

Why are Improvements Needed for the US 290 Oak Hill Intersections?

The US 290 intersections in the Oak Hill area have seen tremendous traffic growth leading to heavy congestion. These interim improvement projects will address congestion and improve safety at area intersections by providing more streamlined intersections, a center-turn lane, and dedicated left-turn lanes.

Project Purpose

The purpose of the US 290 intersection improvements is to ease congestion, improve mobility and enhance safety. Traffic models show this project will improve travel times by 30-50 percent. These improvements will also include bicycle and pedestrian facilities, increasing safety for these users and motorists.

The projects include:

- Dual left-turn lanes in three locations, including: RM 1826, Austin Community College campus, Convict Hill Road
- Center-turn lane between RM 1826 and Convict Hill Road
- Pedestrian-accessible crossings
- Bicycle through-lanes at intersections
- Construction of innovative intersections at William Cannon and SH 71, and median U-turn at Joe Tanner



Project Timeline and Cost

There are two improvement projects in the area. The first project consisted of turn lanes between Convict Hill and RM 1826. Construction began in May 2013 and was complete in Sept. 2014. The construction cost was \$4.6 million.

The second project consists of adding continuous flow intersections between Convict Hill and Joe Tanner and began in October 2013. Operational enhancements at Joe Tanner were completed in Aug. 2014, which included removing the traditional signalized intersection and replacing it with a signalized U-turn, and restricting left-turns to and from Joe Tanner. Construction on the remaining \$6.5 million project is anticipated to be complete in summer 2015.

How is this Project Related to the Oak Hill Parkway?

The Oak Hill Parkway Environmental Study was launched in October 2012 to determine the best options for addressing traffic congestion and increasing long-term mobility at the intersection of US 290 and SH 71. The US 290 intersection improvements will provide an interim solution to congestion while the environmental study is underway and until a long-term solution can be implemented. Visit www.oakhillparkway.com for more information about the Oak Hill Parkway.

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