



## OLD BLACK COLONY ROAD – OPEN HOUSE MEETING

This report presents a summary and analysis of the Old Black Colony Road Open House held in person on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 and the virtual open house held from September 27 to October 8, 2023. The purpose was to collect community feedback on the proposed improvements and preliminary designs planned for Old Black Colony Road.

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

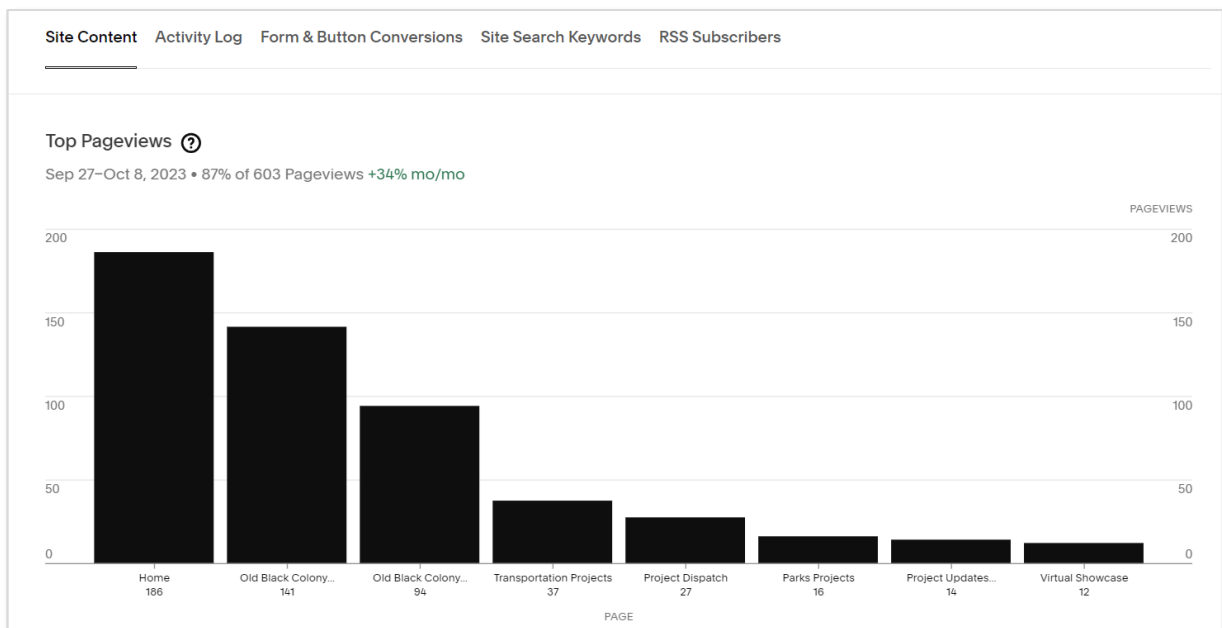
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

### OPEN HOUSE MEETING

On September 27, 2023, the City of Buda hosted an in-person open house at Buda City Hall and invited the public to learn more about the project and share feedback through a comment card available in-person and online. The same information was available online as a virtual open house and the comment period was open from September 27 to October 8, 2023.

#### Participation Highlights

- 50+ Attendees at the in-person meeting
- 141 Unique views on the virtual open house page
- Webpage views during the virtual open house (September 27, 2023 – October 8, 2023) are highlighted below.



All Pages with Views				
Sep 27–Oct 8, 2023 • 603 Total +34% mo/mo				
Page	Views	Time on Page	Bounce Rate	Exit Rate
Home  /	186	00:01:18	31.45%	32.8%
Old Black Colony Road Virtual Open House  /obc-open-house	141	00:03:26	53.57%	46.81%

## COMMENTS SUMMARY KEY TAKEAWAYS

The community was able to share their feedback on preliminary designs and planned improvements for Old Black Colony Road. There were 7 comments received. Overall, there was a general agreement that improvements are needed and below are additional common themes.

Key themes we heard from the community:

- Concerns for impacts to trees, driveways, and personal property
- Concerns for safety, current speed of traffic, and congestion
- Questions on intersections
  - Participants emphasized the immediate need for a signal at FM 1626
  - Roundabout operation discussions
- Questions on timeline and access during construction
- Desire to preserve and honor the history of the area
- Interest in plans for Old Black Colony east of project limits
- Respondents mentioned ongoing concerns with drought conditions and water supply
  - Concerns about city using landscape products that depend on water
  - Concerns about increased flood risk

## PROMOTION

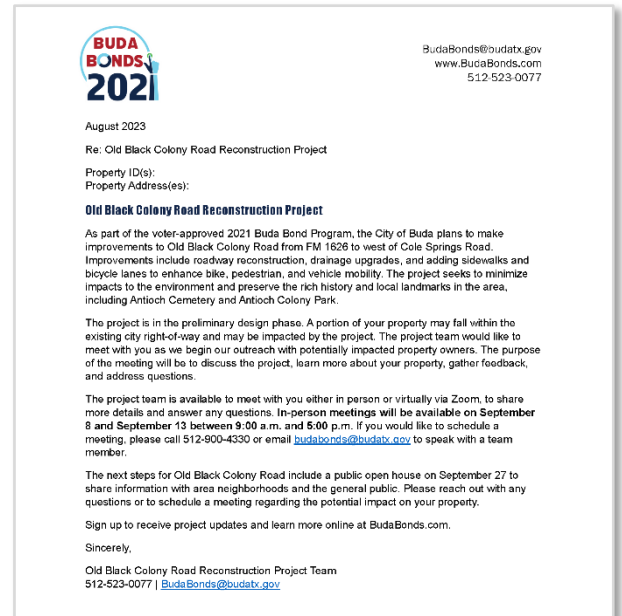
The open house was promoted through mailed letters to property owners, emails to stakeholders, postcards to surrounding neighborhoods, yard signs, social media posts, and press releases.

## Property Owner Coordination

On August 22, 2023, property owner letters were mailed out to property owners adjacent to the project Old Black Colony Road to share information on the project and offer meetings with the project team to discuss potential impacts. The project team met with 12 property owners prior to the open house.

## Postcard

On September 8, 2023, postcards were mailed to 226 residents in surrounding neighborhoods on Old Black Colony Road.



**BUDA BONDS 2021**

**OLD BLACK COLONY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**  
FROM FM 1626 TO WEST OF COLE SPRINGS ROAD

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**OPEN HOUSE**

**IN-PERSON**  
Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023  
Stop by anytime from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M.  
**Buda City Hall**  
405 Loop St, Buda, TX 78610

**VIRTUAL**  
From Thursday, Sept. 28 to Oct. 5, 2023  
Visit: [BudaBonds.com](http://BudaBonds.com)


Scan the QR Code to learn more!

**BudaTx** breathe easy here.

## Email to Stakeholders

Email notices were shared to promote the meeting and comment period:

- September 18, 2023 - A save-the-date email was sent to 26 stakeholders, including homeowner associations and property owners.
- October 6, 2023 – A reminder of the open comment period was sent to 293 stakeholders to encourage feedback through the online comment form.



### OLD BLACK COLONY ROAD OPEN HOUSE

Dear Neighbors,

**Join the City of Buda for an In-Person or Virtual Open House Meeting**

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**In-Person**

**What:** We are hosting an in-person Open House to share current design plans and hear feedback from the community on the proposed improvements.

**When:** Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023

**Time:** Stop by anytime from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Buda City Hall - 405 Loop St, Buda, TX 78610


**Virtual**

**What:** A Virtual Open House will be held for those who may not be able to attend the in-person meeting, or for those who may have additional comments after the open house.

**When:** Thursday, Sept. 28 through Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023

**Where:** [BudaBonds.com](https://www.budabonds.com)

**Old Black Colony Road Reconstruction Project**




**Location:** Old Black Colony Road from FM 1626 to west of Cole Springs Road

**Improvements:** Roadway reconstruction, drainage upgrades, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes.

**Goal:** Improve bike, pedestrian, and vehicle mobility while minimizing environmental impact.


**Preserving Local Heritage:** We understand the importance of preserving local history and landmarks. This project seeks to minimize impacts to the environment and historic sites like the Antioch Cemetery and Antioch Colony Park.

**Project Status**



SCOPING & PROCUREMENT | PRELIMINARY DESIGN | FINAL CONSTRUCTION PLANS | CONSTRUCTION BIDDING | CONSTRUCTION

**WE ARE HERE**



### OLD BLACK COLONY ROAD OPEN HOUSE

Dear Neighbors,

For those who were able to attend, the City of Buda appreciates your participation in the recent Old Black Colony Road Open House. During the open house, staff and consultants shared project background information and preliminary designs for improvements and collected community feedback.

Anyone who missed the open house still has an opportunity to see the information that was shared and offer feedback. All information that was shared at the in-person open house is available online at [BudaBonds.com](https://www.budabonds.com).

The comment period began Wednesday, Sept. 27 and will end midnight **Sunday, Oct. 8**. There is still time to submit comments on the preliminary design through the website [BudaBonds.com](https://www.budabonds.com), by email, or mail. The City values your input and encourages all community members to share feedback.

[Visit the Virtual Open House](#)

**Share Feedback**

[Online Comment Form](#)

**Email:** [budabonds@budatx.gov](mailto:budabonds@budatx.gov)

**Mail:** Buda Bonds Projects, PO Box 5459, Austin, TX 78763

*All comments received during the comment period will be included in the meeting summary and will be posted online in the coming weeks.*

## Yard Signs

8 yard signs were placed at intersections in surrounding neighborhoods such as Whispering Hollow, Summer Pointe, and Elm Grove.

## Social Media

The City of Buda promoted the open house and encouraged community feedback through their Facebook and Instagram.



## Press Release / Media Coverage

On September 19, 2023, the City of Buda issued a press release sharing information about the open house and encouraging public participation.

