



CORRIDOR I-1 PLANNING & ROW PRESERVATION STUDY

FACT SHEET

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County Commissioner:	Commissioner Cynthia Long, Precinct 2
Study Limits:	US 183 to Ronald Reagan Boulevard
Study Schedule:	The study began in 2020. A final alignment was established in spring 2022. Final right-of-way (ROW) and schematic design will be complete early 2023.
Issues to be Addressed:	Safety, mobility, expanding east-west connectivity
Study Engineers:	Atkins North America

STUDY PURPOSE:

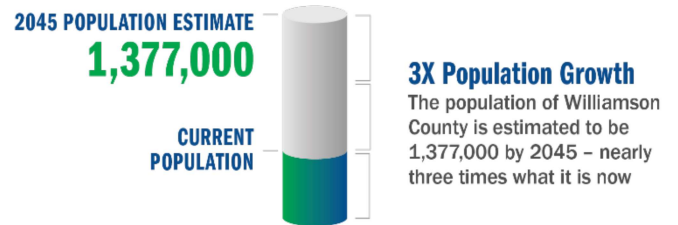
Williamson County conducted the Corridor I-1 Planning & ROW Preservation Study to develop and evaluate route options for a future road that will connect US 183 and Ronald Reagan Boulevard. The study addressed key planning and ROW preservation efforts. The road will be built in phases as growth occurs to maintain a high level of safety, mobility, and quality of life for Williamson County residents. The study is a part of the County's Long-Range Transportation Plan and was funded through the voter-approved 2019 Williamson County Road Bond.



The study began in summer 2020 and examined multiple constraints such as environmental factors, historical factors, impacts to homes and businesses, drainage, and waterways to develop a route and set the ROW footprint.

WHY THE STUDY IS NEEDED:

The Liberty Hill area is ranked as the third fastest growing area in Texas. Current projections reflect that the population of Williamson County is estimated to be 1,377,000 by 2045. It is the County's responsibility to plan for and address transportation needs now and in the future. Growth may require additional roadway infrastructure to meet the needs of the increasing number of residents and vehicles and to better protect the residents' quality of life.



Sources: US Census Bureau, Texas Demographics Center

*The City of Liberty Hill's population increased 140.7% from 2020 to 2022.

STUDY PROCESS:

The study team examined the constraints and met with property owners over the course of the study, which allowed the team to gather feedback before establishing a ROW footprint. The schematic design with ultimate ROW footprint is anticipated to be completed in early 2023. Completion of Phase-I schematic design of a 2-lane road with turn lanes is expected in summer 2023. Now that the alignment and the ROW footprint is set, the County may work with willing sellers and developers to preserve the ROW. Early preservation of ROW allows the County to take a phased approach and build sections of the road, as needed.

Phase I of the corridor would be built as growth necessitates and funding is secured. It would most likely be a two-lane frontage road, with one lane in each direction and a center turn lane for safety. If population growth continues and traffic demands increase, additional phases may be built, as funding is secured. Construction of the ultimate Corridor I-1 will most likely take several decades.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this study, or to sign up for email updates, please contact the Williamson County Road Bond Program office by calling 512-943-1195 or emailing roads@wilco.org. Study materials and updates will be posted on the Corridor I-1 Planning & ROW Preservation Study page of the County website, www.wilco.org/corridorl-1.