

I-35 CAPITAL EXPRESS CENTRAL PROJECT RIVERSIDE DRIVE FACT SHEET

Overview

Riverside Drive is a vital east-west connection and serves as a link to downtown Austin. The Riverside Drive bridge at I-35 was built in 1962. Today, it supports thousands of vehicles a day (*Statewide Traffic Analysis and Reporting System II, 2025*). As part of the [Lady Bird Lake segment](#), Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will reconstruct Riverside Drive and convert it to a Single-Point Urban Interchange (SPUI).

What is a SPUI?

A Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) is a safer, more efficient intersection design that allows a larger volume of vehicles to travel through an intersection in fewer traffic signal phases and with fewer conflict points.

Learn more about the benefits of and how to drive a SPUI on our [website](#).

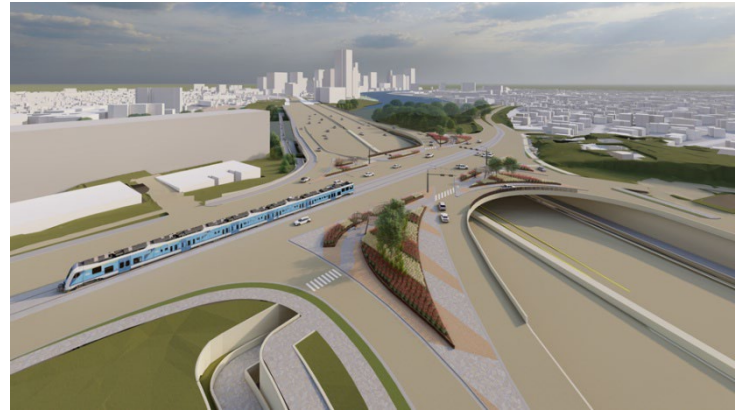


Figure 1- Planned SPUI at Riverside Drive bridge

Construction Milestones (subject to change)

Mid-2026 WE ARE HERE

- Construct new north side of the bridge.

Mid-2027

- Reconstruct the middle of the intersection.

2028-2033

- Demolish the existing bridge.
- Construct new south side of the bridge.
- Switch traffic to operate as a SPUI.



Figure 2- Detour map for 2026 construction

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