

I-35 at Parmer Lane 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

The project includes the construction of a diverging diamond intersection, which is an innovative intersection designed to alleviate the existing bottleneck at I-35 and FM 734 (Parmer Lane). The proposed improvements would:

- Replace the traditional intersection with a diverging diamond intersection
- Add an intersection bypass lane in the southbound direction
- Reconstruct two entrance and exit ramps south of Parmer Lane
- Construct right-turn lanes at the intersection of Lamar Boulevard and Parmer Lane
- Construct dual left-turn lanes from Parmer Lane to Lamar Boulevard
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodations

The purpose of the project is to improve safety and mobility. It would:

- Improve traffic flow due to a high volume of left-turn traffic
- Accommodate turning movements onto and from Parmer Lane
- Eliminate the need for left-turn bays and left-turn signal phases
- Minimize the number of potential conflicts between through-traffic and left-turn traffic



While construction has not been funded, the current estimate is \$25 million.

Timeline

The environmental study began in spring 2016. The process will incorporate public input from ongoing public involvement opportunities. The environmental study and schematic design are anticipated to be complete in summer 2018. Construction is anticipated to start winter 2018/2019 and be complete in summer 2020. All construction dates are contingent on funding.

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