

SH 71 at the Colorado River Project

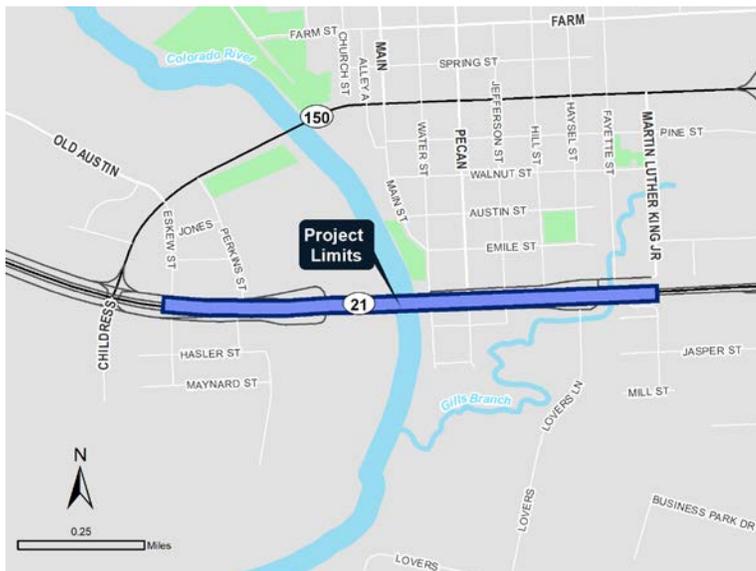
CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION



Project Overview

The region's population has grown rapidly creating mobility challenges for Bastrop-area residents. Traffic on SH 71 continues to increase. This project will improve safety and mobility for all modes of transportation along SH 71.

Work includes widening and replacing the SH 71 mainlane bridge over the Colorado River, building new frontage road bridges over the Colorado River, constructing a new westbound exit ramp bridge across the river, replacing the SH 71 mainlane bridges across the Union Pacific Railroad, replacing the Gills Branch bridge on the westbound frontage road, and constructing a new eastbound entrance ramp and frontage road bridge at Union Pacific Railroad.



Construction Phases

Phase 1:

- Construct frontage road bridges over Colorado River and portions of westbound and eastbound frontage roads
- Reconstruct U-turns at Gills Branch and the westbound frontage road from east U-turn at Gills Branch to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
- Construct eastbound frontage road bridge and eastbound entrance ramp bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad
- Construct westbound entrance ramp west of the river. Open eastbound entrance ramp bridge east of the Union Pacific Railroad
- Construct new eastbound exit ramp west of the river

Phase 2:

- Construct new Colorado River bridge, eastbound UPRR bridge and eastbound mainlanes
- Construct westbound mainlanes
- Construct westbound frontage road bridge over Gills Branch and Union Pacific Railroad

Timeline

Work begins in August 2019, is expected to be complete by winter 2022, weather permitting.

Project cost

\$50.4 million

Contractor

Capital Excavation Company

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