

Corridor A-1 and E-1 Fact Sheet



Public Meeting – August 24, 2017

The purpose of this meeting is to share information about the A-1 and E-1 Corridor Studies and provide an additional opportunity for public input. The study areas have been expanded since the last public meetings held in June.

AGENDA

Open House: This meeting is an open house format. Please review background boards and large-scale maps of the study areas for each corridor. We hope that you will take the time to visit with our project teams to learn about the A-1 and E-1 Corridor Studies, and share your ideas and input directly on the maps.

Workshops: During the meeting, we are facilitating three different 30-minute workshops to have a collaborative discussion about how we can address both the community concerns and the County’s planning needs. Each session will be around 30 minutes long and all are welcome to attend one or all three of the workshops. The workshops will be conducted by area and start times are below:

E-1 North	5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	E-1 South/A-1 East	5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	A-1 West	5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
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We encourage you to share your comments with us. You can do this tonight by filling out a Community Survey, submitting a comment card, writing on the maps, or participating in a workshop.

BACKGROUND

As part of the County Long-Range Transportation Plan, Williamson County (the County) is studying five corridors that would enhance mobility in the County. Corridors A-1 and E-1 will increase connectivity in eastern Williamson County to accommodate growth and anticipated future traffic levels to provide reliable transportation options. By planning ahead, the County can best accommodate property owners, businesses, and the community while planning for the future.

- A-1 Corridor Study: east/west connector between SH 130 and FM 3349
- E-1 Corridor Study: north/south connector between Chandler Road and FM 1660

These corridors were selected because the County recognized that these are areas where more connection and mobility options are needed to safely and efficiently accommodate future growth.

CORRIDOR A-1

The objective of the A-1 Corridor Study is to improve efficiency for traffic traveling east from SH 130. It is part of a larger effort to improve transportation throughout Williamson County. It will provide an alternate east-west route to US 79, which currently experiences high traffic volumes.

County Commissioner:

Larry Madsen, Precinct 4

Study Area:

From SH 130 east to FM 3349, and from Rowe Lane north to near US 79

Study Length:

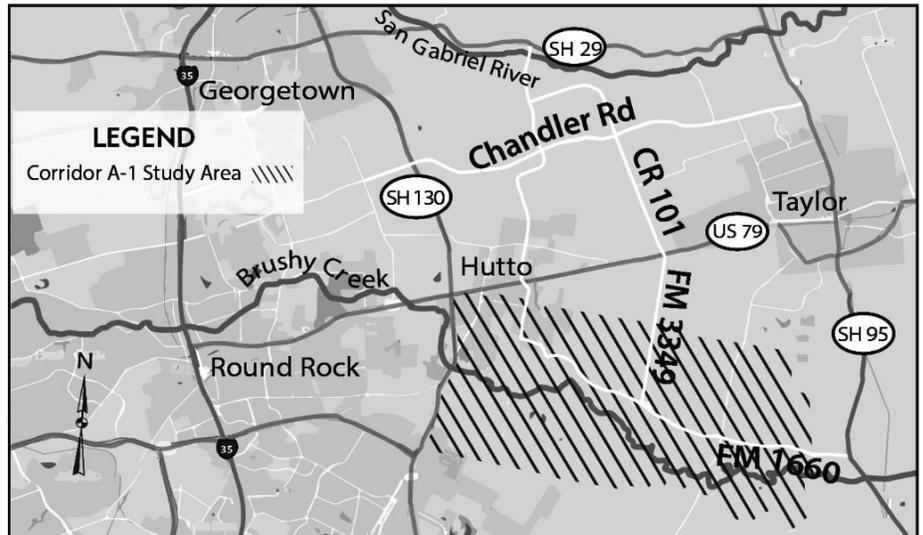
Approximately 5.5 miles

Study Launched:

April 2017

Issues to be addressed:

Safety and mobility, lack of east-west connectivity



CORRIDOR E-1

The objective of the E-1 Corridor Study is to improve north-south connectivity in the County. It is part of a larger effort to improve transportation throughout Williamson County. It will provide an alternative to SH 130 and SH 95 which currently experience high traffic volumes.

County Commissioner:

Larry Madsen, Precinct 4

Study Area:

Between Chandler Road and FM 1660

Study Length:

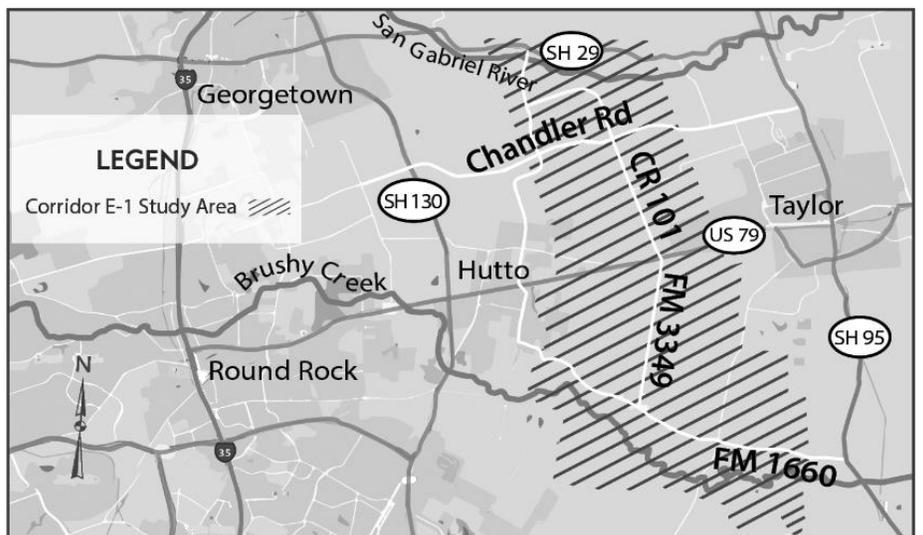
Approximately 12 miles

Study Launched:

April 2017

Issues to be addressed:

Safety and mobility, lack of north-south connectivity



Ultimately, any improvements that are made could connect to other future transportation corridors in eastern Williamson County. All study components will be conducted in compliance with environmental regulations.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public input is an essential part of this process and the County wants to work closely with the public to develop a project that supports the needs of the area. The County is interested in your input and participation at any point in the study. Please get involved by attending a public meeting, or reaching out to the project team.

WHAT IS THE CORRIDOR STUDY PROCESS?

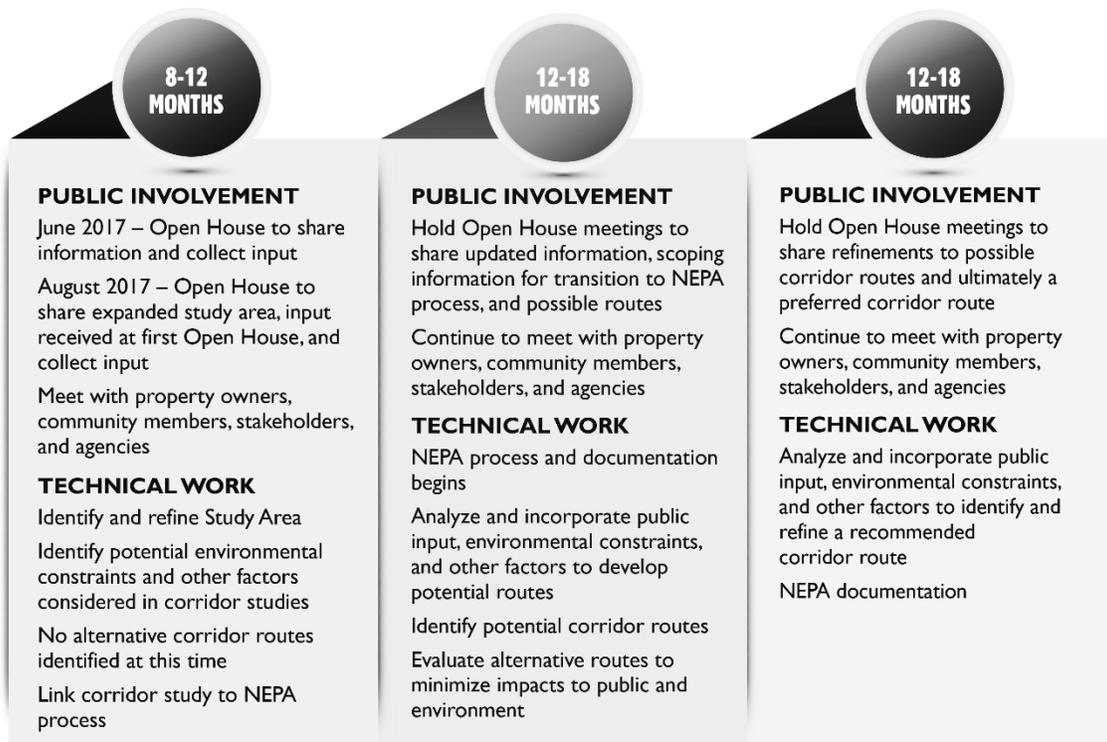
The process to study these corridors involves evaluating many factors including:

- Social & community impacts
- Public input
- Impacts to property owners
- Water resources
- Threatened & endangered species
- Vegetation & wildlife
- Land use & parkland
- Archeological & historic resources
- Hazardous materials
- ROW analysis & land cost
- Engineering analysis

Engineering firms have been hired to conduct public involvement, environmental studies, and preliminary engineering schematic design. The corridor studies were kicked off in April 2017 and the first focus has been to gather community input before any options or alignments are developed. Engineering solutions and construction funding have not yet been identified for these corridors.

SCHEDULE

The chart below shows the anticipated schedule for upcoming technical and public outreach activities. This will be updated as additional information becomes available.



WHY IS THE COUNTY STUDYING THESE CORRIDORS NOW?

Williamson County has experienced tremendous growth over the past 20 years. The US Census Bureau recently announced that Williamson County is the fourth fastest growing County in the state of Texas. The County's continued growth requires progressive planning in order to keep pace with the increase in the number of residents and vehicles. Current population projections show this growth to continue.

Williamson County cares about the people and businesses who have chosen to make this area their home. The County government is responsible to plan for effective regional transportation. If Williamson County doesn't plan for it, we cannot protect what is important to the community. If the County does not at least preserve the corridor, then the opportunity will be lost as development may continue to occur resulting in constraints to developing a transportation corridor.

WHAT IS THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN?

The Williamson County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is a guiding document that Williamson County is responsible to develop to show how to accommodate transportation and mobility now and in the future. This plan has been updated and will continue to be updated based on population projections, growth projections, current needs, anticipated future mobility needs, and the safety of Williamson County. The planning process to develop the LRTP involves working with cities, neighboring counties, and transportation and planning agencies in order to coordinate connectivity and mobility throughout the region. It also involves working with the public to gather input and evaluation of updated growth projections and traffic models.

The current amendments to the LRTP outline a network of roadways that will improve safety and mobility across the County, and include a map of proposed controlled access facilities and a map of proposed arterial facilities. The locations of the controlled access facilities and arterial roadways are conceptual only to show general locations and connections needed. Final alignments for each route will be determined through appropriate planning and environmental studies.

SUBMITTING COMMENTS

Comments are welcome at any time. Please use one of the following methods to share your input.

- Complete a survey or written comment card at a public meeting (August 24, 2017) or online
- Share comments on maps
- Participate in a workshop
- Email: roads@wilco.org
- Mail: Williamson County Public Information
710 S. Main Street, Suite 101, Georgetown, TX 78626

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.WilCo.org/Corridors

Email: roads@wilco.org

Phone: 512-943-1195 (leave a message to request a call back within 48 hrs.)

To receive updates, please send an email to roads@wilco.org with "Corridor A-1 and E-1 Updates" in the subject line.