

I-35 at Riverside Drive

FACT SHEET



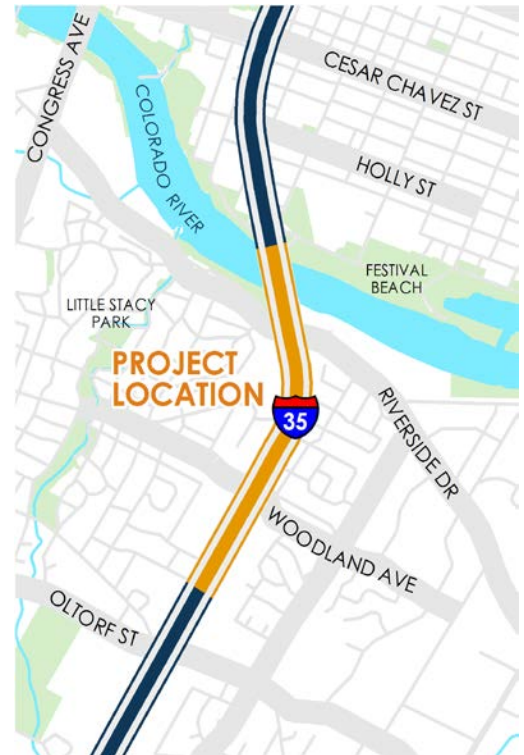
Why Improvements are Needed

I-35 through the heart of Austin is the most congested highway in Texas. It serves as the backbone of the local, regional, and national transportation network. Lack of mobility on I-35 threatens the economic livelihood of our city and our state. Improvements to this area are needed due to population and employment growth, which have caused increased congestion in the project area.

Project Overview

We are taking a smart approach to transportation planning in the I-35 corridor. The purpose of this project is to improve safety and mobility for all users of I-35 while minimizing right-of-way, community and environmental impacts. The proposed improvements include:

- Reconstruct I-35 mainlanes and frontage roads to improve sight distance
- Add intersection bypass lanes under Riverside Drive to allow north and south through-traffic on I-35 to bypass signals
- Replace bridge crossings at Riverside Drive and Woodland Avenue
- Widen I-35 bridges over Lady Bird Lake to accommodate intersection bypass lanes and widened shoulders
- Reconfigure intersection lanes at Riverside Drive and Woodland Avenue
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities



The estimated construction cost is \$158 million.

Timeline

The environmental study and design began in fall 2014. The process will incorporate public input from ongoing stakeholder meetings, an open house held on July 21, 2015, and a public hearing on Sept. 29, 2016. The environmental study and schematic design are anticipated to be complete in winter 2016/2017. Construction funding has not yet been identified.

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