

# Central 7-mile Comprehensive Project

## FACT SHEET



### Why Improvements Are Needed

I-35 through the heart of 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 project area.

### Project Overview

We are taking a smart approach to transportation planning in the I-35 corridor. The purpose of the Central7 project is to improve safety and mobility for all users of I-35 while minimizing right-of-way, community and environmental impacts, and to provide a reliable travel time for cars and bus transit using the express lanes.

The approximate \$550–\$850 million Central7 project would add an express lane in each direction and address all remaining safety and mobility improvements proposed under the Mobility35 Program that are not included in a series of stand-alone projects between US 183 and Riverside Drive.

Two alternatives are being considered:

- Express lane build alternative which includes direct transit access to the express lanes with two design options in downtown Austin
- No-build (or do nothing) alternative



### Timeline

The process will incorporate public input from ongoing public involvement opportunities, including an open house on Sept. 20, 2016. The environmental study and schematic design are anticipated to be complete in spring 2018. Construction funding has not yet been identified.

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