

# I-35 Capital Express Central VOICE Meeting





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# **Tonight's Meeting**





## Housekeeping









We ask that all participants keep mics muted during the presentation.



TxDOT wants to hear from you! Visit my35capex.com to share your feedback or ask questions anytime.



# **Capital Express Central Project Update**

**VOICE** Meeting

December 14, 2021

# **CapEx VOICE Meeting**





Date:

January 25, 2022

Time:

6:00 pm

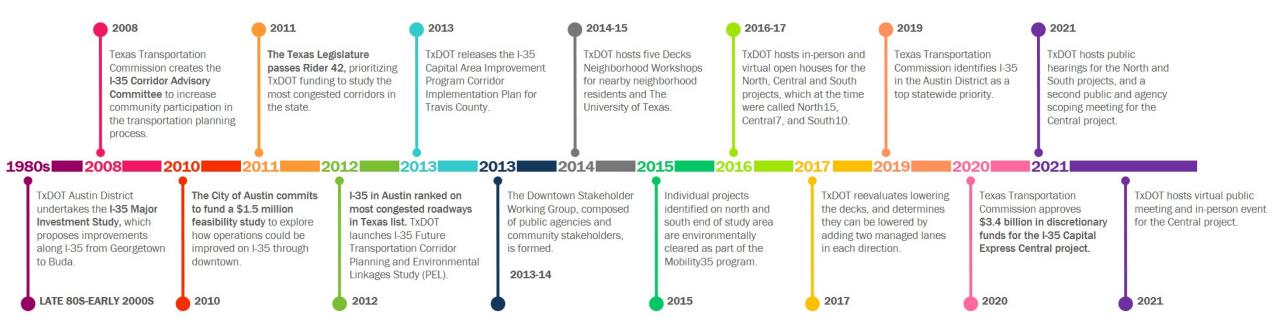
**Location:** 

Central Public Library

# **I-35 Capital Express Program History**



The current proposed alternatives are the result of decades of feedback received from the public.

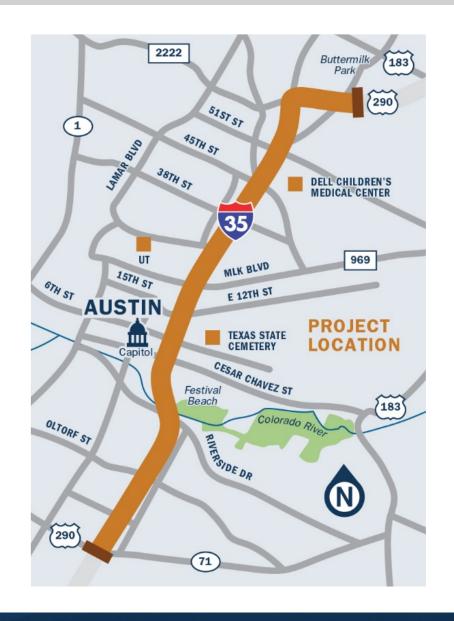


## I-35 Capital Express Central Project Scope



- Limits: US 290 East to SH 71/Ben White Boulevard, with additional flyovers at I-35 and US 290 East.
- Length: 8 miles.
- Project details:
  - Construct two non-tolled managed lanes in each direction.
    - Managed lanes, such as high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, are a set of lanes within a highway that are separated from the mainlanes. Access is controlled by placing restrictions on use.
  - Reconstruct ramps, bridges and intersections.
  - Improve frontage roads.
  - Enhance bicycle and pedestrian paths.
  - Accommodate transit routes.

**Estimated construction cost**: \$4.9 billion **Anticipated construction start**: 2025



#### Where We Are in the Process





RANGE OF
ALTERNATIVES,
PURPOSE & NEED,
COORDINATION PLAN

Presented at agency and public scoping meeting #1.

Fall/Winter 2020

#### **EVALUATION** CRITERIA

Presented at agency and public scoping meeting #2.

**Spring 2021** 

# RATION REFINED RIA RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES

Presented at public meeting.

**Summer 2021** 

#### TECHNICAL STUDIES

Conducted as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Fall 2021/ Summer 2022

#### PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Presented in the Draft
Environmental Impact Statement,
which is made available to public
15 days prior to public hearing
and circulated to cooperating
and participating agencies.

Fall 2022

#### SELECTED ALTERNATIVE

Presented in the combined final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision. This is the end of the environmental process.

**Summer 2023** 

# Your input is needed.

50-day comment period (extended due to holidays)

## Your input is needed.

30-day comment period



45-day comment period

Your input is needed.

60-day comment period

TxDOT encourages feedback throughout the duration of the project. In addition to the official comment periods listed above, feedback may also be submitted via workshops, neighborhood meetings and stakeholder outreach. These events will take place throughout the process, and public comments submitted will be documented and incorporated as the project is developed.





# What is Live35?

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#### Goals

- Expectations of the process
  - History of the Aesthetics Program
  - Aesthetics Program Partnership TxDOT and City of Austin
- Quality Feedback
  - Austin's Cultural Landscape
  - Design elements
- Next Steps

# **History of Aesthetics Program**

- Aesthetics Working Group
- Rankings by Community
  - Lighting for Safety #1



#### I-35 Aesthetics Guidelines and Expectations

- I-35 Aesthetic Guidelines
- Community Facing Features
- Setting Expectations

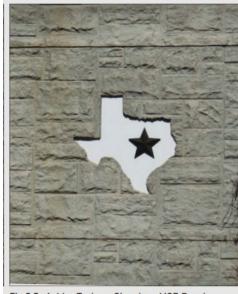


Fig 3.9- Ashlar Texture, Signature MSE Panel



Fig. 3.3- Inverted "T" Bent, with "Longhorn" Column and Five Star Bent Cap

### **Aesthetics Program Partnership**

**TxDOT & City of Austin** are working in partnership on a strategy for implementation and maintenance of aesthetics improvements. This includes:

- Funding the aesthetic elements on the east-west crossings and Lady Bird Lake.
- Implementing the infrastructure for the community facing features.
- Ensuring compatibility with possible improvements on Cap and Stitch components.
- Maintaining the aesthetic elements along I-35 once constructed.





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# **Austin's Cultural Landscape**

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# **THANK YOU**

Thanks for your time and feedback tonight.

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