



VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

COLONY LOOP DRIVE





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AGENDA

- Project Team Introduction
- Project History and Overview
- Community Involvement
- Safety & Connectivity Goals
- Proposed Improvements
- Questions



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COLONY PARK MASTER PLAN

2014 MASTER PLAN

Approved by Austin City Council December 2014



PROJECT HISTORY

2012: U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) awards \$3 million Sustainable Communities Challenge grant to the City of Austin.

2012–2014: Community outreach and adoption of the Colony Park Master Plan for the 208 acres.

2016: City's Corridor Mobility Program provides funding for existing Colony Loop Drive study to provide critical connectivity.

2016–2020: Building of strategic partnerships for Colony Park Sustainable Community Master Plan and existing neighborhoods.

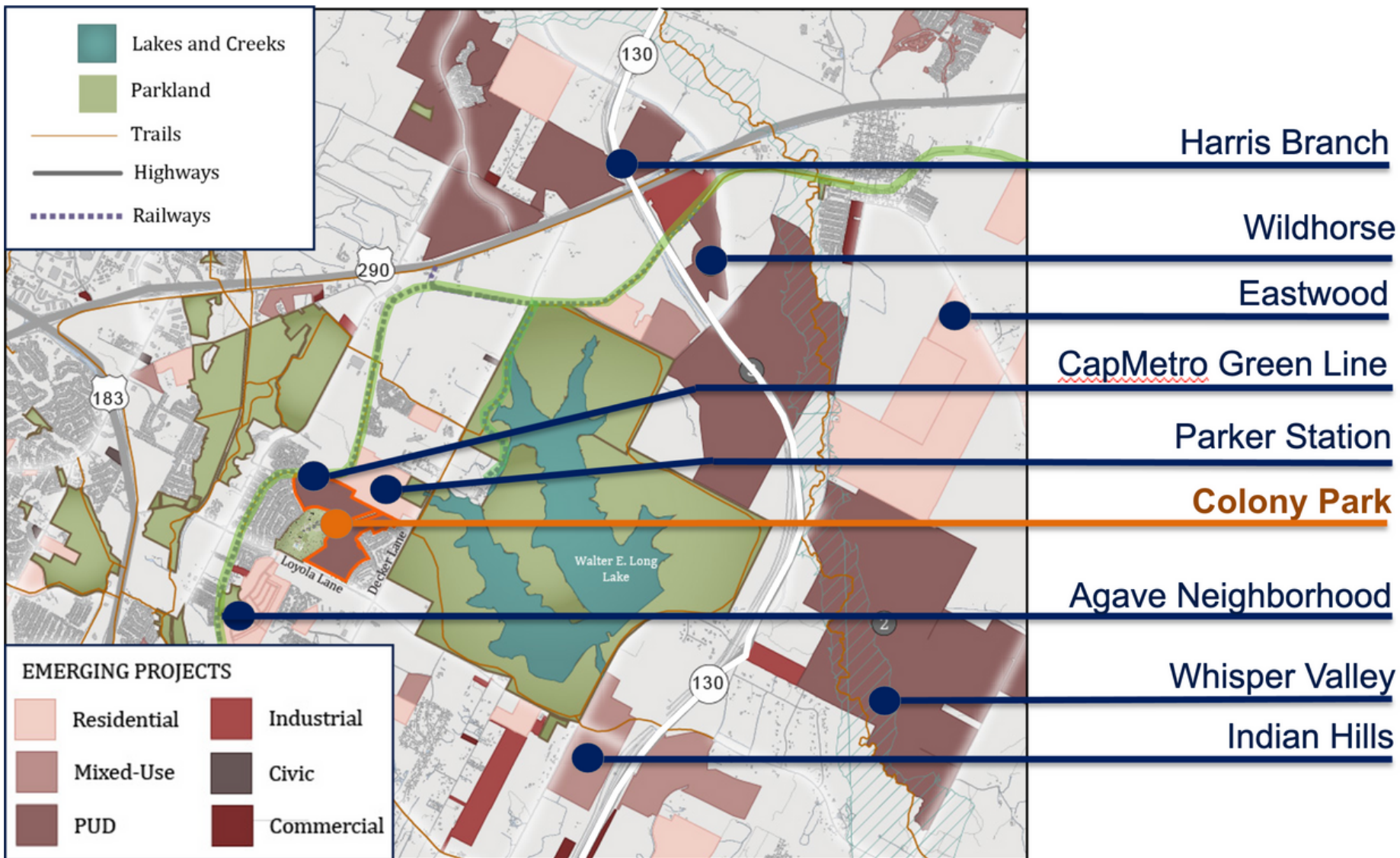




PROJECT OVERVIEW

- The City of Austin is conducting preliminary and design-phase work to connect two existing Colony Loop Drive sections as part of the 2016 Mobility Bond Program.
- Improvements would create a continuous connection between Loyola Lane and Decker Lane through the Colony Park Sustainable Community.
- Provide critical connectivity for residents and visitors of the Colony Park/Lakeside Neighborhood to access Volma Overton Elementary, Turner-Roberts Recreation Center, and Colony Park District Park.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



OUR WHY



Food Access

Find opportunities for full-service and small-scale grocers.



Healthcare Services

Create an inviting Central Health campus and opportunities for health service retailers.



Mobility, connectivity and safety

Create new roads, paths, bike lanes and improve existing connections to nearby neighborhoods.



Open spaces and activate parks

Thoughtfully plan and connect new improved parks and existing open spaces.



Economic Vitality

Create new construction jobs, full time employment and services.



Education

Connect with schools while looking for opportunities to bring new student/adult education services.



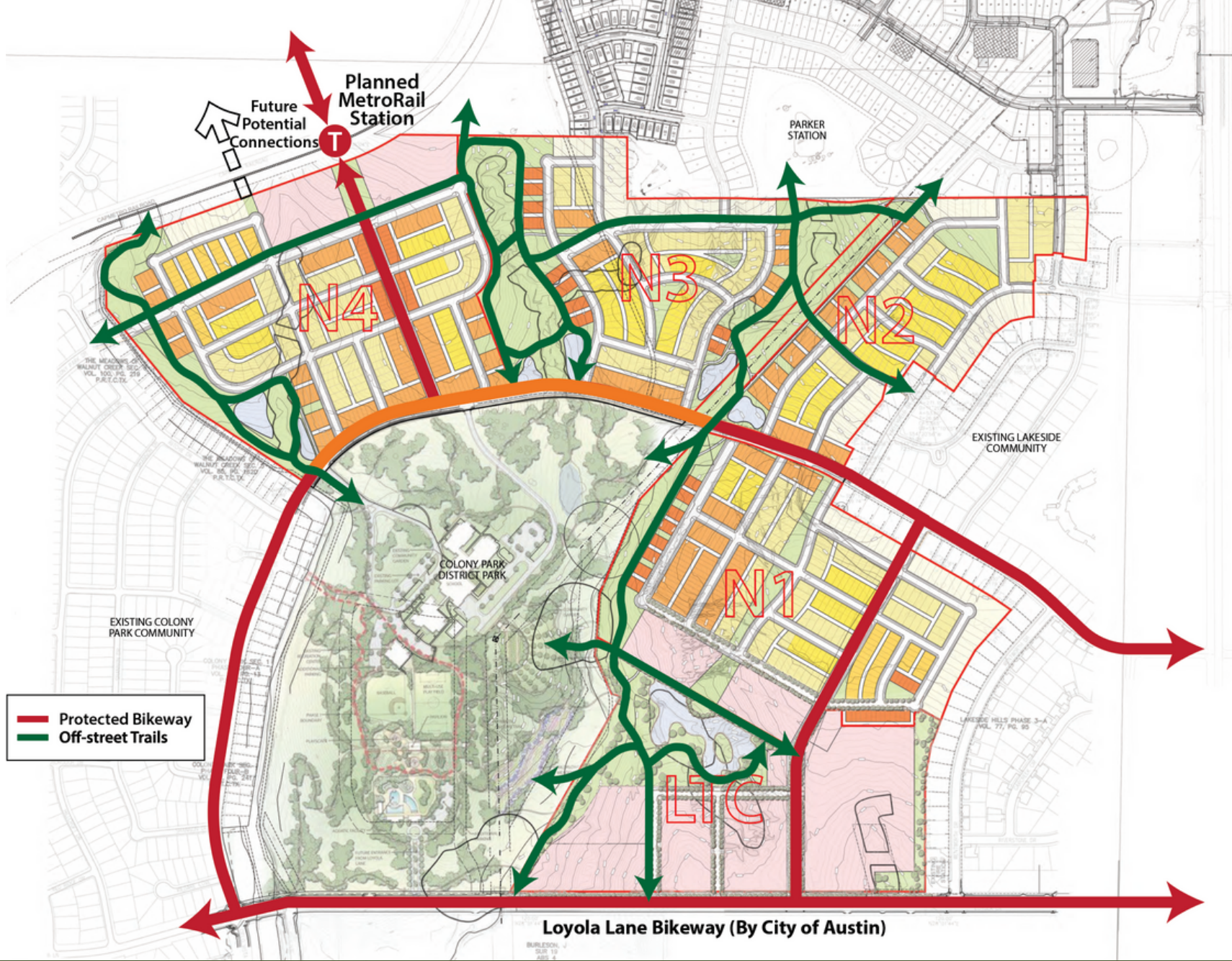
Affordable workforce housing

Create a robust program for the planned 20% workforce housing that serves the existing community.



City & County Resources

Create new partnerships to bring services to existing and future residents businesses.



Colony Park Sustainable Community Proposed Improvements

An aerial architectural rendering of a campus. The scene shows several modern, multi-story buildings with large windows and flat roofs. There are numerous green trees scattered throughout the campus. In the lower-left corner, a silver car is parked on a paved area. In the lower-right corner, two people are walking on a path. The overall atmosphere is bright and green.

Safety & Connectivity Goals

Colony Loop Drive

SAFETY AND CONNECTIVITY GOALS



Safety - Create a safer street for all road users, including after the street is connected and motor vehicle traffic increases.

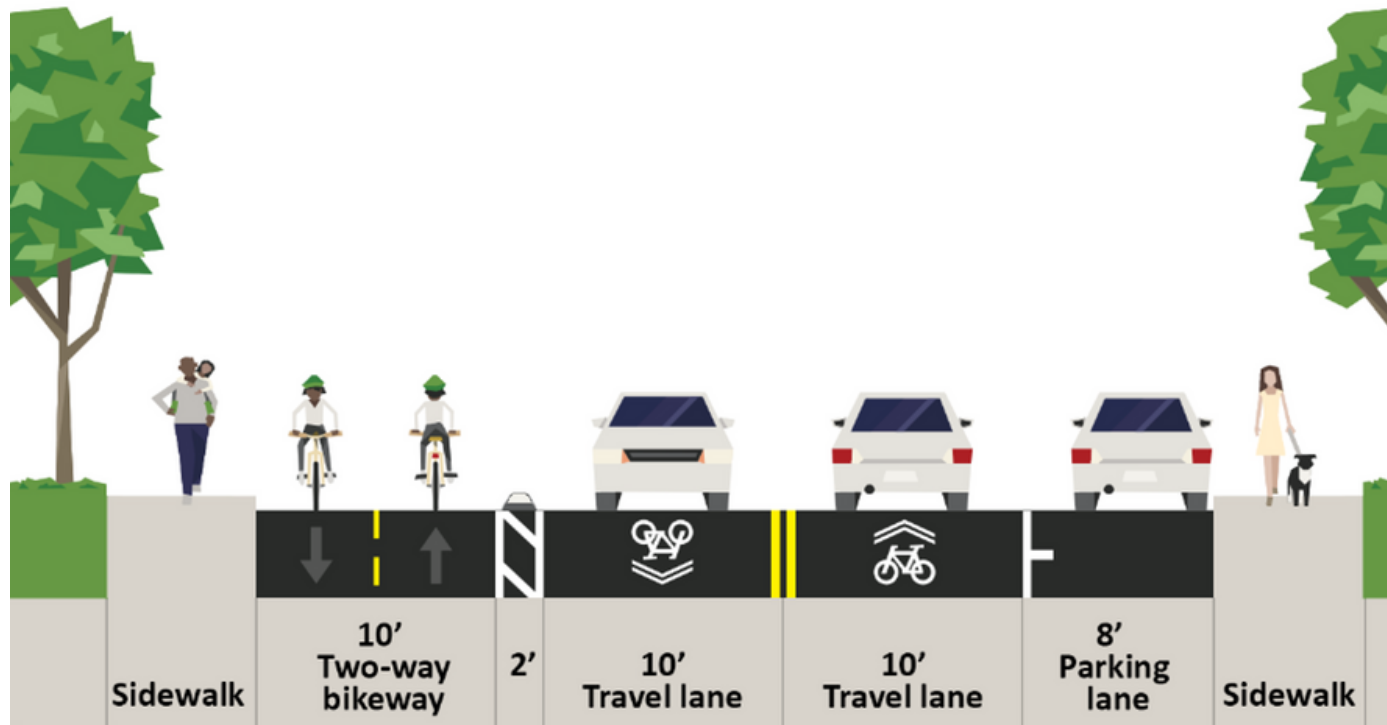
All Ages and Abilities Bicycle Facilities - Improve comfort and safety by providing protected space for people of all ages and abilities for bicycling, scootering and other non-motorized transportation options.

Pedestrian Crossings - Improve comfort and safety for people walking along and crossing the street to Colony Park, Volma Overton Elementary School, the Turner-Roberts Recreation Center and other neighborhood destinations.

Speed Management - Manage motor vehicle speeds for the safety of everyone using the street.

Connectivity - Improvements to Colony Loop Drive would connect to multimodal facilities on Loyola Ln., Southern Walnut Creek Trail, and future Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park trails.

PARKING ANALYSIS



Study - Analyzed multiple times a day, including weekends, weeknights and weekdays prior to and during the pandemic.

Demand - Parking demand was found to be below 25% with the following areas showing approximately 50% demand

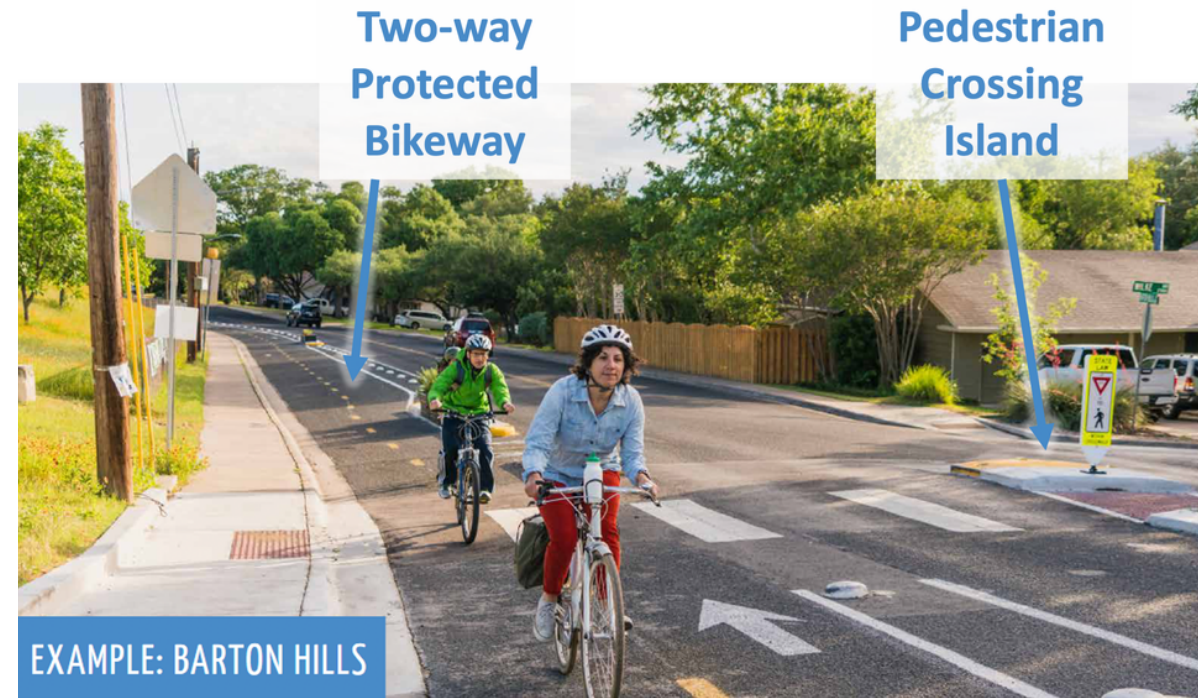
- Wentworth Drive to Riverstone Drive
- Pondsdales Lane to Fleetridge Drive

Analysis - Modified parking to one side of the street will still provide adequate parking supply while providing safety benefits.

Parking - Additional parking is available on side streets in areas with relatively higher parking demand.

PROTECTED BIKEWAY AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

- Protected bicycle lanes provide an all ages and abilities facility designed to offer the highest level of comfort for people on bicycles.
- Proposed design allows for bicycling side-by-side or passing.
- Pedestrian crossing islands decrease pedestrian crashes by 40% by creating a two-stage crossing, shortening crossing distance and increasing yielding compliance.
- Parking remains on north / west side except in short segments around pedestrian crossing islands.
- Both the protected pedestrian crossings and bikeway are expected to contribute to reducing motor vehicle speeds, especially high-risk speeds.
- Bikeway provides connections to Loyola Lane, the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, and future Walter E Long Park Trails



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Proposed Improvements

Colony Loop Drive

OVERVIEW OF IMPROVEMENTS





Refuge Island at Siepel Drive and Colony Loop Drive



New Refuge Island at Volma Overton Elementary

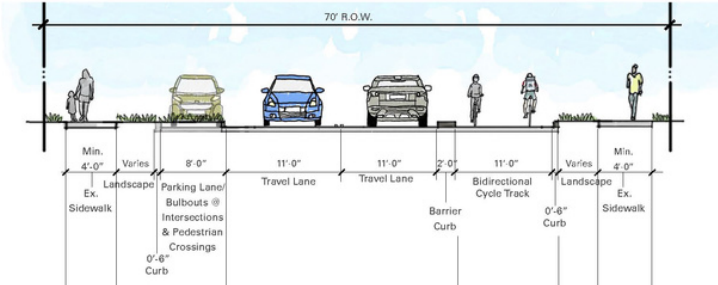


Protected Bike Lane and Curb Extension on Colony Loop Drive

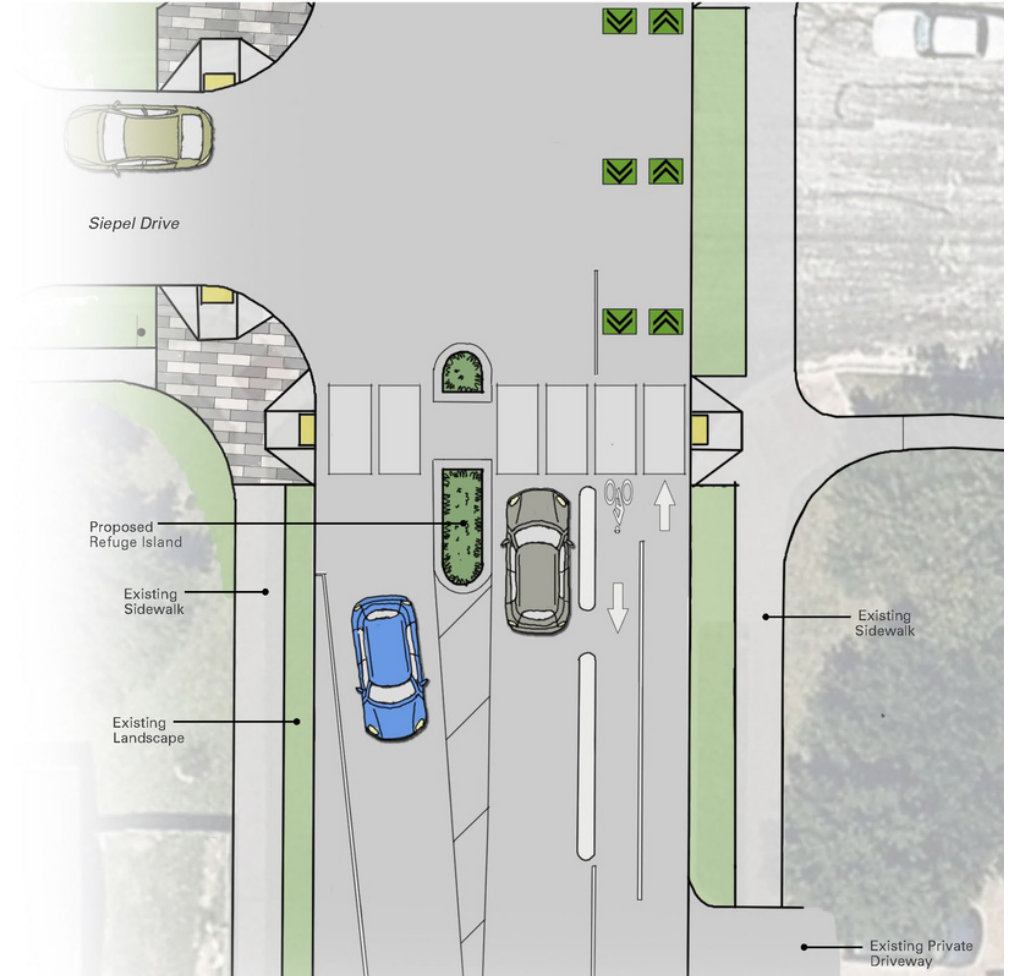
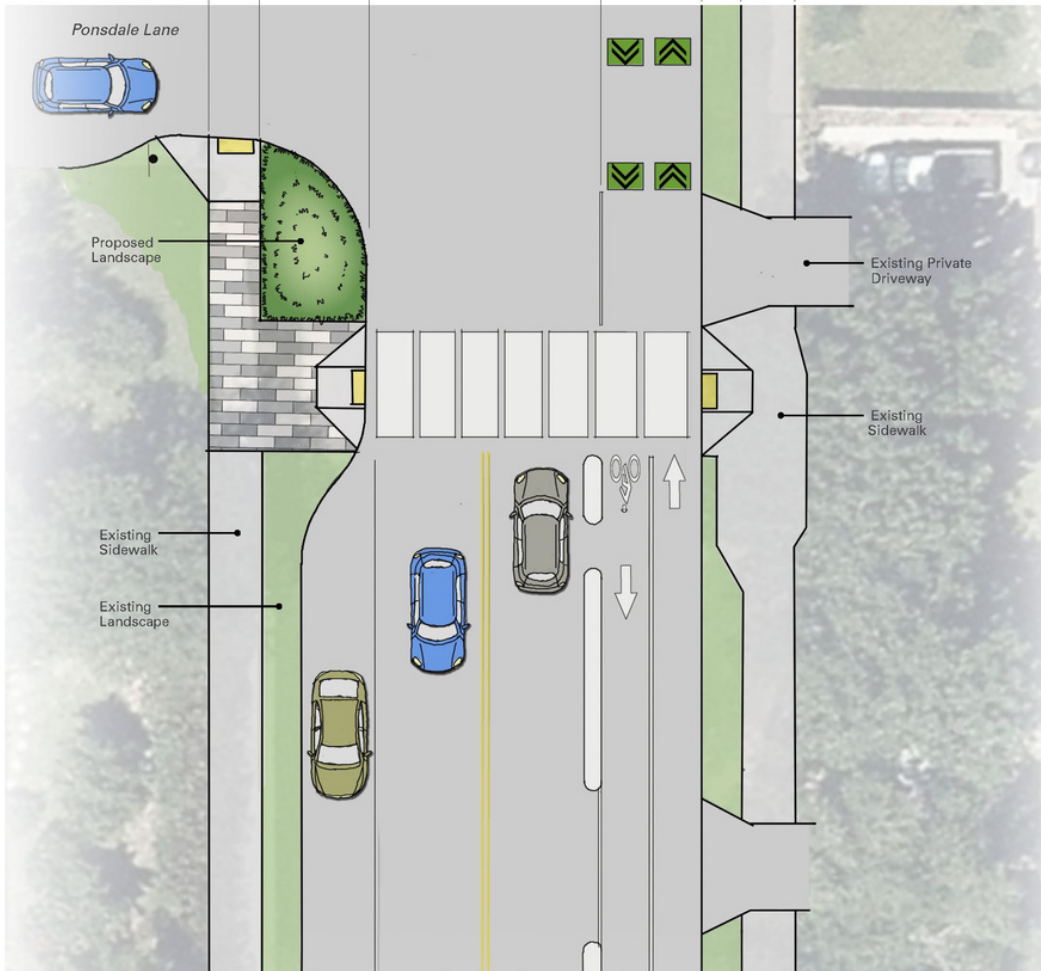
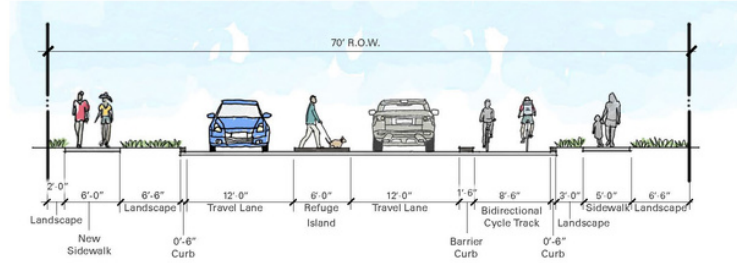


Bus Boarding Island on Decker Lane

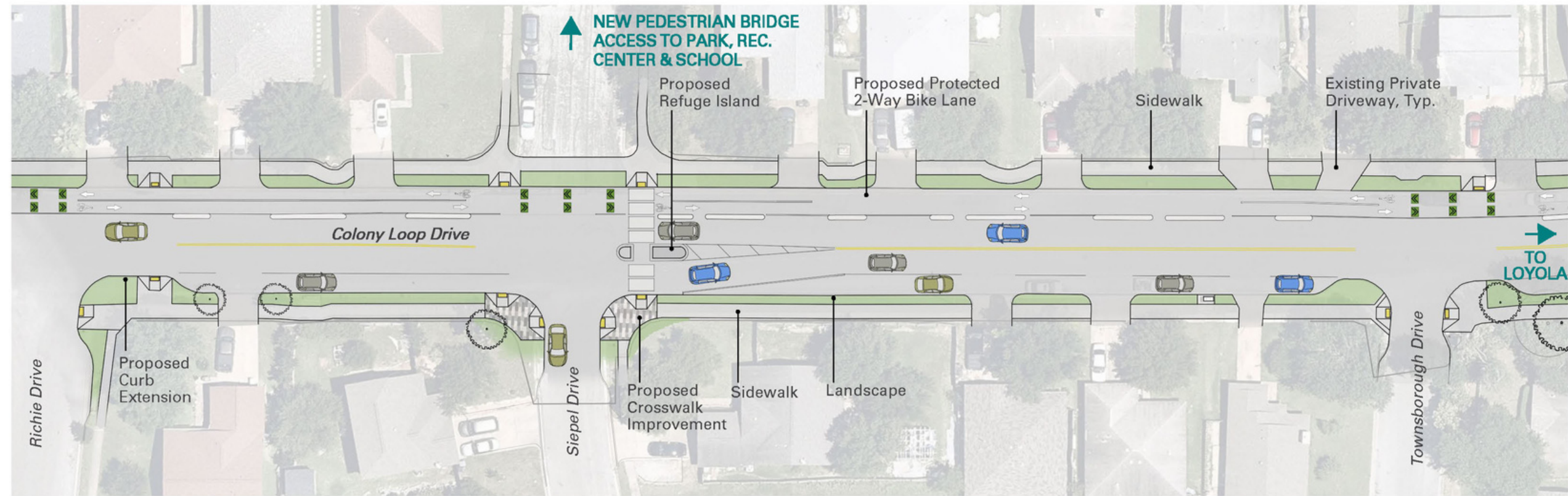
Street Section
Condition at Bulbouts



Street Section
Condition at Refuge Islands



Colony Loop Drive Street Sections



Proposed Street Improvement Plans



NEXT STEPS

- **Spring 2021:** Incorporate feedback from meeting
- **April-May 2021:** Post 90% design to community
- **Summer 2021:** Obtain City of Austin permit
- **2020-2023:** Prioritize finding Construction Funding sources
- **Before Construction Begins:** Meet with community

*Please provide your input through **December 18** by
email at colonypark@austintexas.gov*

An aerial architectural rendering of a city street. The scene is filled with lush green trees lining both sides of the road. On the left, there are modern buildings with flat roofs and solar panels. A car is parked on the street. In the center, a wide sidewalk is populated with several people walking, including one person walking a dog. On the right, more buildings are visible, along with a car and a bicycle. The overall atmosphere is bright and vibrant, suggesting a well-planned, walkable urban environment.

QUESTIONS