

I-35 CAPITAL EXPRESS CENTRAL PROJECT

FACT SHEET



Project Purpose

The I-35 Capital Express Central project is being proposed to improve this critical regional, national and international thoroughfare by enhancing safety, managing congestion, improving operations, and creating a more dependable and consistent route for the traveling public, including bicyclists and pedestrians, emergency responders and transit.

Project Overview

The proposed improvements include adding two non-tolled managed lanes in each direction along I-35 from US 290 East to SH 71/Ben White Boulevard. The proposed project includes lowering sections of managed and mainlanes through portions of the project area, including downtown. It also includes reconstructed ramps, bridges and intersections; improved frontage roads; enhanced bicycle and pedestrian paths; and transit accommodations. All project build alternatives under consideration include:

- Removing the upper decks on I-35 (between Airport Boulevard and MLK Jr. Boulevard).
- Lowering I-35 through downtown (between MLK Jr. Boulevard and Holly Street).
- Adding two managed lanes in each direction.
- Reconstructing the bridge across Lady Bird Lake.
- Improving bicycle and pedestrian paths.
- Accommodating current and future CapMetro routes.
- Potentially accommodating deck caps at locations in the downtown area funded by others.



Community Input and anticipated timeline*

The development process will incorporate public and agency input from a series of involvement opportunities, including stakeholder, agency and public meetings.

- Environmental study and schematic design: 2020 - 2023
- Final design and procurement: 2023 - 2024
- Construction could start: 2025

*Timeline is subject to change.

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