

WHY IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED

The Texas Department of Transportation is developing a project to realign FM 973 between SH 130 to US 290, east of the city of Manor in Travis County. The existing FM 973 configuration currently does not provide a direct, continuous, and efficient movement of traffic between SH 130 and US 290, resulting in reduced mobility. Increasing population and associated residential developments have led to increased traffic along FM 973 through Manor, and the existing roadway does not adequately accommodate current and projected traffic volumes.

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

Located east of Manor, the proposed project addresses traffic congestion by adding capacity and providing a direct route between SH 130 and US 290. The project would relocate a portion of FM 973 and expand the roadway from 2 to 6 travel lanes — three in each direction — including a grassy median and turn lanes in various locations. The typical right-of-way width is anticipated to be 200 - 300 feet and includes a sidewalk and shared-use path.

Proposed overpasses would be provided at the intersections of FM 973 and Braker Lane, Blake Manor Road, Old Highway 20 and the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CMTA) railroad. The proposed project would also construct bridges over Gilleland and Wilbarger Creeks.

PROJECT TIMELINE

The Texas Department of Transportation's schematic design and environmental study to realign FM 973 between SH 130 and US 290 is estimated to be complete by late 2022. The alignment of FM 973 has been established. The preliminary engineering and environmental studies are under development.

The project is not currently funded, and the project implementation is contingent on funding.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

PROJECT MAP

