



US 79 (from I-35 to east of FM 1460)

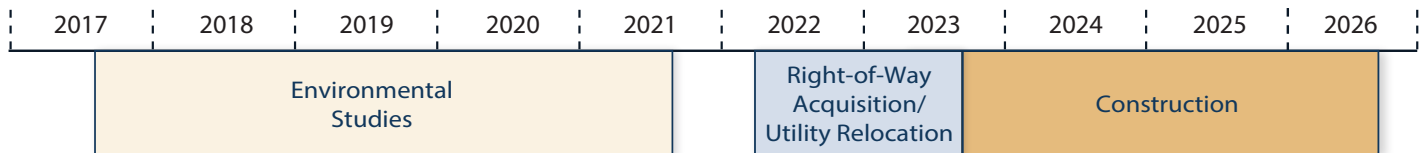
WHY IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED

The Texas Department of Transportation is proposing improvements to US 79 from I-35 to east of FM 1460 in Williamson County, Texas. By 2035, the county population is expected to increase by 135%, bringing with it more development in the city of Round Rock. While this segment of US 79 is largely a mix of commercial and residential use, there are currently a few segments of sidewalk that do not provide a continuous route along the corridor. The proposed project is needed to accommodate existing and projected traffic volumes and to improve safety and mobility.

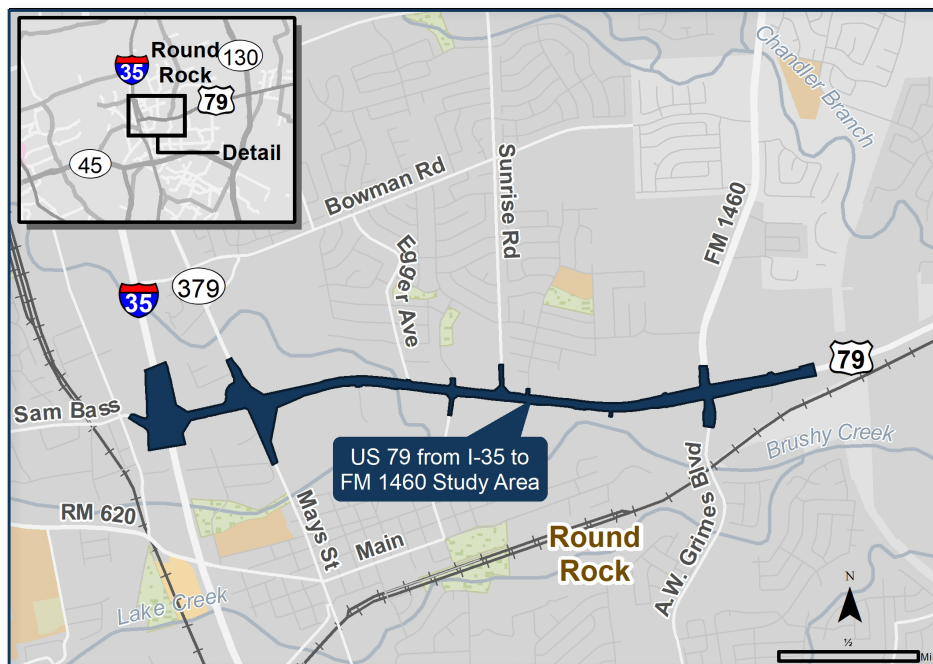
PROJECT OVERVIEW

The proposed improvements include widening the existing US 79 highway to include a third travel lane in each direction and installing a raised median for safety. Improvements to intersections would include constructing an underpass at the intersection of US 79 and Mays Street, an overpass at the intersection of US 79 and FM 1460, and reconfiguring the US 79/I-35 intersection. Driveways and access points would be modified to improve safety and traffic flow. The proposed improvements also include installing shared-use paths on both sides of US 79 to enhance pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. This project would be developed, in part, with federal funds and is subject to compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Pursuant to the 2019 Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT, TxDOT has authority over approval of this project.*

PRELIMINARY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE**



**timeline contingent on environmental clearance, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and future availability of construction funds.



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*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.

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