

Why Improvements are Needed

I-35 through the heart of Austin is the most congested highway in Texas. It serves as the backbone of the local, regional, and national transportation network. Lack of mobility on I-35 threatens the economic livelihood of our city and our state. Improvements to this area are needed to address bottlenecks and traffic backups that occur on the mainlanes, frontage roads, and cross-street intersections, as well as the difficulty to access the I-35 mainlanes from the southbound frontage road.

Project Purpose

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

- Realigning the southbound frontage road
- Constructing a new southbound intersection bypass lane
- Adding a roundabout at the southbound frontage road of I-35 and 51st Street
- Reconfiguring ramps
- Improving bicycle and pedestrian accommodations



Details and Timeline

The 0.9-mile project's construction cost is \$16.5 million. Construction was funded by TxDOT's Congestion Relief Initiative and local funding provided by the city of Austin. Work began in October 2016 and is expected to be complete in spring 2018.

The contractor is Capital Excavation Company.

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