

I-35 from US 79 to SH 45 North (northbound) CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION



Project Overview

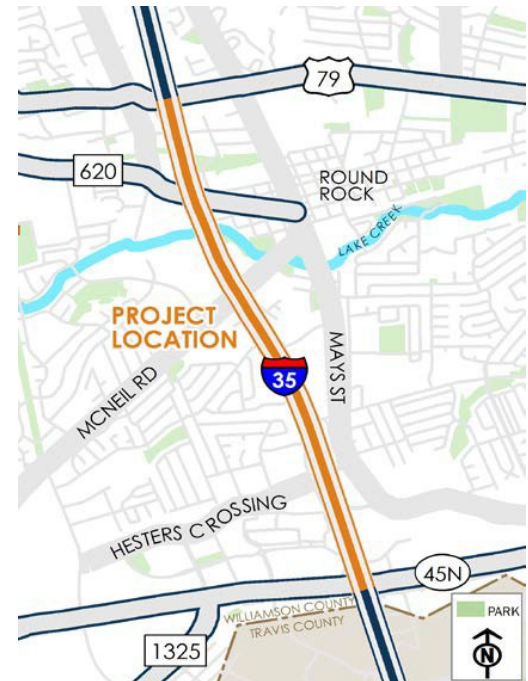
This project improves safety and mobility along Interstate 35 in Williamson County between US 79 and SH 45 North (northbound). The project addressed the existing traffic bottleneck north of SH 45N where more than 177,000 vehicles a day use the I-35 mainlanes.

Crews constructed braided ramps (where one ramp crosses over the other) along the northbound I-35 mainlanes between Hesters Crossing and RM 620 to eliminate merging conflicts. In addition, the north and southbound frontage road intersections at I-35 and US 79 were reconstructed, and a third left-turn lane for westbound US 79 was added.

Construction Phases

Work on this improvement project took place in three phases.

- **Phase I** work included:
 - Making improvements to the US 79/I-35 intersection
 - Constructing temporary entrance/exit ramps at RM 620 and Hesters Crossing
 - Constructing elevated entrance/exit ramps between SH 45N and RM 620
- **Phase II** work included building a tie-in to the new northbound entrance/exit ramps and opening the braided ramps to traffic
- **Phase III** work included performing final paving operations for the entire project



Benefits

Proposed benefits from the project include:

- Increased mobility and travel speeds, especially during peak periods
- Increased merging distance for the existing SH 45N northbound flyover to I-35
- Increased safety by eliminating the merge/weave conflict between the Hesters Crossing entrance ramp and RM 620 exit ramp



Details

The 2.3-mile project's construction cost is \$28.1 million, and was completed in August 2019, weather permitting. The contractor for the project is Capital Excavation Company.

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