

## 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 just east of SH 130 was more than 50,000 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 Ross Road and Kellam Road. This would improve mobility by allowing SH 71 through-traffic to flow through the area without stopping. In addition, new access roads would be built within the project limits to allow local travelers access to Ross Road and Kellam Road. Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations would also be improved and expanded, as a part of this proposed project. These intersection improvements are funded with \$48 million Category 4 Congestion Connectivity Corridor (3C) funding.

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE\*



\*timeline contingent on environmental clearance



To see the full schematic, go to [TxDOT.gov](http://TxDOT.gov) and search for "SH 71 East Corridor Study".

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