

# FM 3349 Railroad Safety Project

Proposed grade-separated interchange to allow for increased safety, efficiency, and uninterrupted traffic crossings of the Union Pacific Railroad and US 79.





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FACT SHEET

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<b>County Commissioner:</b>	Commissioner Russ Boles, Precinct 4
<b>Project Limits:</b>	North of US 79 on CR 101 to south of US 79 on FM 3349
<b>Project Status:</b>	Schematic was completed in summer 2020. Construction is expected to begin in the next two years.
<b>Issues To Be Addressed:</b>	Safety and mobility
<b>Project Engineers:</b>	HDR and BGE, Inc.

## PROJECT PURPOSE

An improved interchange will provide safer and more efficient rail crossings in this growing area and create an opportunity to bypass US 79 in the City of Hutto, which experiences severe traffic congestion and delays of almost three minutes per train passing, up to 20 times per day. The project will facilitate improved mobility for emergency service vehicles and school buses, as well as improved connections to industrial and commercial sites to spur economic development.

**300 DAILY**  
Hutto ISD Railroad Crossings



**9th** FASTEST GROWING  
LARGE COUNTY  
NATIONWIDE



Williamson County  
has seen a  
**population  
increase of 39.8%**  
between 2010 and 2019

 **Up to 20** # of Trains  
Passing Daily

## PROJECT BACKGROUND

The FM 3349 Railroad Safety project was identified in the Southeast Loop Study, a corridor study that kicked off in 2017. Williamson County conducted this study to consider connections for east/west travel between SH 130 and FM 3349 and north/south travel to US 79. The interchange was proposed at the intersection of US 79 and FM 3349 due to the need for a grade-separated crossing over the Union Pacific Railroad. Funded by the voter-approved 2019 Road Bond, the project is expected to go to construction in the next two years

## MORE INFORMATION

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