

Loop 360 Improvement Study

FACT SHEET



Why Improvements Are Needed

Loop 360 is a major transportation corridor for the city of Austin and Travis County. It provides primary access to far west Austin for residents and commuters who live and work near and along the highway. In 2015, two sections of the corridor were ranked as #76 and #94, respectively, on Texas' "Most Congested Roadways" list. The corridor is particularly congested during "rush hour," taking almost 60% longer to travel during peak travel periods than during normal, free-flow conditions.

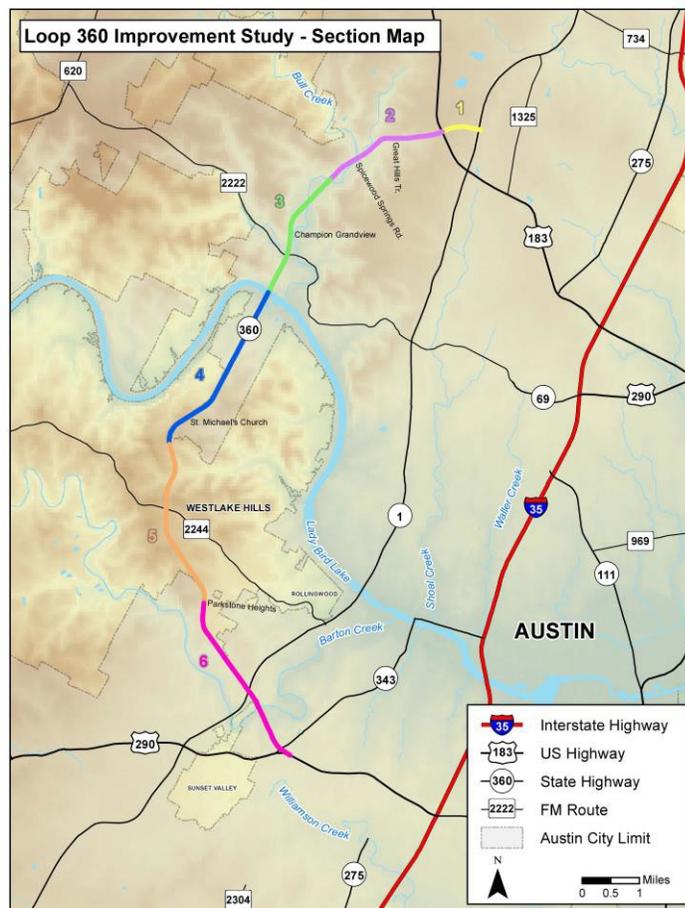
Study Purpose

The purpose of the Loop 360 Improvement Study is to identify problems, define potential short-term solutions, and develop a long-term vision for Loop 360 from North MoPac to US 290/SH 71, a distance of 14.5 miles. The Texas Department of Transportation is involving stakeholders throughout the study to determine needs and receive feedback about potential safety and mobility improvements within the Loop 360 corridor.

Study Details and Timeline

The study is being conducted in a four-step process:

1. **Identify** - Engage stakeholders in identifying problems and defining goals for improvements.
2. **Evaluate** - Form stakeholder working groups to evaluate potential solutions.
3. **Refine** - Refine potential solutions, disseminate them to stakeholders, and solicit feedback.
4. **Recommend** - Present study results and recommend next steps.



TxDOT is gathering input from neighborhoods, businesses, schools, and other groups located in six corridor sections, as well as from stakeholders who work along or pass through the corridor. The goal is to maximize safety and mobility, while balancing competing stakeholder interests. The study is looking at a wide range of short- and long-term improvement options (scenarios) to compare the possible outcomes of each. Study scenarios include a No Build (Do Nothing) option, as well as Build options that would implement intersection and operational improvements, add more lanes and flyovers, and/or grade-separated intersections.

The study is analyzing the estimated costs, benefits, and potential impacts of these scenarios on local and regional mobility and access, safety, environmental resources, and transit/emergency response access. It was originally estimated to be complete by early spring 2016, but the timeline has since been extended to summer 2016 to allow for additional analysis and public input. At the conclusion of the study, results will be disseminated to the public for review. Currently, funding for any proposed Loop 360 improvements has not yet been identified.

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