

WHY IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED

State Highway (SH) 71 serves as a major corridor for motorists traveling to and from the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, the city of Bastrop, and other central Texas communities. In fact, in 2015, the average daily traffic on SH 71 in Bastrop County exceeds 35,000 vehicles a day. With continued growth in eastern Travis and Bastrop counties, TxDOT is planning for improvements on this section of SH 71 to enhance safety and manage congestion.

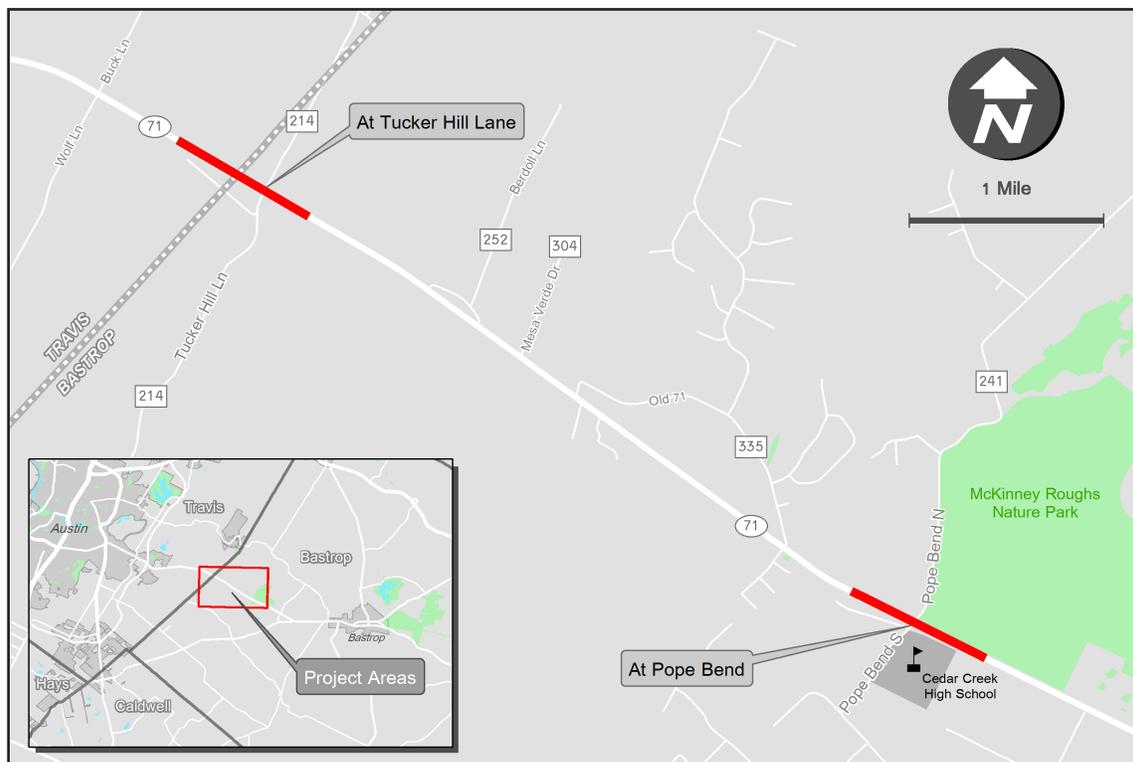
PROJECT OVERVIEW

The proposed project would construct two new overpass bridges on SH 71 over the existing signalized intersections at Tucker Hill Lane and Pope Bend Road. This would improve mobility by allowing SH 71 through-traffic to flow through the area without stopping. In addition, new frontage roads would be built within the project limits to allow local travelers access to Tucker Hill Lane and Pope Bend Road. Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations would also be improved and expanded, as a part of this proposed project.

PROPOSED PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE*



*timeline contingent on environmental clearance, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation



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