

**LOCATION:** Colonial Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 7

**PLANNER:** Kierra Williams

**APPLICANT:** City of Dallas Department of Transportation and Public Works

**REPRESENTATIVE:** Kierra Williams

### **REQUEST**

Amendment to the City of Dallas Thoroughfare Plan to remove Colonial Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Dallas Department of Transportation and Public Works has requested an amendment to the City of Dallas Thoroughfare Plan to remove Colonial Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Colonial Avenue is on the Thoroughfare Plan as a community collector with the designation of a two-lane undivided roadway within 56 feet of right-of-way and 36 feet of pavement (S-2-U).

As part of Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) S.M. Wright Freeway project improvements, Colonial Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue and Peabody Avenue has been closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. While vehicular and pedestrian traffic will still be permitted between Peabody Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, the lack of through access between Pennsylvania Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (two thoroughfares on the Thoroughfare Plan) means that Colonial Avenue will no longer function as a collector thoroughfare south of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

St. Philip's School and Community Center has applied for an abandonment of Colonial Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue and Peabody Avenue to make improvements to their campus. For a property owner to abandon this roadway, Colonial Avenue must first be formally removed from the Thoroughfare Plan.

Removing Colonial Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from the Thoroughfare Plan will not result in the removal of the roadway from the local roadway network until the abandonment requested by St. Philip's is approved by City Council ordinance. Colonial Avenue between Peabody Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard will not be abandoned or removed from the local roadway network and will be regulated by City of Dallas design standards for local streets.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW**

On November 7, 2024, the City Plan Commission Thoroughfare Committee acted on this item and approved a motion to hold the application.

On June 11, 2026, the City Plan Commission Thoroughfare Committee acted on this item and followed staff's recommendation.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval to amend the City of Dallas Thoroughfare Plan to remove Colonial Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

### **CONTACT PERSON:**

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### **MAP**

Attached

## FACT SHEET

**PROPOSED CPC AGENDA:** July 23, 2026

**PROPOSED COUNCIL AGENDA:** August 25, 2026

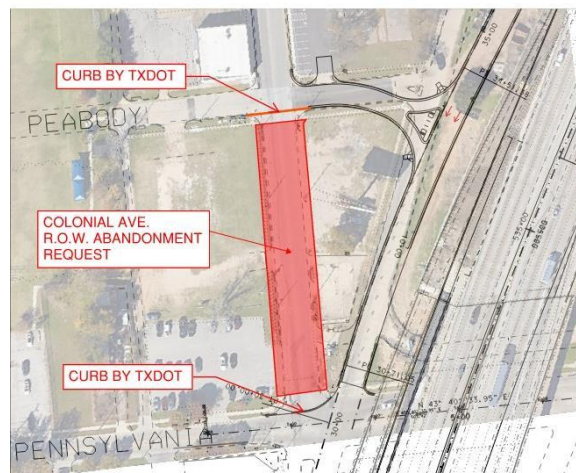
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### **BACKGROUND:**

- As part of the S.M. Wright Freeway project, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has removed the roadway and constructed concrete curbs where Colonial Avenue ran between Peabody Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue. The portion of Colonial that is being as part of TxDOT's project is shown in red in the image below. Because the Thoroughfare Plan is intended to preserve network connectivity of collector and arterial roadways, Colonial Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. may be removed from the plan without adverse impacts because it will no longer provide connectivity between collector and arterial roadways. The plans for the S.M. Wright Freeway project were reviewed and approved by engineers in the former City of Dallas Department of Transportation. However, a Thoroughfare Plan amendment was not pursued at that time.
- St. Philip's School and Community Center have applied for an abandonment of Colonial Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue and Peabody Avenue for improvements to their campus. For a property owner to abandon this roadway, Colonial Avenue will need to be formally removed from the Thoroughfare Plan.



- Colonial Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard is on the City of Dallas' High Injury Network (HIN).
- Colonial Avenue is not on the City of Dallas 2025 Bike Plan.
- Colonial Avenue is designated as a Mixed-Use Street by the City of Dallas Complete Streets Design Manual.

# Colonial Avenue

Pennsylvania Avenue to  
Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

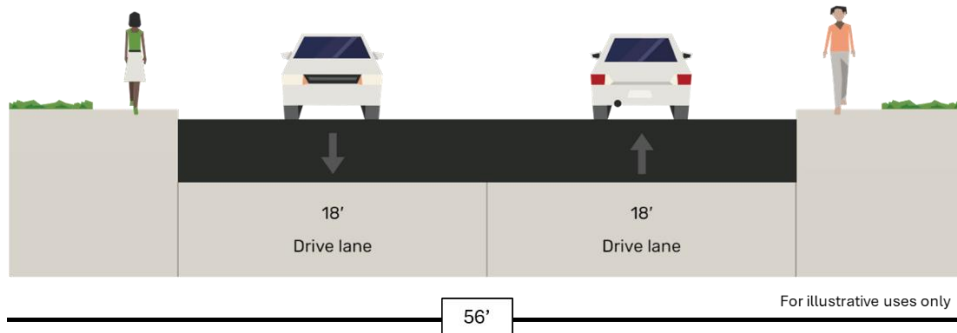
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Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Map



## Colonial Cross-Sections

**Current Thoroughfare Plan Proposed Designation** – 2-lane undivided roadway (S-2-U) within 56 feet of right-of-way and 36 feet of pavement



**Existing Operation (Martin Luther King Jr. to Peabody)** – 2-lane undivided roadway in 60 feet of right-of-way and 40 feet of pavement

