

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING
North Lamar Boulevard
From US 183 to Howard Lane/I-35
CSJ: 0015-11-067; 0015-11-068
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 North Lamar Boulevard from US 183 to Howard Lane/I-35 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 webpage, AustinTexas.gov/NorthLamarENV, will be launched on **April 30, 2020**. The virtual public hearing itself will be available to the public on **Friday, May 15, 2020 at 9 a.m.** on the previously mentioned webpage.

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 **512-974-2615** 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 **512-974-9444** and provide verbal comments until the end of the comment period on **Saturday, May 30, 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 funded primarily by the voter-approved 2016 Mobility Bond, and are expected to **improve mobility, safety, and connectivity along the 6-mile North Lamar Boulevard corridor for all users, whether they walk, bike, drive or take transit. Funded improvements include:**

- **12 traffic signal improvements with enhanced technology, three new traffic signals, and three new pedestrian hybrid beacons**
- **Safety and multi-modal connectivity improvements to all intersections**
- **12-miles of new, shared-use paths to create a continuous ADA-compliant sidewalk and bicycle facilities**
- **6-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**
- **Intermittent raised median islands between Rundberg Lane and Braker Lane**

The City has also evaluated the environmental impacts of additional improvements that represent the ultimate corridor vision but are not yet funded for construction. These improvements would include enhanced and separated pedestrian and bicycle facilities, streetscape, trees, intermittent raised medians and street lighting along the length of the corridor, between US 183 and Howard Lane/I-35.

Though it varies in this section, the existing right-of-way (ROW) width is generally 100 feet along North Lamar Boulevard. For the ultimate corridor vision, which includes unfunded improvements, the proposed ROW width following widening would be approximately 120 feet. It should be noted that the near-term, funded improvements would require less ROW, with ROW needs generally limited to areas with less than 100 feet of existing ROW width and at major intersections with turn lanes. 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 NorthLamar@AustinTexas.gov.

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 are available online at AustinTexas.gov/NorthLamarENV.

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 **512-974-2615** no later than **Friday, May 8, 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 NorthLamar@AustinTexas.gov or online at AustinTexas.gov/NorthLamarENV. Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call **512-974-9444** and provide verbal comments immediately following the launch of the virtual hearing presentation. All verbal and written comments must be received by **Saturday, May 30, 2020 at 5 p.m.** Responses to verbal and written comments received will be available online at AustinTexas.gov/NorthLamarENV once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the virtual public hearing, please contact NorthLamar@AustinTexas.gov or **512-974-2615**.