additional ROW will be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners

and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the Corridor Mobility Program through email at Burnet@AustinTexas.gov or by phone at 512-974-7751.

At least part of the proposed project would occur within the Edwards Aquifer transition zone.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project will be available online at AustinTexas.gov/BurnetENV beginning Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

The City makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The virtual public hearing information will be in English and Spanish. If you have a special communication accommodation or need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please call 512-974-7751 no later than Friday, May 15, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for the City to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the City of Austin Corridor Program Office at PO Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767. Comments may also be submitted by email to Burnet@AustinTexas.gov or online at AustinTexas.gov/BurnetENV. Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call 512-974-8833 and provide verbal comments immediately following the launch of the virtual hearing presentation. All verbal and written comments must be received by Friday, June 5, 2020 at 5 p.m. Responses to verbal and written comments received will be available online at AustinTexas.gov/BurnetENV once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the virtual public hearing, please contact Burnet@AustinTexas.gov or 512-974-7751.

Although no federal funding has been identified for this project at this time, the environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.