

FM 685 IMPROVEMENTS IN HUTTO



Over the past 20 years, the FM 685 bridge across Brushy Creek in Hutto has flooded, causing significant travel delays and, more importantly, creating a serious safety hazard for motorists and potential delays for emergency responders. From 2009 through 2012, the segment of FM 685 between US 79 and SH 130 has seen an average of more than 20 vehicle crashes per year.

Also in recent years, the region's population has grown rapidly, creating still more mobility challenges for Hutto-area residents. The Texas Department of Transportation's planned improvements will improve both safety and traffic flow for Hutto residents and other travelers, as well as help to ensure timely response in the event of emergencies.

Project Purpose

FM 685 from US 79 to SH 130 will be improved, widening portions of the roadway and raising the bridge across Brushy Creek to lessen the possibility of flooding, and improve mobility within the city of Hutto. The project includes:

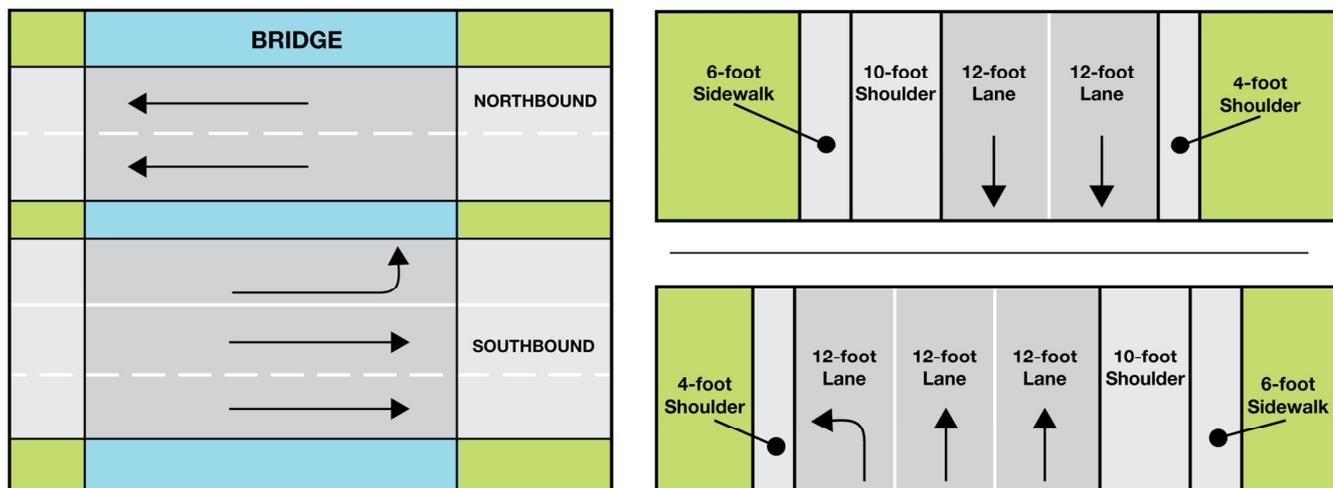
- Widening sections of FM 685 from a four-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway.
- Replacing the current bridge over Brushy Creek with two separate bridges, one northbound and one southbound.
 - The northbound bridge will consist of two 12-foot travel lanes; the southbound bridge will consist of two 12-foot travel lanes and a left-turn lane to access Riverwalk Drive.
 - Each bridge will also have a four-foot inside shoulder, 10-foot outside shoulder, and six-foot sidewalk.
- Intersection improvements at US 79, Carl Stern Drive, Uvalde Drive, Knowles Drive, Riverwalk Drive, and Great Western Drive.

The project is being pursued through a partnership involving the city of Hutto, the Hutto Independent School District and TxDOT. The estimated total project cost is \$14 million. Once completed, the project will provide enhanced safety and mobility for travelers. Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2014 and expected to be complete in August 2016.

We understand this project may impact you or your business, and we apologize in advance for any inconvenience this safety enhancement project may cause. TxDOT is committed to completing this work in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

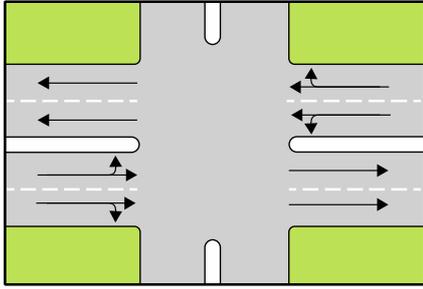
For additional information about the project, please contact North Travis Area Engineer Michael McKissick at (512) 997-2200 or Michael.McKissick@txdot.gov.

Illustration of Brushy Creek Bridge improvements

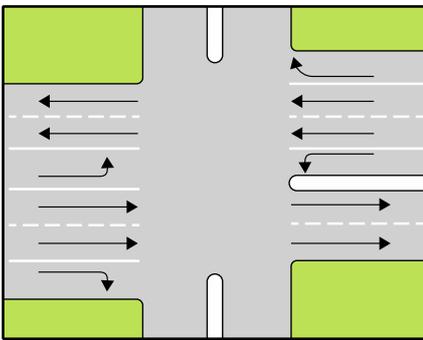


Illustrations of intersection improvements

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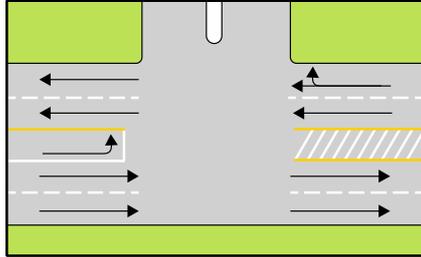


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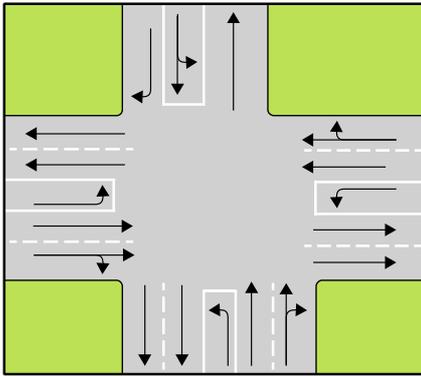


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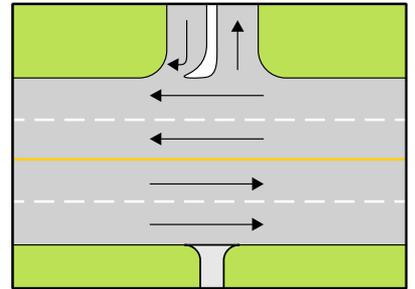


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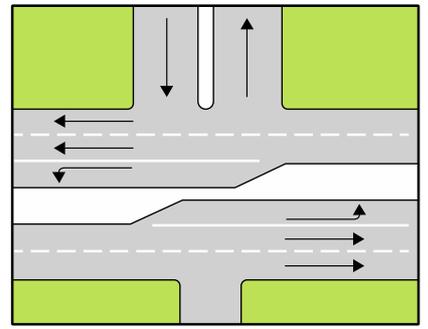


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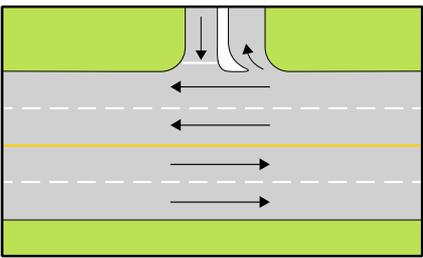


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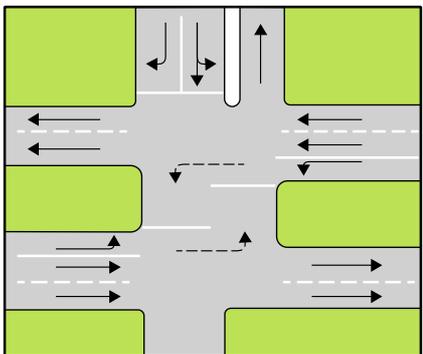


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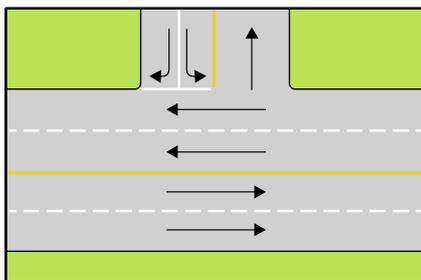


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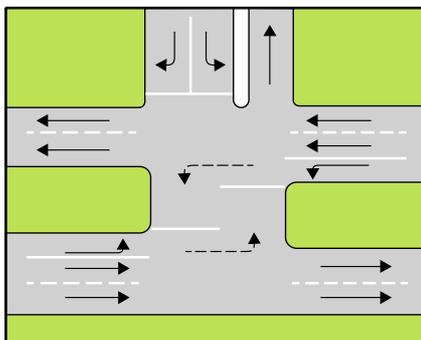


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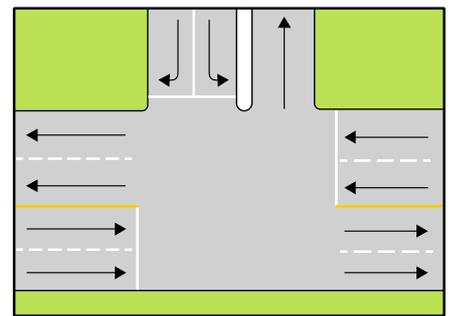


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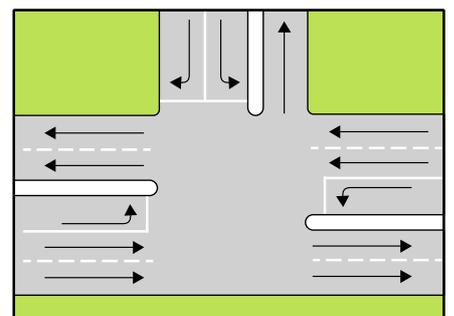


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