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Good afternoon, Mayor Massingill and City Administrator Wayman,

I'm reaching out on behalf of the Austin Transportation and Public Works Department's Vision Zero Program in relation to a planned safety improvements pilot on Barton Springs Road between Stratford Drive and South Lamar Boulevard. Please find more information on the pilot project at <http://AustinTexas.gov/BartonSpringsRd>.

We are gathering public feedback on the 12-month pilot concept design through June 30, 2023 and will provide a project update in July 2023 before implementation. You can read more information below about the pilot and complete a survey to submit any feedback you may have on the design.

We would welcome your thoughts about the proposed design. Let me know if you have any questions or if you'd like to discuss this directly.

Thank you,

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The Austin Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) has identified proposed improvements for Barton Springs Road from Stratford Drive to South Lamar Boulevard that would be carried out in a 12-month pilot.

Recognizing Barton Springs Road is an important motor vehicle connection, the proposed design for Barton Springs Road is expected to maintain motor vehicle capacity while improving safety for all users of the street and access for people walking, bicycling and taking transit. Learn more about the project and share your feedback at AustinTexas.gov/BartonSpringsRd.

This project aims to improve safety along Barton Springs Road with:

- Reduced motor vehicle speeds and passing
- Reduced crash risk and fewer conflict points with a new lane configuration east of Lou Neff Road to South Lamar Boulevard
- Physical separation for people walking, bicycling, or rolling, from motor vehicle traffic
- Safer connections to future sidewalks through Zilker Park
- Safer and shorter crossings for pedestrians and bicycle and transit users

The project team is hosting a [virtual open house](#) to share more information and collect feedback from the community about the proposed design. The virtual open house includes illustrations and descriptions of the proposed design and a survey to leave feedback. **The open house is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through June 30, 2023.** Staff will provide a project update in July 2023 before implementation.

These proposed improvements would be funded primarily with the [2020 Vision Zero / Safety Bond](#) with other bond programs contributing and will address safety and comfort for people who travel on Barton Springs Road by walking, rolling, driving and other modes.

TPW staff have communicated with the project management teams of the [Zilker Park Vision Plan](#) and [Barton Springs Road Bridge project](#), which are two related, but independent, initiatives. While there is geographic overlap and shared goals between the three initiatives, each stands alone in their respective processes. As the Zilker Park Vision Plan moves toward adoption, it is recognized that mobility-related aspects in the plan will need further detailed analysis before implementation, and results of this safety pilot project will help inform future analysis. The Barton Springs Road Bridge design process is in its preliminary phase and construction funding has yet to be identified for the bridge, so the

safety pilot project will provide the necessary improvements to enhance safe, multimodal access over the bridge for the near-term future.

[Project Website](#)

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