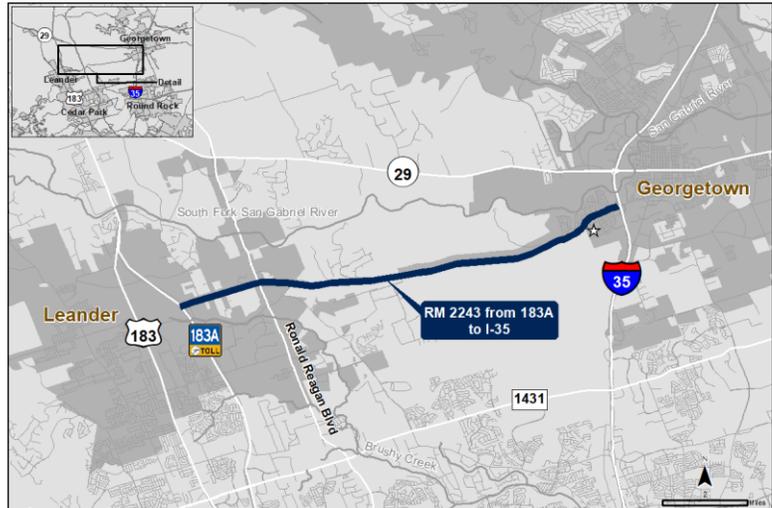


WHY IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED

Williamson County is one of the fastest growing counties in Texas and the population is expected to increase by 80 percent between 2017 and 2040. In order to keep up with the accelerated growth and subsequent traffic, Williamson County has identified RM 2243 as a potential future controlled access roadway in their current Long-Range Transportation Plan.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Austin District is conducting a corridor study on Ranch-to-Market (RM) 2243 between 183A and I-35 in Williamson County, Texas. The purpose of this study is to determine future roadway improvements needed to address traffic growth and connectivity to 183A and I-35.



STUDY OVERVIEW

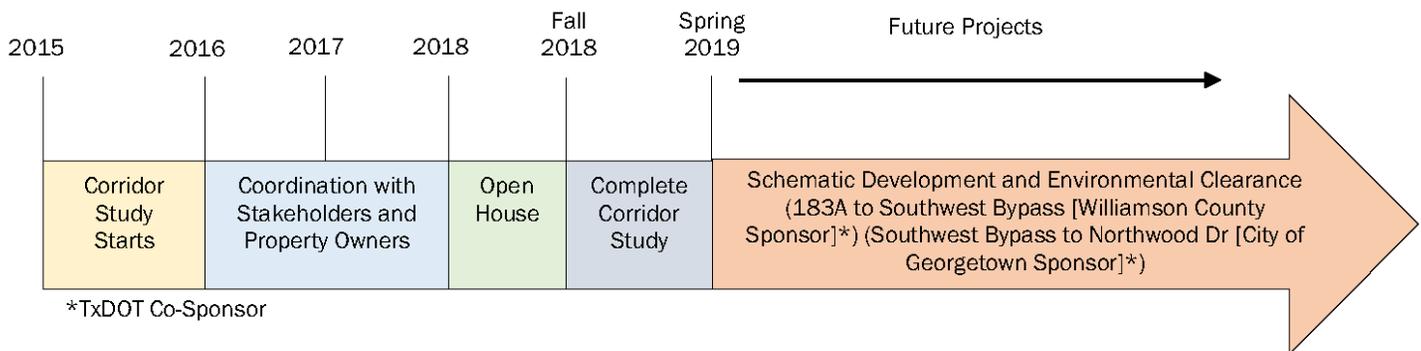
The study is being conducted to determine possible roadway improvements and right-of-way requirements needed to address the future traffic demands along RM 2243. Potential improvements include widening the mainlanes between 183A and Southwest Bypass to three travel lanes in each direction with the outside lanes operating as auxiliary lanes, constructing frontage roads with three travel lanes in each direction, and providing a new connection to US 183A. Between Southwest Bypass and I-35, the proposed roadway would include a four-lane divided road with two travel lanes in each direction. East and westbound traffic would be separated by a median and turn lanes would be provided at various locations. The potential improvements would require a typical right-of-way width of approximately 350 feet and approximately 500 feet at intersections.

TxDOT is gathering input from the public on what concerns may exist to help identify the best option or options that could be further studied in future project development phases. For the RM 2243 corridor study, TxDOT has examined various traffic projections in order to estimate future roadway needs. Because of the long-term examination for the corridor study, this is a planning level study and does not include the development of construction plans.

WILL IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED IN THE STUDY BE CONSTRUCTED?

Any future proposed project or projects resulting from the corridor study will require funding, additional engineering design, environmental studies and public involvement opportunities before construction may begin.

CORRIDOR STUDY TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS



November 2018

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a memorandum of understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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