

Environmental Study FACT SHEET

TxDOT is undertaking the most rigorous level of environmental analysis with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the I-35 Capital Express Central project.

At the Public and Agency Scoping meetings in March 2021, TxDOT presented and requested comments on the draft criteria to be used to evaluate and screen the proposed build alternatives. TxDOT has now screened the potential build alternatives and has determined that Build Alternative 2 and Build Alternative 3, along with the No-build Alternative, will be carried forward into the EIS for further study. More details on the alternatives evaluation process and the refined build alternatives can be found at My35CapEx.com and are being presented at the public meeting on August 10, 2021.



TxDOT encourages public and agency feedback throughout the development of the EIS.

What studies are included in the EIS?

Potential impacts on the human and natural environment that would result from the proposed build alternatives and no-build alternative will be evaluated as part of the EIS process. Topics will include those listed below. The outcome of these studies and the identification of the preferred alternative are anticipated to be presented to the public and agencies in the fall of 2022.



Agency Coordination and Roles

Along with input from the community, TxDOT will seek feedback from public agencies as either cooperating or participating agencies throughout the preparation of the EIS.

Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating agencies are federal agencies that have either jurisdiction by law regarding aspects of the proposed project or special expertise pertaining to the proposed project. A federal agency can also request to be a participating agency.

What They Do

- Assist in the preparation, coordination and review of the EIS.
- Participate in the scoping process.

Participating Agencies

Federal, state, tribal, regional, and local government agencies that may have an interest in the project may serve as **participating agencies**.

What They Do

- Participate in the scoping process.
- Participate in the NEPA process with regard to development of the purpose and need statement, range of alternatives and methodologies and level of detail for analyzing alternatives.
- Identify and provide early input on issues of concern regarding the project's potential impacts to human or natural environment.

The following agencies have been invited to be a part of this process:

Cooperating Agencies	Participating Agencies
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service	State Historic Preservation Officer/Texas Historical Commission
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Lower Colorado River Authority
National Park Service	Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma	Federal Transit Administration
Mescalero Apache Tribe	Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority
Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	Williamson County
Tonkawa Tribe of Indians Oklahoma	Travis County
Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma	Hays County
Comanche Nation of Oklahoma	City of Austin
Alabama Couthatta Tribe of Texas	Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma	The University of Texas at Austin
Wichita and Affiliate Tribes	

More information can be found in the Agency Coordination Plan at My35CapEx.com.

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 December 9, 2019, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT.