



# I-35 CAPITAL EXPRESS CENTRAL PROJECT

## Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Public Hearing

The Texas Department of Transportation will host a virtual public hearing with an in-person option to gather input on proposed improvements on I-35 from US 290 East to US 290 West/State Highway 71. The purpose of the public hearing is to request public comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and to present the Preferred Alternative.

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, 5 - 7 p.m.

Millennium Youth  
Entertainment Complex  
1156 Hargrave Street  
Austin, Texas 78702

Parking available on the property.

### The draft EIS is available:

- **On-line:** TxDOT.gov and My35CapEx.com.
- **Hard copies:** TxDOT Austin District Office, Carver Library, Ruiz Library, Southeast Library, and Montopolis Recreation and Community Center. (See website for more information)

A virtual option to view the public hearing materials will also be held on My35CapEx.com from Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, through March 7, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.

Comments on the draft EIS received between 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, and 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, will be included in the official public hearing record.



The I-35 Capital Express Central project is approximately 8 miles in length and would include removing the existing I-35 decks, lowering the roadway, and adding two non-tolled high-occupancy vehicle managed lanes in each direction along I-35 from US 290 East to US 290 West/State Highway 71. The project will also reconstruct east-west cross-street bridges, add pedestrian and bicycle paths, improve transit accommodations and make additional safety and mobility improvements within the project limits.

The Preferred Alternative, subject to final design considerations, would require approximately 41.7 acres of additional right of way resulting in 107 displacements (69 commercial properties, 2 single-family homes, 1 multi-family complex (24 apartments), 12 vacant properties). This project would also require approximately 28 acres of easement. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (512) 832-7280.

The Preferred Alternative is anticipated to partially impact the following 11 properties protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966: Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail, International Shores at Town Lake Metropolitan Park\_3, Waller Beach at Town Lake Metropolitan Park, Edward Rendon Sr. Metro Park at Festival Beach, Norwood Park at Town Lake Metro Park, Lady Bird Lake, Town Lake Park System, Dura Tune Service Station, Elgin Butler Brick Company Building, the Haster House and the Roberts House.

The following parks and one publicly-owned historic property are also subject to Chapter 26 of the Parks and Wildlife Code (Protection of Public Parks and Recreational Lands): Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail, International Shores at Town Lake Metropolitan Park\_3, Waller Beach at Town Lake Metro Park, Edward Rendon Sr. Metro Park at Festival Beach, Norwood Park, Lady Bird Lake and the historic Town Lake Park System. If you need additional information on the project or the hearing, please contact Tommy Abrego, P.E., Mobility35 Program Manager at (512) 832-7280.

Public comments may be submitted at the public hearing or via:

- Email: capexcentral@txdot.gov
- Verbal Comment by Voicemail: (512) 651-2948
- Mail: I-35 Capital Express Central Project Team  
1608 W. 6th Street, Austin, TX 78703
- Online: My35CapEx.com



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The public hearing will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the public hearing, please contact Frances Jordan, at (512) 953-7876, no later than Feb. 3, 2023 at 4 p.m. CT. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

The environmental review, consultation and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a memorandum of understanding dated Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.



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