

I-35 CAPITAL EXPRESS CENTRAL PROJECT

FACT SHEET



Why improvements are needed

I-35 through Austin is one of the [most congested highways 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 due to population and employment growth, which have caused increased congestion in the area.

Program overview

The I-35 Capital Express Program comprises three separate projects (North, Central and South). The North project proposes to add one non-tolled managed lane in each direction along I-35 from SH 45 North to US 290 East. The South project proposes to add two non-tolled managed lanes in each direction along I-35 from SH 71/Ben White Boulevard to SH 45 Southeast.

About Capital Express Central

The I-35 Capital Express Central project proposes to add two non-tolled managed lanes in each direction along I-35 from US 290 East to SH 71/Ben White Boulevard. Managed lanes are proposed in high-congestion areas where right of way is limited. These lanes are designed to provide a less congested route than adjacent general-purpose lanes during peak periods for qualifying vehicles. Managed lanes control access by placing restrictions on use. TxDOT is evaluating a variety of design options to add the non-tolled managed lanes. The project also includes additional safety and mobility improvements.

Community input and anticipated timeline*

The development process will incorporate public input from a series of public involvement opportunities, including stakeholder and open house meetings.

- Environmental study and schematic design: 2020 - late 2023
- Final design and contractor selection: anticipated late 2024
- Construction start: as early as 2025

* *Timeline is subject to change.*

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