

Welcome

Community Connectors Meeting: Lady Bird Lake Bridge Construction and Trail Impacts

Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025
Travis Early College High School

**Why am I
here
today?**

To learn about work happening along the trail and over the lake to reconstruct the Lady Bird Lake I-35 bridge.

I-35 is the backbone of our local, regional and national transportation network. Improvements are needed to support the population and employment growth in our communities. The I-35 Capital Express Central project will enhance safety, improve mobility and help reduce congestion through Austin.

What is Community Connectors?

- Purpose:
 - Foster open dialogue between community members and the I-35 Capital Express Central project team.
- Objectives:
 - Informed community: Updates on progress, timelines and impacts. Providing contact information for neighbors.
 - Transparency: Consistent, early and accurate information.
 - Mitigation Planning: Address disruptions proactively.





Lady Bird Lake North Shore - Work Overview

The following phased work will begin fall 2025:

- Stage equipment under the I-35 bridge, limiting parking lot access.
- Construct a temporary shared-use path south of East Avenue, serving as a detour to the Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail.
- Construct a dock just west of the I-35 bridge, about the size of a basketball court.
 - Activities:
 - Tree trimming and removal.
 - Unloading of construction materials.
 - Truck traffic.

**All work and timelines are weather permitting.*



Planned recreational area under the I-35 bridge on the north shore of Lady Bird Lake

Overview of Trail Impacts at Lady Bird Lake

- TxDOT is committed to maintaining access to the trail throughout construction, as much as possible.
- Full closure of the trails and waterway are limited to:
 - Maximum three times a year for no more than a week at a time, weather permitting.
- Nightly trail closures along Lady Bird Lake limited to 10 p.m. - 5 a.m., in line with the trail curfew.



Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail along Lady Bird Lake

Trail Impacts – Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail

- Construction easements:
 - Staging
 - Materials storage
 - Construction dock (e.g. barge)
- Access changes:
 - Trail detours
 - Boating and recreational restrictions
 - Parking limitations





Lady Bird Lake Bridge Reconstruction

- Anticipated to begin in late 2026.
- Expected to be complete in 2033.
- Vehicular access will be maintained in both directions during construction.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained in at least one direction during construction.
- Phase I
 - Construct the east pedestrian bridge.
- Phase II
 - Traffic shift: Reconstruct the northbound I-35 frontage road bridge.



Existing Lady Bird Lake I-35 bridge



Planned east pedestrian bridge over Lady Bird Lake

Lady Bird Lake Bridge Reconstruction

- Phase III
 - Traffic shift: Reconstruct the northbound and southbound I-35 mainlanes.
- Phase IV
 - Traffic shift: Reconstruct the southbound I-35 frontage road bridge.
 - Construct the west pedestrian bridge.
 - Remove traffic barriers: Install signage and pavement markings.



Existing Lady Bird Lake I-35 bridge



Planned west pedestrian bridge along Lady Bird Lake I-35 bridge

Lady Bird Lake Segment

- **Project limits:** Holly Street to SH 71/Ben White Boulevard
- **Current work:**
 - Reconstruct shared-use path along southbound I-35 frontage road between Woodward Street and SH 71.
 - Install drill shafts at the Norwood Dog Park.
 - Relocate and install utilities along eastbound Riverside Drive.
 - Install temporary illumination along the corridor.
- **Anticipated segment completion:** 2033



Excavation and construction of retaining wall at Riverside Drive



Shared-use path construction along southbound I-35 frontage road between Woodward Street and SH 71

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