South 10-mile Comprehensive Project
FACT SHEET

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 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 South10 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 $300-$350 million South10 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 Riverside Drive and SH 45SE.

Two alternatives are being considered:

- a build alternative consisting of express lanes with direct transit accommodation
- a no-build (or do nothing) alternative

Timeline

The process will incorporate public input from ongoing public involvement opportunities, including an open house planned for July 12, 2016 and a public hearing in spring 2017. The environmental study and schematic design are anticipated to be complete in fall 2017. Construction funding has not yet been identified.

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