

WHY IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED

The US 290 corridor between Austin and Dripping Springs is experiencing significant commercial and residential growth. Safety and mobility challenges are only expected to worsen due to increased local, through and truck traffic as well as continued development. With traffic volumes expected to double by 2045, upgrades are needed to improve safety and mobility in the corridor; enhance accessibility for residents and businesses; improve emergency response times; support economic development and minimize impacts to the community and natural environment.

OVERVIEW

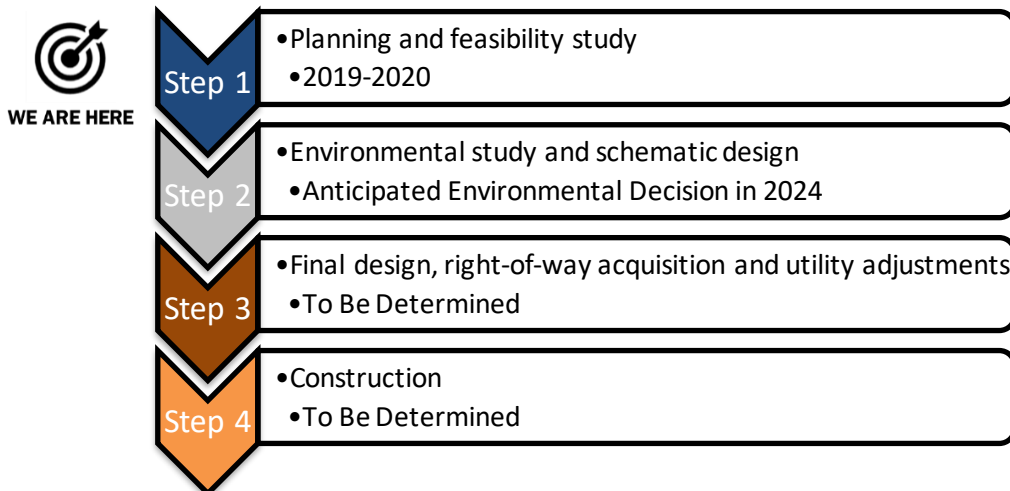
The US 290 from Oak Hill to Dripping Springs environmental study will consider mobility and safety improvements on US 290 from RM 1826 in southwest Austin to Sportsplex Drive in Dripping Springs. Improvements could include a divided highway with non-stop mainlanes and frontage roads for safer access to adjacent roads and properties. The proposed design will also enhance pedestrian and bicyclist accommodations. The corridor spans parts of Travis and Hays counties and will connect to the Oak Hill Parkway.

PROPOSED DESIGN

The preliminary design concept that TxDOT is currently considering would include three mainlanes in each direction, frontage roads with two lanes in each direction, bridges at key intersections, and shared-use paths on both sides of the roadway. This design would eliminate traffic signals on the mainlanes throughout the project corridor. The proposed US 290 would be controlled access, which means that drivers could access the mainlanes via key ramp locations along the frontage roads.



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



*Advancement from phase to phase is contingent upon the outcome of the previous phase and the availability of funding.

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