



I-35 CAPITAL EXPRESS CENTRAL PROJECT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES

What is a bicycle and pedestrian bridge?

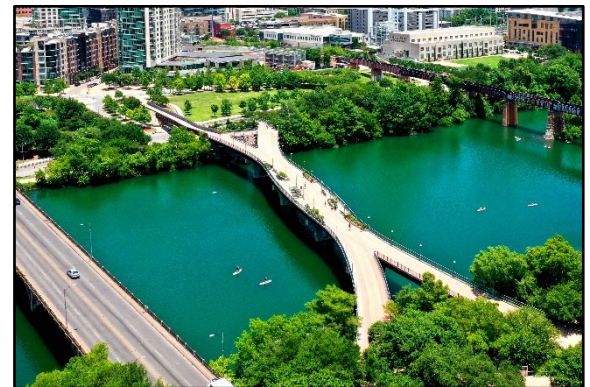
A bicycle and pedestrian bridge is designed for non-vehicular travel only. These bridges improve safety for people walking, biking or in wheelchairs by allowing them to pass over roadways instead of through intersections.

Why are these bridges being added to the I-35 Capital Express Central Project?

The Texas Department of Transportation received many requests from the public to improve east-west connectivity across I-35 for people walking and biking. These new crossings address safety concerns often encountered at typical crossings where vehicles are also present. Bicycle and pedestrian bridges will reduce the distance that people walking, and biking must travel to reach their destination by providing additional crossing locations between major intersections. Bicycle and pedestrian bridges will be compliant with the American Disabilities Act. In addition to ADA-compliant bridge approaches, stairs will be constructed where space permits.

Where are bicycle and pedestrian bridges proposed in modified alternative 3 and alternative 2?

TxDOT is proposing seven bike/ped bridges in modified alternative 3 and three bike/ped bridges in alternative 2. Both alternatives propose bicycle and pedestrian bridges at 4th street, next to the Red Line at Airport Boulevard, and north of 51st street. Modified alternative 3 proposes additional crossings at Woodland Avenue, 3rd Street, north of 15th Street and next to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Locations were chosen based on feasibility and proximity to other available crossings, as well as analysis of existing bicycle and pedestrian traffic patterns to provide multi-modal east-west crossings throughout the project area.



Who is paying for the bridges?

The bridges will be funded by TxDOT. TxDOT and the City of Austin are coordinating to determine a strategy for operations and maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian bridges.

Where can I find more information on the project and bicycle and pedestrian bridges?

For more information about the project visit: my35capex.com/Central. Information about the bicycle and pedestrian bridges can be found at: my35capex.com/bicycle-pedestrian-improvements.

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