

## 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.*

**Construction cost:** \$548 million

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