

Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3 Project - CSJ: 0914-05-195

The Problem

Congestion created by the lack of north-south connectivity between US 79 and SH 45 North in Round Rock is creating delays, longer commute times and overloading neighborhood streets. The number of cars on the street network is complicating neighborhood access, producing unnecessary conflicts and burdening drivers.

The quality of life and amenities in the City of Round Rock continue to attract new residents, businesses and additional development – resulting in an increase in the number of vehicles on the streets every day. Williamson County is one of the fastest growing counties in Texas. The county's population has grown more than 55% between 2000 and 2018.

What We Are Proposing

Kenney Fort Boulevard is being constructed in segments. Segment 1, which extends between Joe DiMaggio Boulevard and Forest Creek Drive, was completed during the summer of 2013. In early 2016, the City of Round Rock began environmental studies, surveying, traffic studies and schematic development for Kenney Fort Boulevard Segments 2 and 3. Segments 2 and 3 would serve to extend Kenney Fort Boulevard approximately 1.5-miles south from where the roadway currently ends at Forest Creek Drive south to SH 45. Segments 2 and 3 of the Kenney Fort Boulevard project are being developed in partnership with Williamson County and the Texas Department of Transportation. The county has provided funding for planning and design. The proposed Kenney Fort Boulevard project would be a six-lane divided roadway (similar to Segment 1) and would connect Segment 1 of Kenney Fort Boulevard to SH 45.

Project Benefits

- Relief for north-south roadways like Red Bud Trail and A.W. Grimes Boulevard; **providing better, more reliable travel times.**
- A more direct north-south route between US 79 and SH 45, **relieving neighborhood streets and reducing cut-through traffic.**
- **Enhanced sidewalks/shared-use paths that tie in with existing trails**, providing a connection to existing paths, including the regional Brushy Creek Trail.



Existing section of Kenney Fort Boulevard Phase 1.

- **Aesthetic enhancements** such as neighborhood walls, low-impact lighting and landscaping to improve the driving experience and minimize impacts to adjacent properties.



Example of neighborhood wall on Red Bud Trail.

History of Kenney Fort Boulevard

Kenney Fort Boulevard is a major roadway in the City of Round Rock's Transportation Master Plan. It was included (as "Arterial A") in the City's first Transportation Master Plan, published in 1994, but has been part of the planning process since 1988. The SH 45 toll road was designed to accommodate Kenney Fort Boulevard. It includes a grade-separation for the future intersection with Kenney Fort Boulevard.



Questions or Concerns?
Contact us!
Call Stacey Benningfield at (512) 517-7251.

Official comments will be received and accepted by the project team via the following methods:

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Comments must be received by **Friday, Dec. 18, 2020**, to be included in the official record of this public hearing. All comments received (verbal or written) during the 15-day period, and responses to those comments, will be included in a comment response matrix. The comment response matrix will be included as part of the hearing and project record and made available online at www.roundrocktexas.gov/transportprojects/kenney-fort-boulevard-segments-2-3/.