



Notice
Draft Environmental Assessment and Virtual Public Hearing
with In-Person Option
EAST BRAKER LANE EXTENSION
FROM DAWES PLACE TO SAMSUNG BOULEVARD
CSJ: 0914-04-315
TRAVIS COUNTY, Texas



The City of Austin, in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are proposing to extend East Braker Lane from Dawes Place to Samsung Boulevard in Travis County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. **The presentation will be posted online by January 5, 2023, at 6 p.m.** To view the presentation and materials, go to the following web address beginning at the date and time indicated above: AustinTexas.gov/EBrakerLane.

The presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least **January 20, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.** If you do not have internet access, you may call 512-974-2300 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, The City of Austin is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public hearing, which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of City of Austin staff from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on January 5, 2023, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 8900 Cameron Rd, Austin, TX 78754.**

For both the virtual public hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call 512-974-2300 to provide verbal testimony immediately following the posting of the virtual public hearing presentation at 6 p.m. on January 5, 2023, through 11:59 pm on January 20, 2023. Formal written comments may also be provided by mail or email as explained below. All verbally provided testimony and timely written comments will be considered by TxDOT and included as part of the official record. Responses to verbally provided testimony and comments will be prepared by the City of Austin and TxDOT, included as part of the hearing and project record, and made available online at AustinTexas.gov/EBrakerLane.

The project would extend East Braker Lane to Samsung Boulevard, a divided four-lane north-south road that connects Sprinkle Cutoff to the south with Parmer Lane to the north. The East Braker Lane extension would be constructed as a four-lane curb and gutter roadway with bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and storm water infrastructure, with a total typical width of 110 feet. Taebaek Drive will be extended to intersect with the East Braker Lane extension - adding connectivity for bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicles to the Pioneer Crossing East Neighborhood.

Although 16.26 acres of additional right of way, and 2.79 acres of permanent easement would 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 right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the Austin Transportation Department by calling 512-974-2300.

The proposed project would require minor drainage easements from the Pioneer Crossing Neighborhood Park, a City of Austin designated park. These easements, a total of 9,548sf, will improve park land drainage. TxDOT anticipates making a de minimis determination for this use under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of the Pioneer Crossing Neighborhood Park may be submitted as described below.

The draft EA, and any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Austin District Office, 7901 N. I-35, Austin, TX 78753. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option. Project materials are also available online at [AustinTexas.gov/EBrakerLane](https://www.austintexas.gov/EBrakerLane).

The virtual public hearing and in-person option will be available in English and Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English or Spanish is not your primary language or have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public hearing, please contact the Austin Transportation Department Public Information Office at 512-974-2300 no later than 4 p.m. CT, December 29, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Austin Transportation Department and the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the Austin Transportation Department ATTN: Public Information Office P.O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767. Written comments may also be submitted by email to AustinMobility@austintexas.gov. All written comments must be received on or before January 20, 2023. Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call 512-974-2300 and verbally provide testimony from 6 p.m. on January 5 until 11:59 pm on January 20, 2023. Responses to written comments received and public testimony provided will be available online at [AustinTexas.gov/EBrakerLane](https://www.austintexas.gov/EBrakerLane) once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Matt Harold, City of Austin Project Manager, at 512-974-2964 or matt.harold@austintexas.gov.

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.

