

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 high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) 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. 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).
- Reconstructing the bridge across Lady Bird Lake.
- Improving bicycle and pedestrian paths.

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
- Anticipated construction start: mid-2024

*Timeline is subject to change.

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