

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 exceeded 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.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The proposed project is needed to address increased congestion along SH 71 due to increased population growth and traffic volumes. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility and reduce congestion along SH 71 at FM 1209.

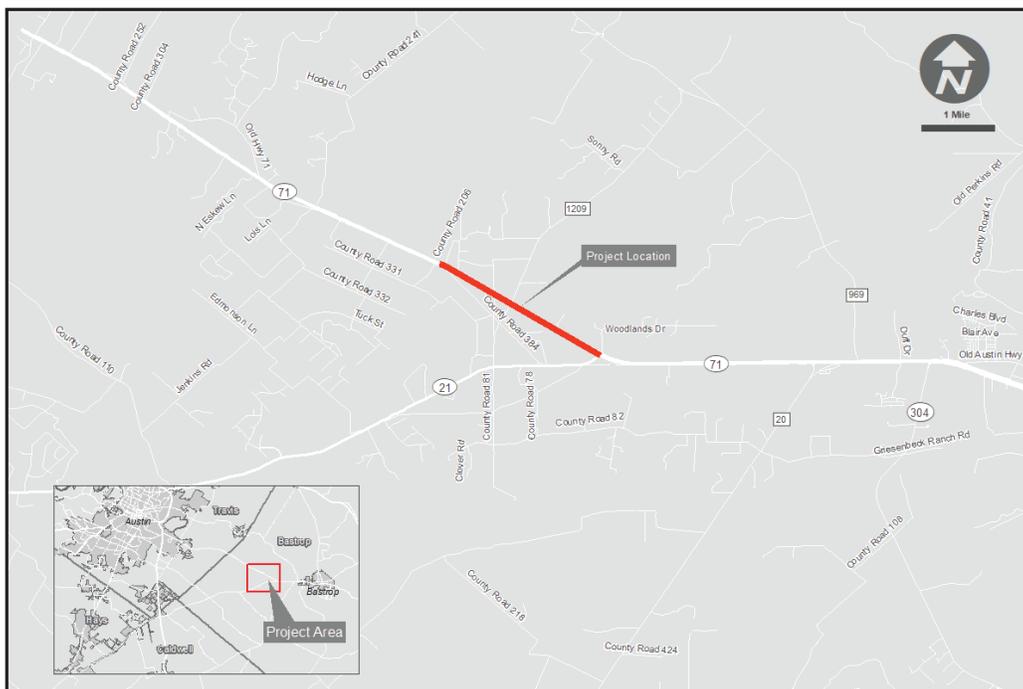
PROJECT OVERVIEW

The proposed project would construct a new overpass bridge on SH 71 over the intersection at FM 1209. 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 FM 1209. 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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