

Why improvements are needed

I-35 through Austin is one of the most congested highways in Texas. It serves as the backbone of the local, regional and national transportation network. Lack of mobility on I-35 threatens the economic livelihood of our city and our state. Improvements to this area are needed due to population and employment growth, which have caused increased congestion in the area.

Program overview

The Capital Express Program comprises three projects (North, Central and South). The North project proposes to add one non-tolled managed lane in each direction along I-35 from SH 45 North to US 290 East. The Central project proposes to add two non-tolled managed lanes in each direction along I-35 from US 290 to SH 71/Ben White Boulevard.

About Capital Express South

The Capital Express South project proposes to add two non-tolled managed lanes in each direction along I-35 from US 290 West/SH 71/Ben White Boulevard to SH 45 Southeast. Managed lanes are proposed in high-congestion areas where right of way is limited. These lanes are designed to provide a less congested route than adjacent general-purpose lanes during peak periods for qualifying vehicles. Managed lanes control access by placing restrictions on use. The project also includes improving bicycle and pedestrian accommodations along I-35 frontage roads and addressing safety and mobility.



Timeline*

The environmental study and schematic design development process will be from 2019-2021. An Open House was held in Oct. 2019. A public hearing was held in Spring 2021. Final design is anticipated by 2022. Construction is expected to begin in 2022.

**Timeline subject to change.*

Estimated construction cost: \$388 million

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