

# PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

**For: *PARKER RD, I-45 to US-59***  
***ROADWAY RECONFIGURATION***

**By: City of Houston -**  
**Public Works & Engineering Department**  
**Planning & Development Department**



**Date: February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Time: 6 pm – 7 pm**  
**Place: De Chaumes Elementary School (Cafeteria)**  
**155 Cooper Rd, Houston, TX 77076**

The City of Houston is inviting residents and businesses along Parker Road to a public meeting to consider reconfiguration of roadway striping for safer vehicular operation. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit public input on the proposal to improve safety for residents, businesses, and all users along the roadway.

## **Background**

This Parker Rd corridor was a two-lane major thoroughfare that was widened to four lanes in 2011. After the reconstruction, the all-way stop at the Parker Rd/Clark Rd intersection was converted to two-way stop with the stop signs only on Clark Rd. Similarly, the all-way stop at the Parker Rd/McGallion Rd intersection was converted to two-way stop with the stop signs on McGallion Rd. A new traffic signal was also installed at the intersection of Parker Rd and Bauman St.

## **Traffic Operations Issues**

Since the reconstruction, the corridor has seen increases in traffic volumes, the number of crashes, and incidences of speeding. Several crashes involved single vehicles speeding, losing control, and crashing and damaging public as well as private properties. Some motorists have also reported difficulty while trying to cross Parker Rd or to turn onto Parker Rd from a side street. Some pedestrians also reported unease while trying to cross and walk along Parker Rd.

## **Previous Measures Taken**

The City has implemented a number of measures to address the traffic issues. They include increased enforcement by the Houston Police Department, installation of warning signs, installation of a new traffic signal, closures of median openings, and most recently, the addition of two flashing lights cautioning drivers approaching the curve in the 200 block of Parker Rd.

## **Benefits of Proposed Reconfiguration**

The implemented measures are not sufficient to ease the community's concerns regarding Parker Rd operations and safety. The City is proposing to re-stripe the corridor from 4 lanes to 2 lanes. Potential benefits of the reconfiguration include:

- The narrower lanes and the reduced number of through lanes will force motorists to slow down.
- The extra space between the travel lane and curb to allow strayed motorists to recover.
- The extra space between the travel lane and curb will allow residents along Parker Rd to back out of their driveways more easily and safely.
- The reconfiguration will provide opportunity for a buffered bike lane and increase the distance between vehicular travel lanes and sidewalks which will enhance comfort level for pedestrians.
- The reconfiguration will shorten the crossing distance across Parker Rd for pedestrians.

## Comment Card

Additional information about the proposal will be provided at the public meeting on February 8, 2017. Do you have any comments regarding the proposed reconfiguration?  
***All comments must be returned to us by February 24, 2017.***

Mail Comment Card to:  
City of Houston  
Traffic Operations Division  
P.O. Box 1562  
Houston Texas 77251-1562

Submit comment online:  
<http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/transportation/ParkerPublicMeeting.html>

Project Name: ***Parker Rd Reconfiguration***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

☒ I **DO** support the reconfiguration      ☐ I **DO NOT** support the reconfiguration

### Written Comment

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