

LOCATION: Elam Road between Pemberton Hill Road and Jim Miller Road

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5 & 8

PLANNER: Kimberly Smith

APPLICANT: City of Dallas Department of Transportation

REPRESENTATIVE: Kristopher Johnson

REQUEST

Amendment to the City of Dallas Thoroughfare Plan to change the designation of Elam Road between Pemberton Hill Road and Jim Miller Road from a minor six-lane divided roadway in 100 feet of right-of-way [M-6-D(a)] to a special two-lane undivided roadway with a shared-use path on the north side of the roadway in 75 feet of right-of-way [SPCL 2U].

BACKGROUND

City of Dallas Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to the City of Dallas Thoroughfare Plan on Elam Road between Pemberton Hill Road and Jim Miller Road to facilitate a Safe Routes to School project. This section of Elam Road is on the Thoroughfare Plan as a six-lane divided roadway in 100 feet of right-of-way [M-6-D(a)]. The roadway currently exists as a two-lane undivided roadway in 55 to 106 feet of right-of-way. The proposal is to change the designation on the Thoroughfare Plan to a special two-lane undivided roadway with a shared-use path on the north side of the road in 75 feet of right-of-way [SPCL 2U].

The proposed amendment to this section of Elam Road resulted from a 2020 North Central Texas Council of Government's Safe Routes to School call for projects, that was submitted in May of 2020 and was awarded to the City of Dallas in September 2020. The application was submitted with a support letter from the Pleasant Grove Unidos Neighborhood Association stating they support the application and support the proposed improvements. This project is also in compliance with the September 2017 Pemberton Hill Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan, that recommended infrastructure improvements to redesign Elam Road to incorporate bicycle facilities and traffic calming elements.

This project will improve safety and comfort of pedestrians and bicyclist by creating a shared-use path on the north side of Elam Road. This shared-use path is essentially a 10- to 12-foot sidewalk that can be used by pedestrians and bicyclists, and provide connections to Burleson Elementary School, Comstock Middle School, Pemberton Hill Park, Turner Recreation Center, Trinity Spine Trail, the shared-use path on Pemberton Hill Road, and eventually have a continuous bicycle connection to the DART Buckner Station. Additionally, this project will also be implementing traffic calming by narrowing the roadway to slow vehicle speeds, provide additional space between the shared-use path and roadway, and curb extensions with indented parking at Burleson Elementary

School.

There was a public meeting on January 26, 2023. This meeting discussed the project purpose, overview, background, proposed improvements, and the next steps. It was attended by 12 residents and seven City staff. There were three comments provided by attendees.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

On December 7, 2023, City Plan Commission Thoroughfare Committee acted on this item and followed staff recommendation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval to amend the City of Dallas Thoroughfare Plan to change the designation of Elam Road between Pemberton Hill Road and Jim Miller Road from a minor six-lane divided roadway in 100 feet of right-of-way [M-6-D(a)] to a special two-lane undivided roadway with a shared-use path on the north side of the roadway in 75 feet of right-of-way [SPCL 2U].

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MAP

Attached

FACT SHEET

CITY PLAN COMMISSION AGENDA: January 18, 2024

PROPOSED COUNCIL AGENDA: February 14, 2024

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BACKGROUND:

- **Existing Thoroughfare Plan:** Elam Road between Pemberton Hill Road and Jim Miller Road is designated as a six-lane divided roadway [M-6-D(a)], in 100 feet of right-of-way.
- **Current Conditions:** Elam Road between Pemberton Hill Road and Jim Miller Road operates as two-lane undivided roadway in 55 to 106 feet of right-of-way.
- **Proposed Thoroughfare Plan:** Elam Road between Pemberton Hill Road and Jim Miller Road would be designated as a special two-lane undivided roadway with a shared-use path on the north side of the road in 75 feet of right-of-way [SPCL 2U].
- This amendment is the result of a 2020 North Central Texas Council of Government's Safe Routes to School call for projects, awarded to the City of Dallas in September 2020.
- Pleasant Grove Unidos Neighborhood Association support the application and support the proposed improvements.
- This project is also in compliance with the September 2017 Pemberton Hill Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan, which recommended redesigning Elam Road to incorporate bicycle facilities and traffic calming elements.
- The shared-use path is essentially a 10- to 12-foot sidewalk that can be used by pedestrians and bicyclists.
- The shared-use path provides connections to Burleson Elementary School, Comstock Middle School, Pemberton Hill Park, Turner Recreation Center, Trinity Spine Trail, the shared-use path on Pemberton Hill Road, and eventually have a continuous bicycle connection to the DART Buckner Station.

- The project promotes traffic calming by narrowing the roadway to slow vehicle speeds.
- On January 26, 2023, there was a public meeting that discussed the project purpose, overview, background, proposed improvements, and the next steps. It was attended by 12 residents and seven City staff.
- On December 7, 2023, City Plan Commission Thoroughfare Committee acted on this item and followed staff recommendation.
- 197 property owners are in the notification area.

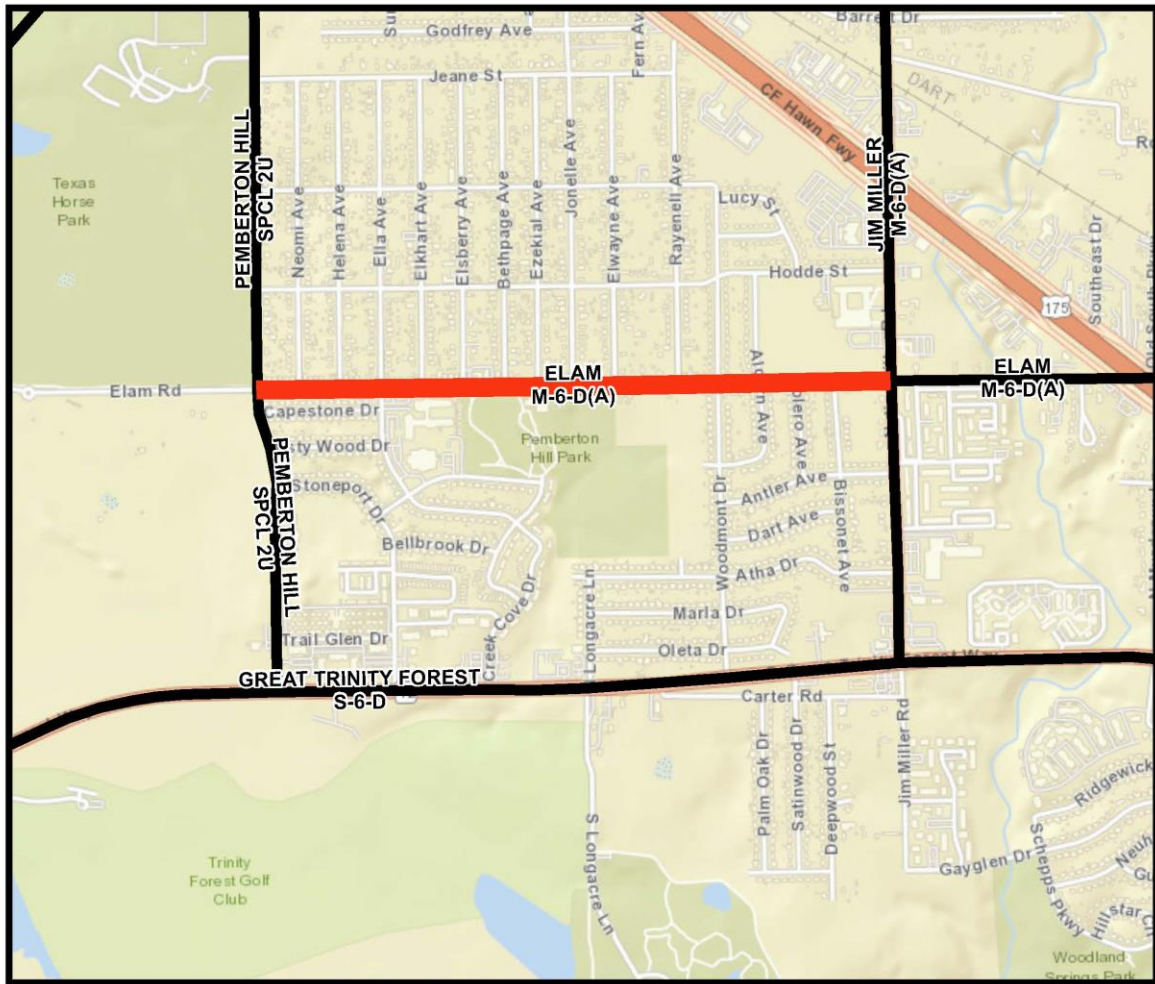
Elam Road

Pemberton Hill Road to Jim Miller Road

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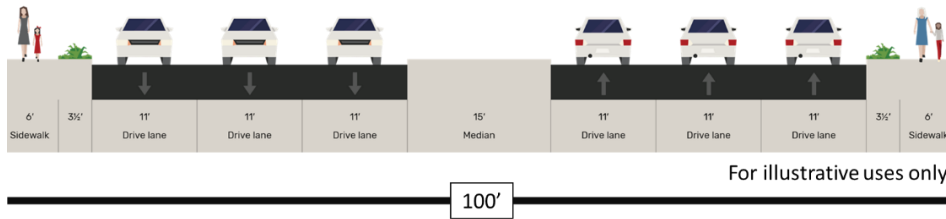


Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Map

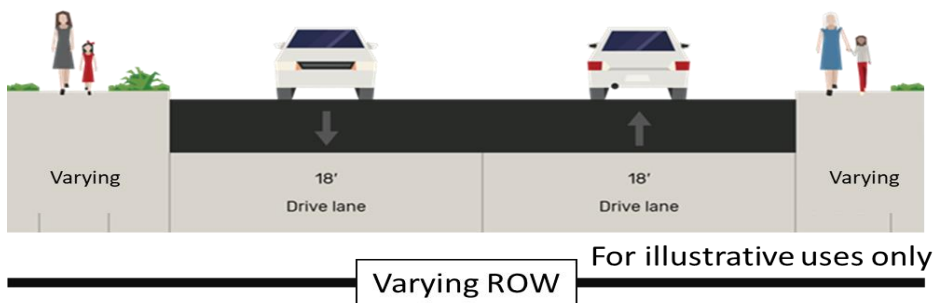


Elam Cross-Sections

Thoroughfare Plan Designation – M-6-D(a) in 100 feet of right-of-way

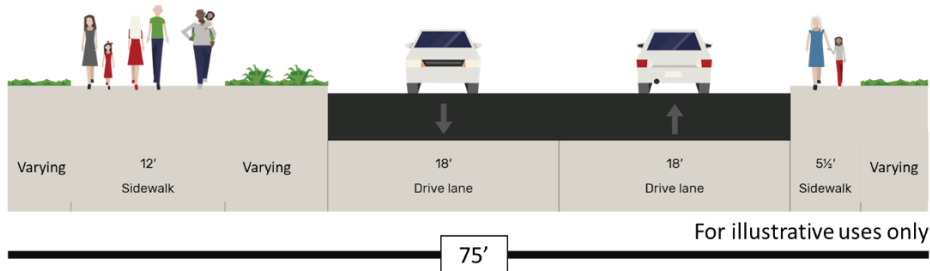


Existing Operations – varying right-of-way



Proposed Thoroughfare Plan – Special two-lane roadway in 75 feet of right-of-way

Without Parking



With Parking

