# I-35 CAPITAL EXPRESS SOUTH PROJECT



# **FACT SHEET**



### Why improvements are needed

I-35 through Austin is one of the <u>most congested highways in Texas</u>. 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 city and our state. Improvements to this area are needed due to population and employment growth, which have caused increased congestion in the area.

#### **Program overview**

The I-35 Capital Express Program comprises three projects (North, Central and South). The North project proposes to add one non-tolled managed lane in each direction along I-35 from SH 45 North to US 290 East. The Central project proposes to add two non-tolled managed lanes in each direction along I-35 from US 290 East to SH 71/Ben White Boulevard.

#### **About Capital Express South**

The Capital Express South project proposes to add two non-tolled managed lanes in each direction along I-35 from SH 71/Ben White Boulevard to SH 45 Southeast. Managed lanes are proposed in high-congestion areas where right of way is limited. These lanes are designed to provide a less congested route than adjacent general-purpose lanes during peak periods for qualifying vehicles. Managed lanes control access by placing restrictions on use. The project also includes additional safety and mobility improvements.

#### Community input and anticipated timeline\*

The development process will incorporate public input from a series of public involvement opportunities, including stakeholder and open house meetings.

• Environmental study and schematic design: 2019–2021

Open house: Fall 2019

• Public hearing: Early 2021

Final design: 2019–2022

• Construction: 2022

## Estimated construction cost: \$300 million

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<sup>\*</sup>Timeline is subject to change.