Lady Bird Lake Segment Overview

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 community and our state. Improvements to this area are needed due to population and employment growth, which have caused increased congestion in the area.

The project will add high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) managed lanes in both directions, reconstruct the Lady Bird Lake bridge and build a single-point urban interchange (SPUI) at Riverside Drive to improve traffic flow. It will also enhance safety and connectivity with a pedestrian-only bridge at Woodland Avenue, while accommodating future Capital Metro routes and improving bike and pedestrian paths along the corridor.

Construction Milestones

Work on this project will take place in four phases:

- Phase I: Reconstruct and widen I-35 shoulders; construct Lady Bird Lake east pedestrian bridge; build northbound I-35 frontage road; close southbound I-35 Woodland Avenue exit (232); excavate southbound I-35 frontage road at Riverside Drive; reconstruct Riverside Drive intersection; add a shared-use path from Woodward Street to SH 71/Ben White Boulevard; build Woodland Avenue pedestrian bridge.
- **Phase II:** Reconstruct northbound I-35 frontage road bridge at Lady Bird Lake; reconstruct southbound I-35 mainlanes south of Oltorf Street; demolish I-35 bridge at Woodland Avenue; construct southbound I-35 braided ramp south of Oltorf Street.
- **Phase III:** Reconstruct northbound and southbound I-35 mainlanes at Lady Bird Lake; reconstruct southbound I-35 mainlanes and entrance ramp at Lady Bird Lake.
- **Phase IV:** Reconstruct southbound I-35 frontage road bridge at Lady Bird Lake; construct Lady Bird Lake west pedestrian bridge; build southbound I-35 frontage road.

Details

Construction is funded by TxDOT and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO). Construction start is early 2025.

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