

## WHY IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED

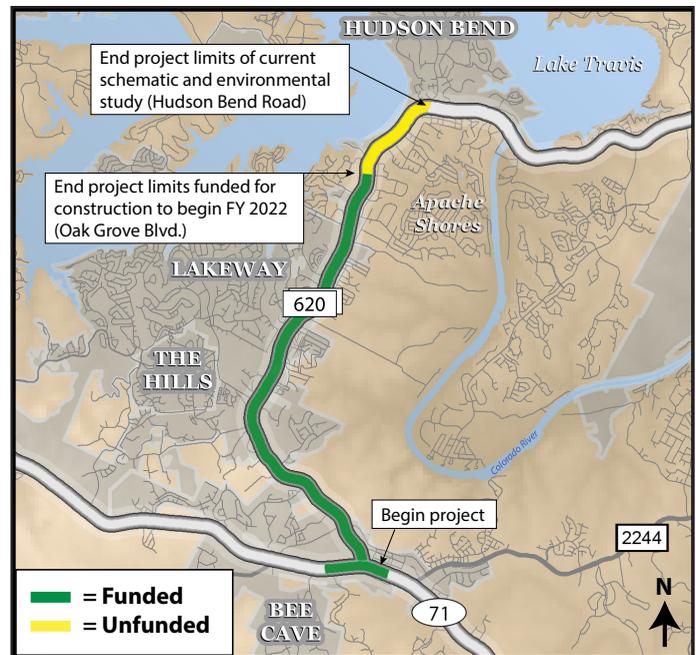
RM 620 South (SH 71 to Hudson Bend Road) in western Travis County experiences significant congestion. Along most of its length, RM 620 South functions as both a local thoroughfare and commuter highway. In most cases, it is the sole access to subdivisions, businesses, and schools. It is also a primary access route to Lake Travis area outdoor recreation. Travis County's rapid growth has placed increased demand on this already congested highway. Therefore, we need to add travel capacity to improve mobility and safety along the corridor. The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2040 Regional Transportation Plan calls for RM 620 to be upgraded to a six-lane divided highway.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Texas Department of Transportation is proposing improvements to RM 620 South between SH 71 and Hudson Bend Road in Travis County. The proposed project will address safety and mobility concerns along this section of RM 620 with the following improvements:

- Widening the existing 4-lane divided rural roadway to a 6-lane divided urban roadway, with one additional travel lane in each direction
- Adding raised medians
- Adding a continuous bicycle/pedestrian shared-use path along the corridor

*The proposed project would require the use of right of way (ROW) from the City of Bee Cave Central Park, located along Bee Cave Parkway west of RM 620. The 50-acre park includes benches, pavilions, restrooms and other recreational facilities. There is a small section of pathway within the park boundaries that would be impacted by the proposed ROW. The proposed project would replace the impacted pathway with an 8-foot-wide shared-use path, which would connect to the existing pathway. Due to the minor impacts that would occur at the park resulting from the proposed project, TxDOT intends to pursue a de minimis finding, which means that no adverse effects to the park would occur.*



## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE\*



\*Timeline contingent on environmental finding, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocations

\*\*Applies to funded project from SH 71 to Oak Grove Boulevard