

# I-35 at Oltorf Street

## CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION



### Project Overview

The Oltorf Street improvement project addressed part of one of the most congested roadway segments in Texas. Lack of mobility on I-35 threatens the economic livelihood of Austin and Texas. With more than 185,000 vehicles a day traveling on this segment of I-35 each day, this project has enhanced safety, addressed ramp configurations that do not meet standards, and improved overall mobility within the project limits.

The project improved mobility, safety and connectivity for all modes of transportation along and across I-35. Work included reconstruction of the Oltorf Street bridge, improved entrance/exit ramps and frontage roads, construction of extended entrance/exit lanes for mainlanes and ramps, and the addition of U-turns in both directions of I-35 at Oltorf Street. Bicycle and pedestrian enhancements were also made within the project limits.

### Construction Phases

Work on this improvement project took place in four phases.

- **Phase I** work included widening the north and southbound I-35 mainlanes in order to add the extended entrance/exit lanes, and constructing improvements on the northbound I-35 frontage road and entrance ramp south of Oltorf Street
- **Phase II** work included reconstructing the Oltorf Street bridge and adding U-turn bridges
- **Phase III** work included improving the southbound I-35 frontage road, and constructing the southbound exit ramp and entrance ramp south of Oltorf Street
- **Phase IV** work included constructing the southbound entrance ramp north of Oltorf Street, completing construction work on the north and southbound I-35 frontage roads, and performing final paving operations for the entire project



### Benefits

Improvements to the mainlanes, frontage roads and cross-streets are anticipated to reduce wait time at the northbound and southbound I-35 frontage road intersections by up to 37% and increase travel speed on the I-35 mainlanes by about 17 mph. Enhanced safety measures were implemented throughout the corridor, including the reversal of entrance/exit ramps which are estimated to decrease crashes by 35% and the addition of an extended entrance/exit lane which is estimated to reduce crashes by 20%.

### Details

The 1.3-mile project's construction cost is \$42.6 million. Construction was funded by TxDOT's [Texas Clear Lanes](#). Work began in February 2017 and was completed in July 2020. The contractor for the project is OHL USA, Inc.

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