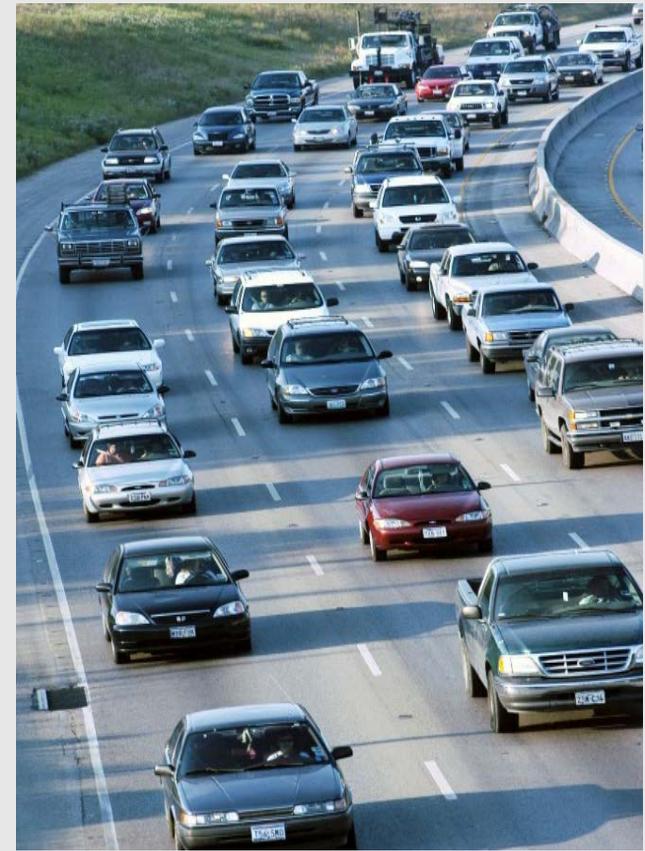




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CAPITAL AREA

PUBLIC HEARING

I-35 at Williams Drive



Agenda

- Introductions
- Project overview
- Environmental overview
- Right-of-Way overview
- 10-minute break
- Public comments
- Adjourn

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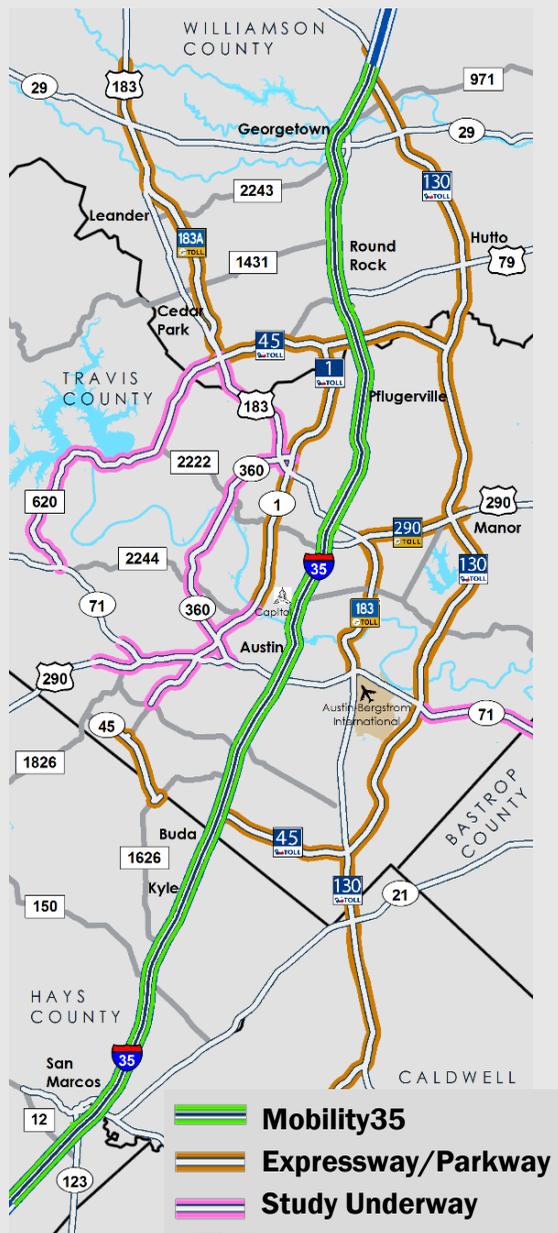


PROJECT OVERVIEW

I-35 at Williams Drive

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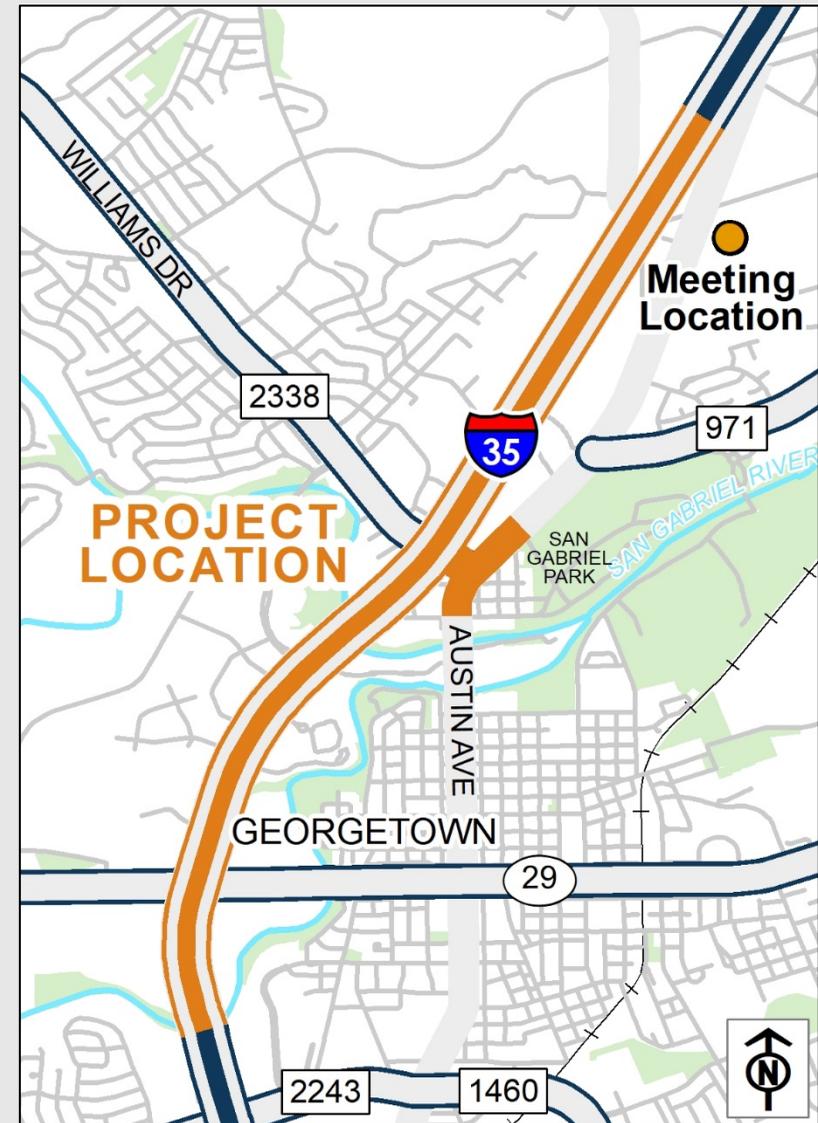
Mobility35 Program Overview



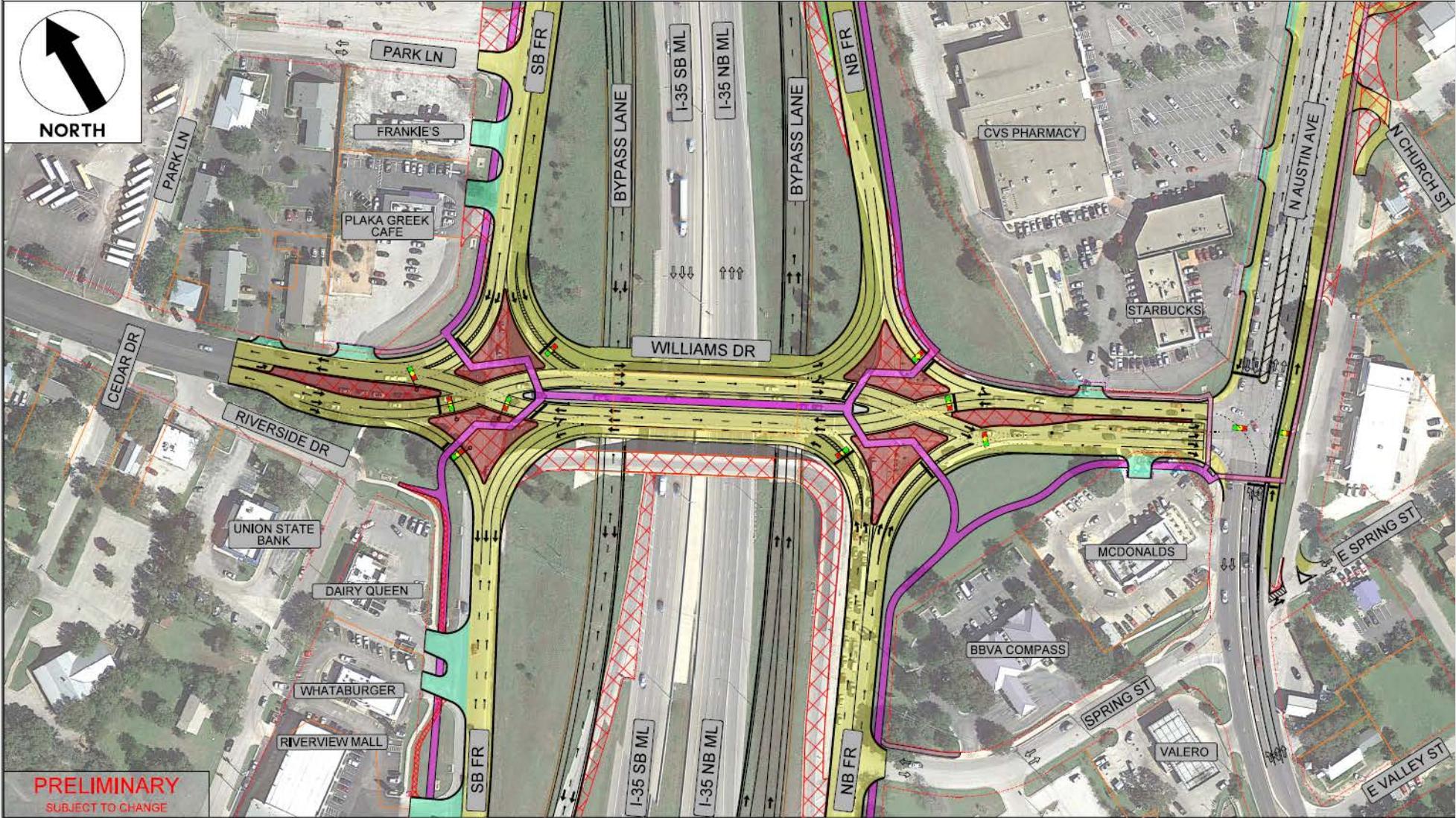
- A region-wide effort to improve safety and mobility on 79 miles of I-35 through Williamson, Travis, and Hays counties, including five of the top 100 most congested roadways in Texas:
 - #3 – I-35 from US 290 to SH 71
 - #19 – I-35 from SH 71 to Slaughter Lane
 - #36 – I-35 from Parmer Lane to US 290E
 - #78 – I-35 from Slaughter Lane to SH 45SE
 - #87 – I-35 from RM 1431 to SH 45N
- Constraints to improving I-35 include:
 - Dense urban environment
 - Need to maintain mobility during construction
 - Need for east/west connectivity
 - Diverse interests
 - Funding
- 30+ projects in I-35 program as part of the region's ongoing transportation system upgrade
- Extensive public involvement since 2011

Project Overview

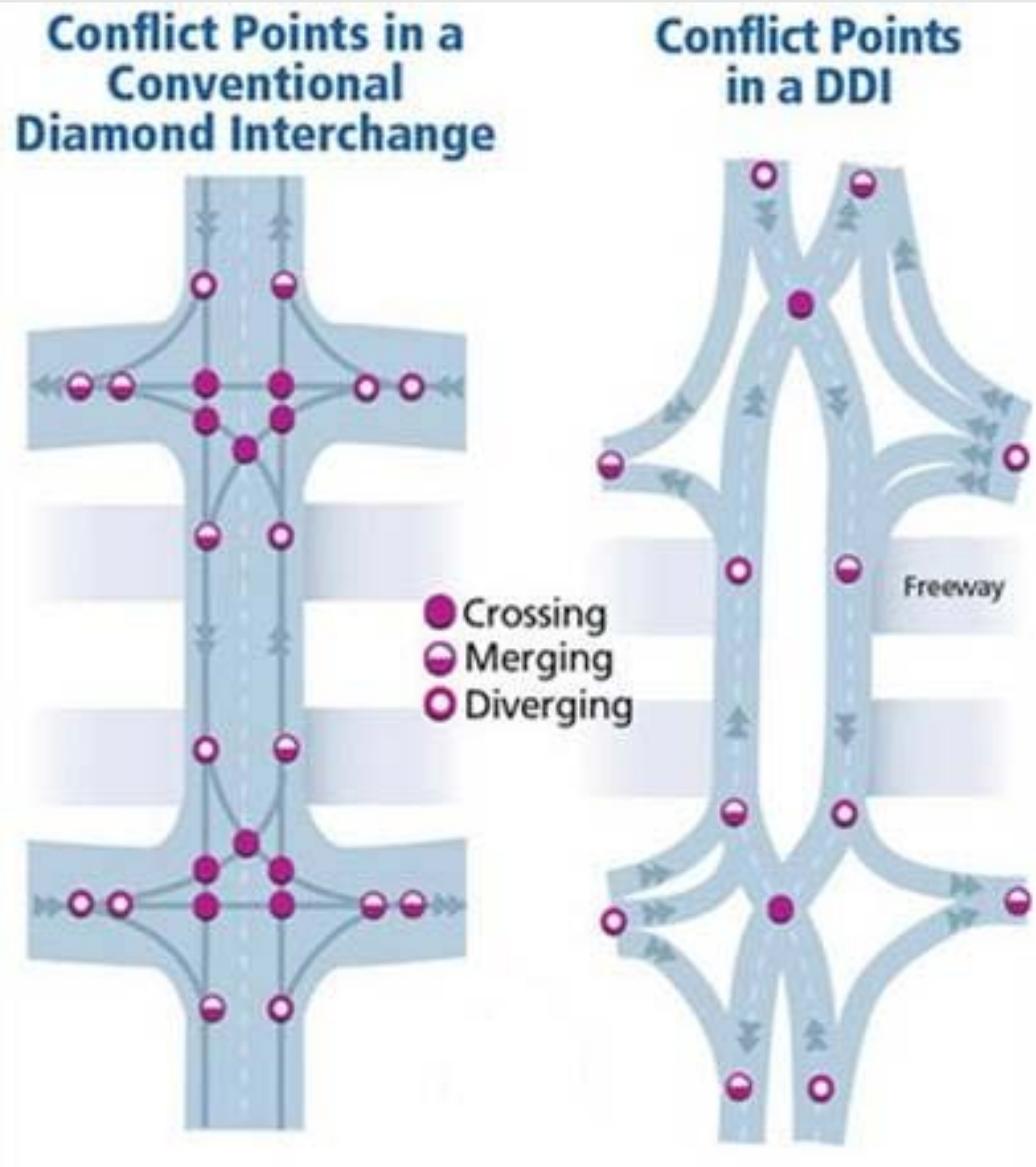
- Proposed Improvements:
 - Reconstruct the Williams Drive interchange to a diverging diamond intersection (DDI)
 - Construct north and southbound intersection bypass lanes under Williams Drive bridge
 - Extend the northbound I-35 frontage road from Williams Drive to the Lakeway Drive exit ramp
 - Improve the existing southbound I-35 frontage road
 - Construct a northbound bypass lane on Austin Avenue at Williams Drive
 - Improve bicycle and pedestrian paths along the I-35 frontage roads



Williams Drive Diverging Diamond Intersection (DDI)

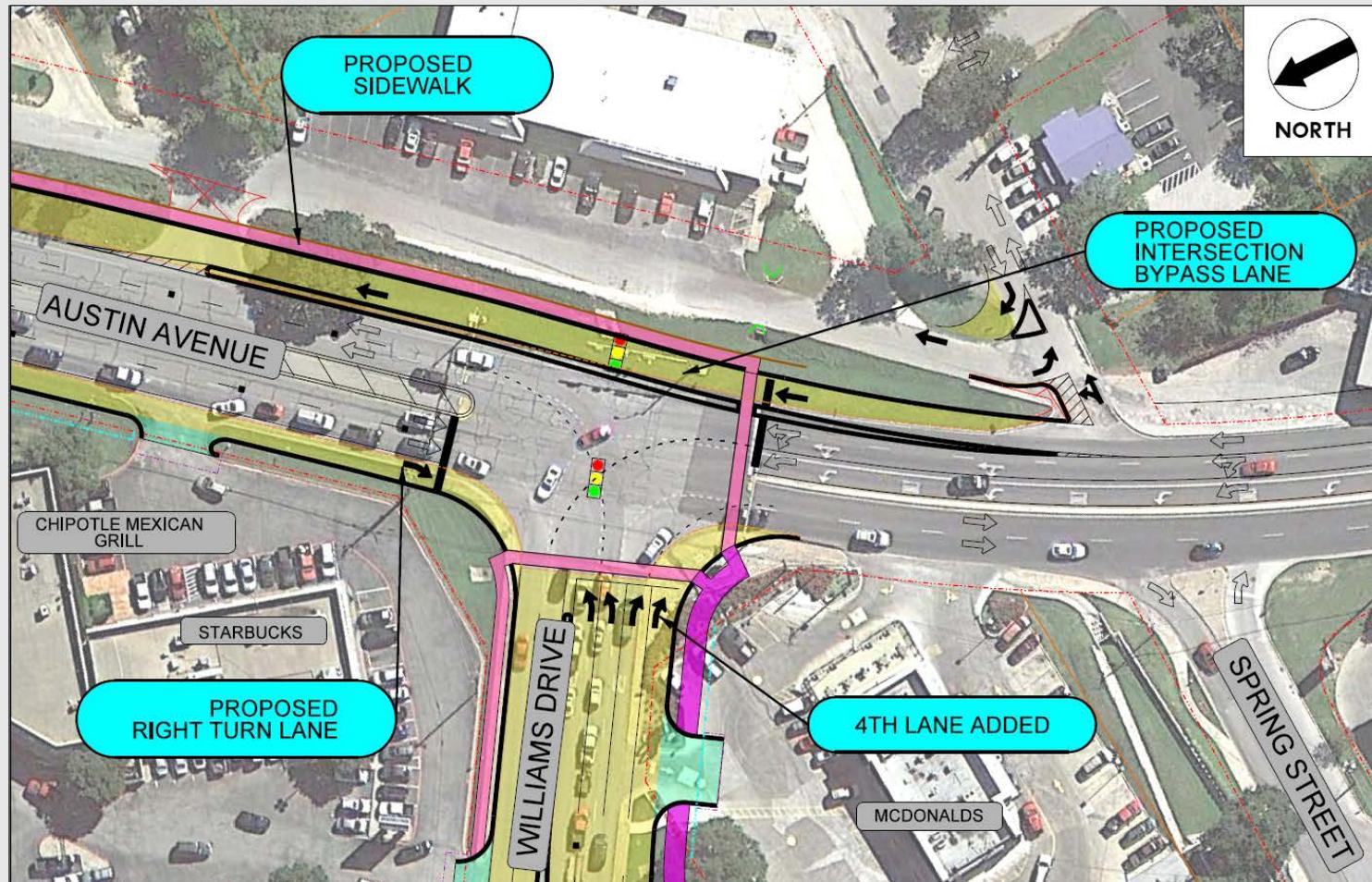


Project Overview – Safety Improvements



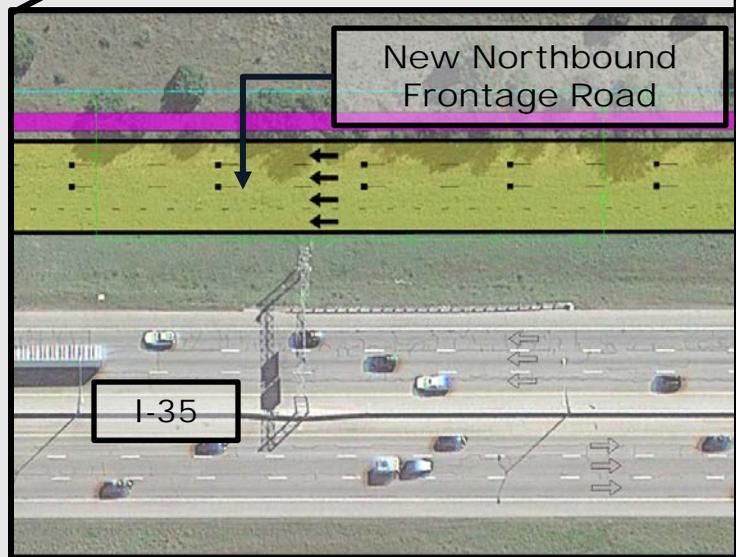
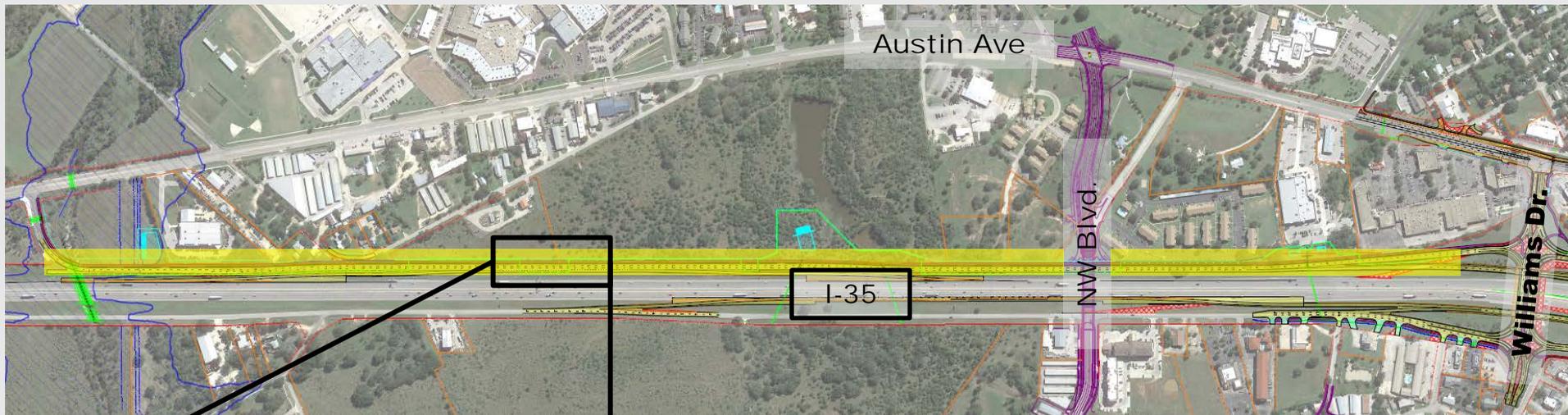
- Reduced conflict points
 - Conventional – 26
 - **Diverging Diamond – 14**

Project Overview – Austin Avenue at Williams Drive



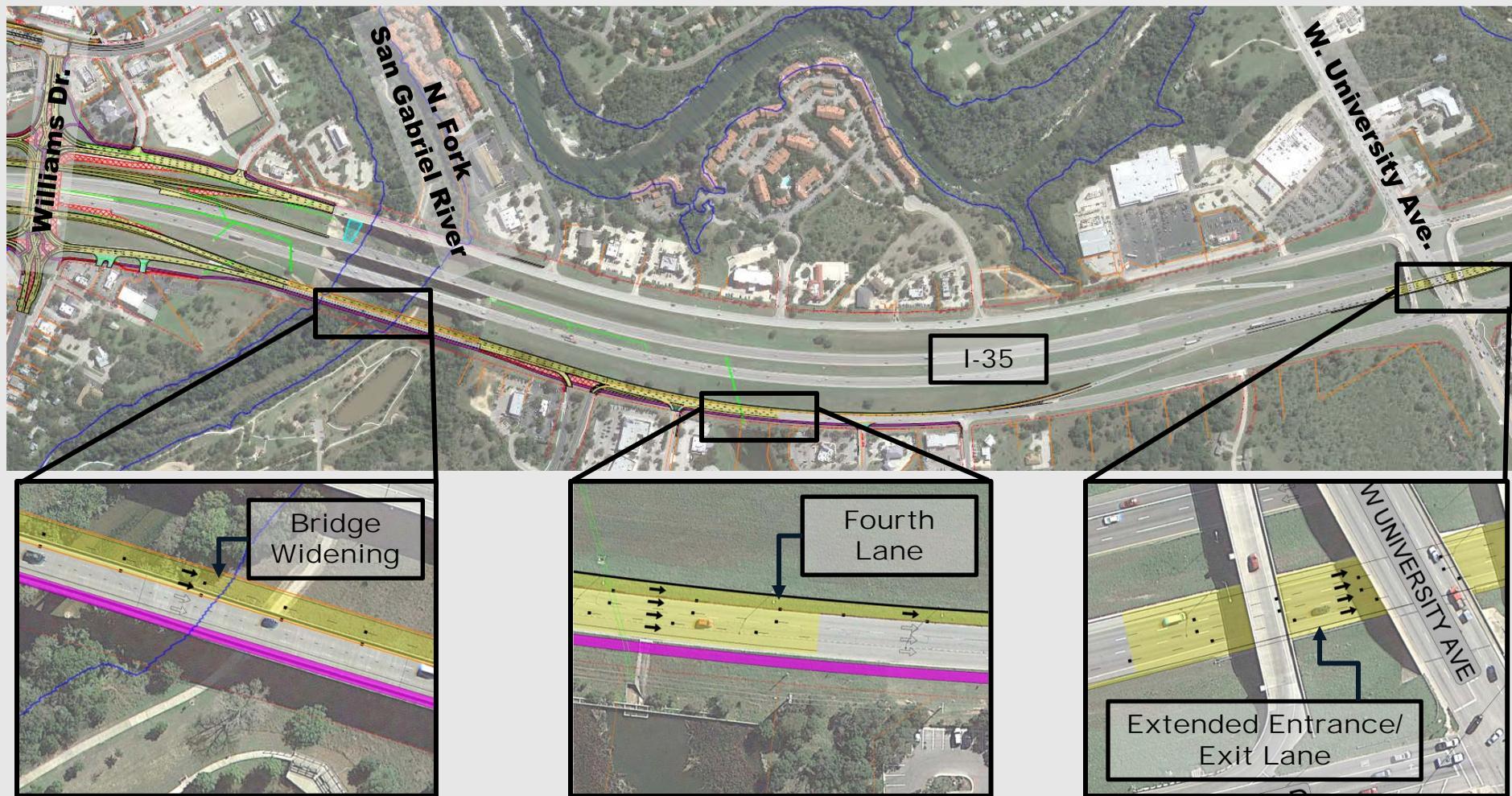
- Northbound bypass lane on Austin Avenue
- Southbound right-only lane from Austin Avenue onto Williams Drive
- 4th lane added on Williams Drive
- Sidewalk connection to the Georgetown Recreation Center

Project Overview – Frontage Roads



- New northbound frontage road
- Ramp reconfigurations
- Extended entrance & exit main lanes

Project Overview – Southbound Frontage Road



- Add fourth travel lane
- N. Fork San Gabriel River bridge widening
- Improve alignment
- Extended entrance and exit main lanes

Project Overview – Bike and Pedestrian Paths

- Bike and Pedestrian Paths:
 - Along I-35 northbound and southbound frontage roads
 - Williams Drive – from southbound frontage road to Austin Avenue
 - Austin Avenue – from Williams Drive to Chamber Way and the Georgetown Recreation Center
 - Connections to existing paths to close ‘gaps’



ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW

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Environmental Studies



**Air Quality &
Traffic Noise**



Hazardous Materials



**Historic &
Archaeological Resources**



**Land Use &
Parkland**



Biological Resources



**Threatened &
Endangered Species**



Water Resources



**Social &
Community Impacts**

Endangered Species Act Compliance

- The project may affect four species listed under the Endangered Species Act
 - Georgetown Salamander
 - Jollyville Plateau Salamander
 - Bone Cave Harvestman
 - Coffin Cave Mold Beetle
- TxDOT is currently in formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure that potential impacts to endangered species are addressed through conservation measures.

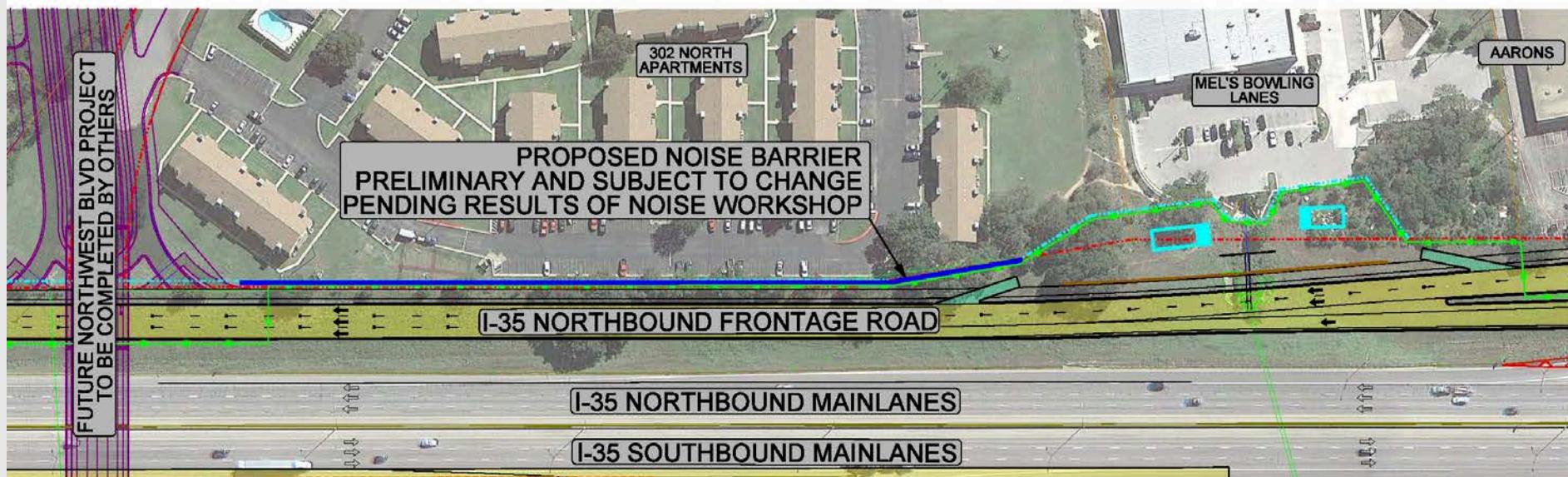
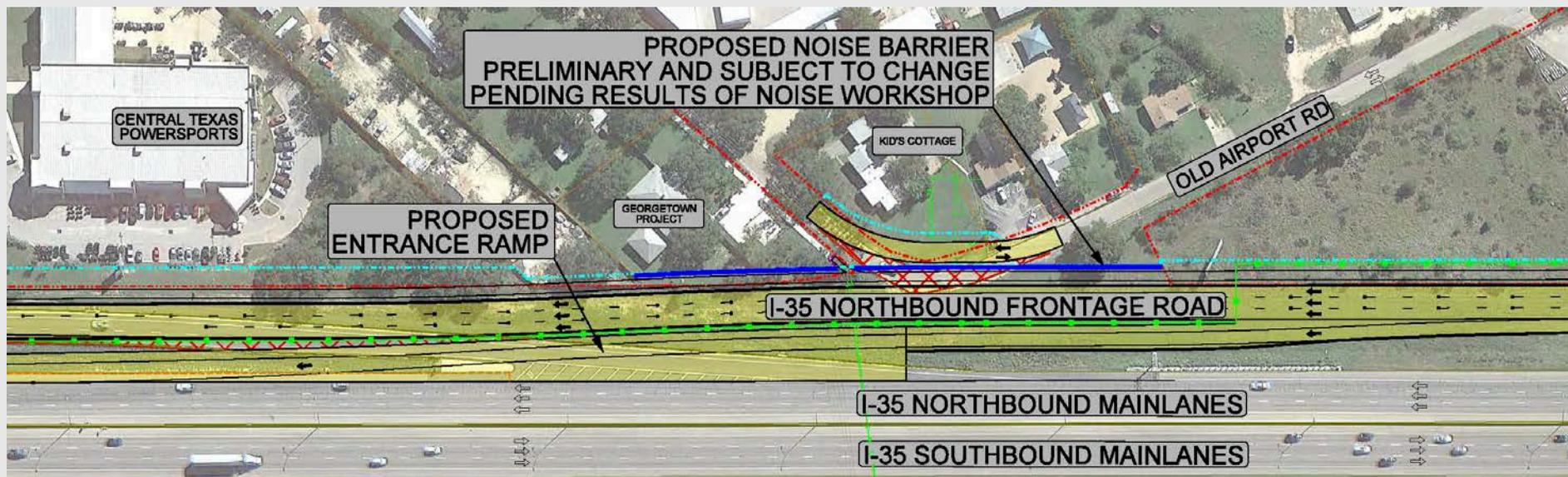


Georgetown Salamander (*Eurycea naufragia*)



Bone Cave Harvestman (*Texella reyesi*)

Proposed Noise Barriers





RIGHT-OF-WAY OVERVIEW

I-35 at Williams Drive

Right of Way Overview

- **Right-of-Way Needs**
 - 8.7 acres of right of way
 - 0.07 acre of licenses

STATE PURCHASE OF RIGHT OF WAY



Right of Way Division

Anticipated Project Schedule

- Environmental Clearance: mid-2019
- Letting: mid-2020
- Construction Start: late 2020
- Completion: mid-2023

**10 MINUTE
BREAK**



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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**3 MINUTES
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