



JULY ■ E-NEWSLETTER

A monthly e-newsletter providing information about Mobility35, a regionwide effort to improve safety and mobility along I-35 in Williamson, Travis, and Hays counties.

MOBILITY35 CORRIDOR RANKS FASTEST GROWTH IN THE NATION

Georgetown, Round Rock and Pflugerville – cities along the Mobility35 Capital Area corridor - are among the nation's fastest growing in the country, according to new figures from the U.S. Census Bureau.

[The 2016 City/Town Population Estimates report](#) shows that the city of Georgetown is the 5th fastest-growing large city, having welcomed an additional 3,501 residents in 2016, to account for a 5.5 percent increase in growth. Georgetown's population increase represents 41.5 percent growth since 2010.

Data shows Round Rock's population grew an estimated 4.2 percent in 2016, while population growth in Pflugerville increased an estimated 3.8 percent in the last year. The two cities have grown 20.9 percent and 22.5 percent since 2010.

"Such significant numbers in population growth tell us that I-35 improvements through the capital area need to continue to be a priority for TxDOT," said Terry McCoy, TxDOT Austin District Engineer.

Adding to its already exponential growth, the report showed a 1.9 percent or an increase of 17,738 residents in Austin in 2016, making it the ninth largest increase in the nation since 2015. And [Business Insider](#) is reporting Austin is the top place in the United States to live.

"Having a good, reliable transportation system is the backbone to adequately handling growth and providing for the quality of life we've all come to enjoy," said McCoy.
"Mobility35 is working to address mobility, safety and connectivity for all modes of traffic, along and across I-35."

I-35 FROM RM 150 TO BLANCO RIVER UPDATE

Construction crews remain hard at work with the addition of a new ramp and the modification of five existing ramps between RM 150 and the Blanco River. The project entered the final stages of construction, as TxDOT began opening northbound ramps in June.

As the project continues to move ahead, two southbound ramps are expected to open this month, and the final northbound ramp is scheduled to be opened in August.

I-35 ramp modifications will improve safety and mobility in Hays County. Construction of the \$9 million ramp improvement project began in April 2016 in an effort to address lane weaving on northbound and southbound mainlanes in the area. The project is expected to be complete this summer, weather permitting. The construction contractor is Angel Brothers Enterprises.

To learn more about the I-35 from RM 150 to Blanco River project and other Mobility35 projects, visit My35Construction.org.

I-35 AT FM 3406 (OLD SETTLERS BOULEVARD) PROJECT UPDATE

Improvements on [I-35 at FM 3406](#) are well underway. Construction on the project began in March, and through collaboration with the project contractor, Flatiron, TxDOT has identified new and innovative construction measures to minimize impact on drivers in the area and shorten the overall construction schedule.

Reconstruction efforts on the FM 3406 bridge will improve mobility and safety through the newly proposed phases:

Phase 1 – *Current phase*

- Complete the southbound to northbound U-turn bridge and prepare for FM 3406 westbound detour

Past Issues

Detour westbound FM 3406 traffic on to the new U-turn bridge

Close FM 3406 bridge to eastbound traffic

- Demolish and reconstruct FM 3406 bridge

Phase 3 -- *Approximately two months, weather permitting*

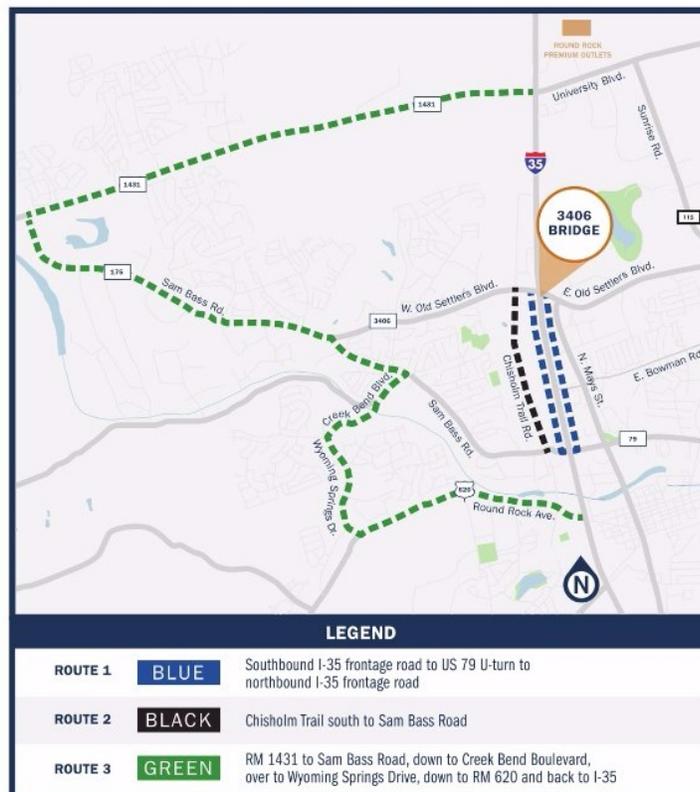
- Open northbound to southbound U-turn bridge
- Close southbound to northbound U-turn bridge to remove temporary westbound detour

Phase 4 – *Spring 2019, weather permitting*

- Complete frontage road improvements
- Open project

During the bridge closure, some of the recommended detour routes include:

- Eastbound traffic being diverted south onto the I-35 frontage road to make the non-signalized U-turn at US 79, to continue north on the I-35 frontage road to Old Settlers Boulevard.
- Chisholm Trail south to Sam Bass Road or taking RM 1431 to Sam Bass Road
- RM 1431 to Sam Bass Road and continue to Creek Bend Boulevard, over to Wyoming Springs Drive, down to RM 620 and back to I-35



Westbound traffic on the bridge will not be diverted, however, drivers are urged to use caution through the work zone area.

TxDOT appreciates your patience while the detour is in place. We understand that it may be inconvenient, but the new construction plan will shorten the overall construction timeline and once the bridge is reopened, it will be fully operational with two lanes in each direction

Construction of the \$12.4 million enhancement project is anticipated to be complete in the spring of 2019, weather permitting. You can stay up-to-date on the latest lane closure and detour information at My35Construction.org.

[To download a copy of the detour map, please click here.](#)



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