

**Why Improvements are Needed for Southbound I-35 at 51<sup>st</sup> Street**

I-35 is a key transportation corridor for Travis County and the state. The portion of I-35 from US 290 to SH 71 in Travis County is the second most congested highway in Texas, with bottlenecks occurring regularly on the mainlanes, frontage roads and cross-street intersections throughout the corridor. Improvements are needed for the southbound frontage road of I-35 in the vicinity of 51<sup>st</sup> Street due to traffic backups from the 51<sup>st</sup> Street intersection and difficult access to the mainlanes.



**Project Purpose**

The purpose of the project is to reduce bottlenecks at the southbound frontage road of I-35 at 51<sup>st</sup> Street and for east-west traffic, improve connections at the existing U-turn structure, and improve southbound ramp operations between 51<sup>st</sup> Street and Airport Boulevard. This project includes:

- Realigning the southbound frontage road
- Constructing a new southbound collector-distributor road
- Adding a roundabout at the southbound frontage road of I-35 and 51<sup>st</sup> Street
- Reconfiguring ramps
- Improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities

**Details and Timeline**

The environmental study and schematic/design development process for the project began in fall 2014. The process will incorporate public input from ongoing stakeholder meetings and the Feb. 12, 2015 open house. The study is anticipated to be complete in late 2015.

Project construction is estimated to cost \$13 million. Construction funding has not yet been identified.

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