



## Transportation Corridor A-1 Study

### FACT SHEET

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| <b>County Commissioner:</b>    | Commissioner Larry Madsen, Precinct 4                               |
| <b>Study Area:</b>             | From SH 130 east to FM 3349, and from Rowe Lane north to near US 79 |
| <b>Project Length:</b>         | Approximately 5.5 miles                                             |
| <b>Study Launch:</b>           | May 2017                                                            |
| <b>Issues to be addressed:</b> | Safety and mobility, lack of east-west connectivity                 |

#### **Why Study This Corridor?**

Williamson County is working with cities and neighborhoods to coordinate connectivity and improve mobility throughout the region. The proposed Corridor A-1 is included in Williamson County's Long-Range Transportation Plan, which was approved in October 2009 and amended in 2013.

Currently, there are no east-west controlled-access facilities (meaning a facility that has no signals or intersections that limit traffic flow) in Williamson County east of SH 130. This condition results in both safety and mobility issues for drivers and residents, limiting options for east-west travel.

#### **Study Objectives**

The objective of the Corridor A-1 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. 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 pertinent environmental regulations.

#### **Study Area**

The study area is generally bounded by SH 130 to the west; FM 3349 to the east; Rowe Lane to the south; and near US 79 to the north. The project would extend eastward, ending near or around FM 3349. It is anticipated that the project will provide a fully directional interchange connecting to SH 130, as well as to various other smaller interchanges that would provide access to multiple crossroads as identified in the Arterial Network Plan for Williamson County.

#### **Study Process and Timeline**

The Corridor A-1 Study will occur in multiple phases over the next 18 months. Through fall of 2017, Williamson County will work to identify constraints and potential routes for the proposed improvements. This analysis will include (but is not be limited to) environmental studies, traffic studies, water body impacts, geotechnical considerations and more. Access to some private properties may be needed to conduct surveys to better identify constraints and opportunities. Owners of those properties would be contacted to request permission to access their property.

Public input will also be critical to the study process. The project team will analyze the results of the studies and consider input from the general public and cities to identify preliminary route options. Those options, as well as evaluation criteria, will be presented to stakeholders and landowners in winter 2017.

Representatives of the Williamson County Public Involvement Team will be in contact with property owners and other stakeholders to provide more information about the study timeline.

**Study Location Map**

For more information about this project, please visit [www.wilco.org/corridors](http://www.wilco.org/corridors). Questions or comments may be directed by email or phone to the Williamson County Road Bond Program at [roads@wilco.org](mailto:roads@wilco.org) or (512) 943-1195.

