



July 15, 2009

**RE: Custer Parkway and Grove Road Bike Lanes**

Dear Resident,

On Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>, City staff briefed the City Council on the status of implementing Bicycle Lanes and Bike Route signage along Custer Parkway (Campbell to Renner) and Grove Road (Centennial to Arapaho). Attached is a graphical illustration of the proposed roadway cross-section.

The Custer and Grove bike lanes will be our first implementation in Richardson. Their purpose is two-fold. First, it is intended to provide a safe environment for bicycles. Secondly it is intended to narrow the travel lane down to 10 feet for motorists. As you know, with the wide unmarked travel lanes some motorist improperly use the entire width of the roadway and may drive faster than the designated speed limit. The narrower travel lane and clear indication that the right lane is not for traveling vehicles will encourage motorists to drive at a more reasonable speed. In addition, the traffic moving through the neighborhood will be further from the parked vehicles, mailboxes and sidewalk thereby giving the adjacent residents a wider safe zone from the traffic.

The design for both Custer and Grove is complete and implementation of the bike lanes is scheduled to begin by the end of July so that they can be in place and operational prior to the start of school on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

City staff has met numerous times with the Canyon Creek HOA and the Highland Terrace Neighborhood Association both of which worked to gather community support and gained a significant level of positive input from the residents along each roadway in their neighborhood.

A large majority of the residents on Custer and Grove indicated they support the initiative to calm traffic speeds and enhance bicycle safety, therefore; the City Council encouraged staff to move forward with these plans.

Over the course of the next few weeks you will see the City staff and our contractors installing the markings and signs along the roadway. There should not be any major disruption of traffic or parking during this time frame. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 972-744-4320 or via email at [dave.carter@cor.gov](mailto:dave.carter@cor.gov).

Yours truly,

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# Custer Parkway and Grove Road Bike Lane Typical Cross-Section

A 10' travel lane adjacent to the median will help control speeds and move traffic away from mailboxes and properties.

The 12' outside lane is for Bikes, Parking, and Right Turns at intersections Only. Bikes will be allowed to go straight from Right Turn lanes.

