



Open House Response to Comments

I-35 from RM 2243 to SE Inner Loop

February 12, 2019

Austin District

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 Chapter 3 of title 23, United States Code, Section 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 17, 2014, executed between the FHWA and TxDOT.

#	Commenter Name	Date Received	Source	Comment Topic	Response
1	Briggs, Charlie	2/12/2019	Comment Form	"East Bound turn lane to I35N needs to be increased"	Based on feedback received at the February 2019 open house and additional traffic analysis, the turn lanes have been revised to include two left turn lanes from eastbound RM 2243 to the northbound I-35 frontage road and one left turn lane from westbound RM 2243 to the southbound I-35 frontage road.
2	Daigh, Robert	2/12/2019	Comment Form	"we strongly support TxDOT's project"	Thank you for your comment.
3	Franklin, Elizabeth	2/12/2019	Comment Form	"love the plan"	Thank you for your comment.
4	Kroesch, Lance	2/12/2019	Comment Form	"...EB Leander Rd needs to be 2 lanes turning NB"	Based on feedback received at the February 2019 open house and additional traffic analysis, the turn lanes have been revised to include two left turn lanes from eastbound RM 2243 to the northbound I-35 frontage road and one left turn lane from westbound RM 2243 to the southbound I-35 frontage road.
				"...medians on Leander Rd funnel way too much volume to River Ridge..."	Based on feedback received at the February 2019 open house, the limits of the proposed raised median have been revised. The raised median on RM 2243 west of the San Gabriel Apartments driveway was removed to allow left turns in and out of the apartments and Luther Drive. A raised median is still proposed on RM 2243 between the San Gabriel Apartments driveway and the southbound I-35 frontage road and between the northbound I-35 frontage road and Scenic Drive. Due to the spacing requirements between driveways and intersections defined in the TxDOT Access Management Manual , raised medians are needed to limit the turning movements into and from adjacent properties in this location. Proposed raised medians west of Woodmont Drive are outside the limits of this project. Your comment has been shared with the RM 2243 Corridor Study Team.

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5	McKinley, Sandra	2/12/2019	Comment Form	"Inner Loop...very hazardous intersection with no traffic light..."	The I-35 frontage roads at SE Inner Loop are being studied as part of a separate project. Your comment has been shared with the Project Team. More information on this project can be found at http://www.my35.org/capital/projects/williamson/rm2243-rm1431.htm .
				"...concrete medians...seriously impacts neighborhood traffic"; "Exxon and Events Center will no longer be directly accessible to south locals."	Based on feedback received at the February 2019 open house, the limits of the proposed raised median have been revised. The raised median on RM 2243 west of the San Gabriel Apartments driveway was removed to allow left turns in and out of the apartments and Luther Drive. A raised median is still proposed on RM 2243 between the San Gabriel Apartments driveway and the southbound I-35 frontage road and between the northbound I-35 frontage road and Scenic Drive. Due to the spacing requirements between driveways and intersections defined in the TxDOT Access Management Manual , raised medians are needed to limit the turning movements into and from adjacent properties in this location.
				"cutting off Luther Drive from westbound left turn lanes" will result in "...cutting through the very residential Woodmont to Thousand Oaks Blvd..."	The access to the Paige House remains the same as it is today from the southbound I-35 frontage road. The access for Exxon/Speedy Stop would change for vehicles traveling eastbound on RM 2243. Based on feedback received at the February 2019 open house, the limits of the proposed raised median have been revised. The raised median on RM 2243 west of the San Gabriel Apartments driveway was removed to allow left turns in and out of the apartments and Luther Drive.
6	McLaughlin, Mike	2/12/2019	Comment Form	"...oppose the inability of vehicles to turn left from 2243 to Luther Drive..."	Based on feedback received at the February 2019 open house, the limits of the proposed raised median have been revised. The raised median on RM 2243 west of the San Gabriel Apartments driveway was removed to allow left turns in and out of the apartments and Luther Drive.
				"...material...very helpful.....professional..."	Thank you for your comment.

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7	Miller, Kathryn	2/12/2019	Comment Form	<p>“waiting through 2 cycles” not solved by “a single north turn lane”</p> <hr/> <p>“no westbound access to businesses”; “plan for access from southbound access road to these businesses”; “like the center turn lane lanes we have now”</p>	<p>Based on feedback received at the February 2019 open house and additional traffic analysis, the turn lanes have been revised to include two left turn lanes from eastbound RM 2243 to the northbound I-35 frontage road and one left turn lane from westbound RM 2243 to the southbound I-35 frontage road.</p> <p>Based on feedback received at the February 2019 open house, the limits of the proposed raised median have been revised. The raised median on RM 2243 west of the San Gabriel Apartments driveway was removed to allow left turns in and out of the apartments and Luther Drive. A raised median is still proposed on RM 2243 between the San Gabriel Apartments driveway and the southbound I-35 frontage road and between the northbound I-35 frontage road and Scenic Drive. Due to the spacing requirements between driveways and intersections defined in the TxDOT Access Management Manual, raised medians are needed to limit the turning movements into and from adjacent properties in this location.</p> <p>With the revisions to the raised median, westbound RM 2243 access into Shipley Do-Nuts would not be impacted. The Project Team did consider adding a driveway for Jack in the Box and Motel 6 along the southbound I-35 frontage road. Due to the spacing requirements between driveways and intersections defined in the TxDOT Access Management Manual, this option was eliminated from further consideration.</p>
8	Moore, Robert	2/12/2019	Comment Form	"don't like idea of raised median on 2243"	<p>Based on feedback received at the February 2019 open house, the limits of the proposed raised median have been revised. The raised median on RM 2243 west of the San Gabriel Apartments driveway was removed to allow left turns in and out of the apartments and Luther Drive. A raised median is still proposed between the San Gabriel Apartments driveway and the southbound frontage road and between the northbound frontage road and Scenic Drive. Due to the spacing requirements between driveways and intersections defined in the TxDOT Access Management Manual, raised medians are needed to limit the turning movements into and from adjacent properties in this location.</p>

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9	Schneider, Scott	2/12/2019	Comment Form	"no left on Luther will seriously impact our property value"; "Woodmont is not designed to take traffic through the neighborhood"	Based on feedback received at the February 2019 open house, the limits of the proposed raised median have been revised. The raised median on RM 2243 west of the San Gabriel Apartments driveway was removed to allow left turns in and out of the apartments and Luther Drive.
10	Selbiede, Kathy	2/12/2019	Comment Form	"...loss of business without better access..."	Based on feedback received at the February 2019 open house, the limits of the proposed raised median have been revised. The raised median on RM 2243 west of the San Gabriel Apartments driveway was removed to allow left turns in and out of the apartments and Luther Drive. A raised median is still proposed on RM 2243 between the San Gabriel Apartments driveway and the southbound I-35 frontage road and between the northbound I-35 frontage road and Scenic Drive. Due to the spacing requirements between driveways and intersections defined in the TxDOT Access Management Manual , raised medians are needed to limit the turning movements into and from adjacent properties in this location.
11	Teisberg, Monica	2/12/2019	Court Reporter	"express my approval" "...reservations about the way the whole thing is going to work out with the Southeast Inner Loop..."	Thank you for your comment. Improvements to I-35/SE Inner Loop are being studied as a separate project. Your comment has been shared with the Project Team. More information on this project can be found at http://www.my35.org/capital/projects/williamson/rm2243-rm1431.htm .
				"...extension of 2243 toward Leander all the way to 183A, and I think most of that is laid out very well."	Your comment has been shared with the RM 2243 Corridor Study Team.
12	Thompson, Margaret	2/12/2019	Comment Form	"would like a light on Riverview vs not be able take a left turn onto 2243"	The RM 2243/Riverview Drive intersection is outside the limits of this project. Your comment has been shared with the RM 2243 Corridor Study Team.