



Notice

Public Meeting

I-35 Capital Express Central Project

From US 290 East to SH 71/Ben White Boulevard

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Travis County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to improve I-35 from US 290 East to SH 71/Ben White Boulevard in Travis County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public meeting on the proposed project. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021, at the Davage-Durden Student Union, Huston-Tillotson University, 900 Chicon St., Austin, Texas 78702. The public meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and will follow an “open house” format. The purpose of the meeting is to present the proposed project and receive public comment. **An opportunity to view the public meeting materials and comment virtually will also be available starting Aug. 10 through Sept. 8, 2021 via my35capex.com.**

The proposed improvements include the removal of the existing I-35 decks, lowering the roadway, and adding two high-occupancy-vehicle managed lanes in each direction along I-35 from US 290 East to SH 71/Ben White Boulevard, with additional flyovers at I-35 and US 290 East. The project will also reconstruct east-west cross-street bridges, add pedestrian and bicycle paths, and make additional safety and mobility improvements within the project limits.

The proposed project would require additional right of way and potentially displace approximately 75 residences and 72 non-residential structures. As designs progress, these numbers are subject to change. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT Austin District office at the address listed below.

Based on the current design the proposed project has the potential to impact the following properties protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966: Sir Swante Palm Neighborhood Park, Norwood Tract at Town Lake Metro Park, Waller Beach at Town Lake Metro Park, Edward Rendon Sr. Metro Park at Festival Beach, the historic Austin Chronicle building, 6 historic residences, and the historic Mount Calvary Cemetery. As designs progress, these impacts are subject to change. TxDOT will evaluate potential impacts to/use of Section 4(f) protected resources as part of the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



Additionally, Waller Beach at Town Lake Metro Park and Edward Rendon Sr. Metro Park at Festival Beach are Section 6(f) protected parks. Potential impacts to these parks are still under review. TxDOT is working with the City of Austin to minimize impacts.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

Project reports, exhibits, and proposed build alternative layouts will be on file and available for inspection beginning on August 10, 2021, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Austin District Office, 7901 N. I-35, Austin, Texas 78753, 512-832-7357. These materials are also available online at My35CapEx.com and at the public meeting.

The public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the public meeting, please contact Nic Barbera, Austin District, at (512) 766-3472, no later than 4 p.m. CT, Wednesday, Aug. 4. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be presented at the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted by mail to the I-35 Capital Express Central Project Team, 7901 N. I-35, Austin, Texas 78753; by email to CapExCentral@TxDOT.gov; and online at MyCapEx.com. Verbal comments by voicemail can be made by calling 512-651-2948. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, to be included in the official meeting record. Responses to comments received will be on file and available for inspection at the TxDOT Austin District Office and at My35CapEx.com once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the meeting, please contact Michelle Cooper, P.E., at 512-832-7357 or Michelle.Cooper@TxDOT.gov.

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 FHWA and TxDOT.
