

I-35 Capital Express North Construction Information



Project 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 I-35 Capital Express North project will add one high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction along I-35 from SH 45 North to US 290 East. The project will also reconstruct six bridges, add a diverging diamond interchange (DDI) at Wells Branch Parkway, reconstruct entrance/exit ramps, add intersection bypass lanes and construct shared-use paths throughout the corridor.

Construction Phases

Work on this project will take place in six phases:

Phase I: Install new center median barrier, construct new northbound I-35 frontage road bridge over Walnut Creek.

Phase II: Widen northbound and southbound I-35 mainlanes, construct retaining walls, reconstruct entrance/exit ramps, construct bypass lanes. Reconstruct first phase of bridges at Grand Avenue Parkway, Wells Branch Parkway, Howard Lane, Walnut Creek and Rundberg Lane.

Phase III: Reconstruct northbound and southbound I-35 frontage roads, construct shared-use paths, reconstruct driveways.

Phase IV: Reconstruct second phase of bridges at Grand Avenue Parkway, Wells Branch Parkway, Howard Lane, Walnut Creek and Rundberg Lane. Start demolition and reconstruction of Braker Lane.

Phase V: Construct DDI at Wells Branch Parkway, reconstruct intersections and signals.

Phase VI: Perform final striping and paving.



Details

The construction cost is \$606 million. Construction is funded by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and TxDOT. Construction began in March 2023 and is expected to be complete in 2029, weather permitting.

The contractor for the project is Pulice Construction, Inc.

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