SH 71 from CR 206 to SH 21

WHY IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED

State Highway (SH) 71 serves as a major corridor for motorists traveling to and from the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, the city of Bastrop, and other central Texas communities. In fact, in 2015, the average daily traffic on SH 71 in Bastrop County exceeded 35,000 vehicles a day. With continued growth in eastern Travis and Bastrop counties, TxDOT is planning for improvements on this section of SH 71 to enhance safety and manage congestion.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The proposed project is needed to address increased congestion along SH 71 due to increased population growth and traffic volumes. The purpose of the proposed project is to address increased congestion along SH 71 from CR 206 to SH 21.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The proposed project would construct a new overpass bridge on SH 71 over the intersection at FM 1209. This would improve mobility by allowing SH 71 through-traffic to flow through the area without stopping. In addition, new frontage roads would be built within the project limits to allow local travelers access to FM 1209. Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations would also be improved and expanded, as a part of this proposed project.

PROPOSED PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE*

Summer 2019 → Anticipated environmental decision

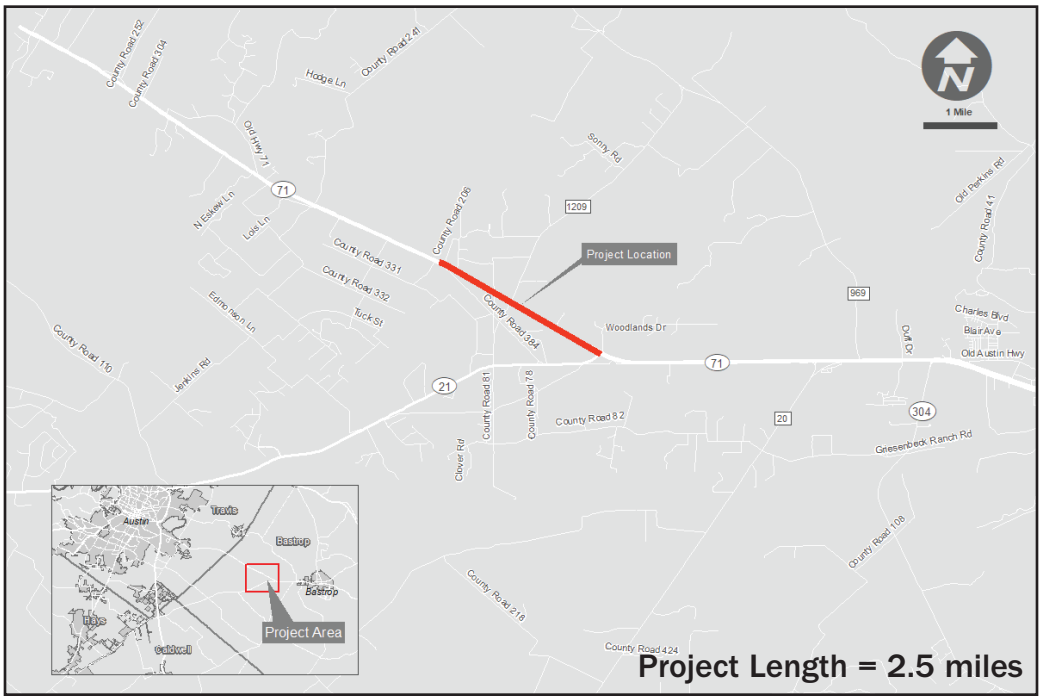
Fall 2020 → Project design completion

Spring 2024 → Project goes out to bid

Summer 2024 → Construction start

Winter 2025 → Construction completion

**timeline contingent on environmental decision, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation*



For more information, visit the TxDOT website at www.txdot.gov and enter "SH 71 at FM 1209" in the search area.

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