

RM 2243 PROJECT

FACT SHEET

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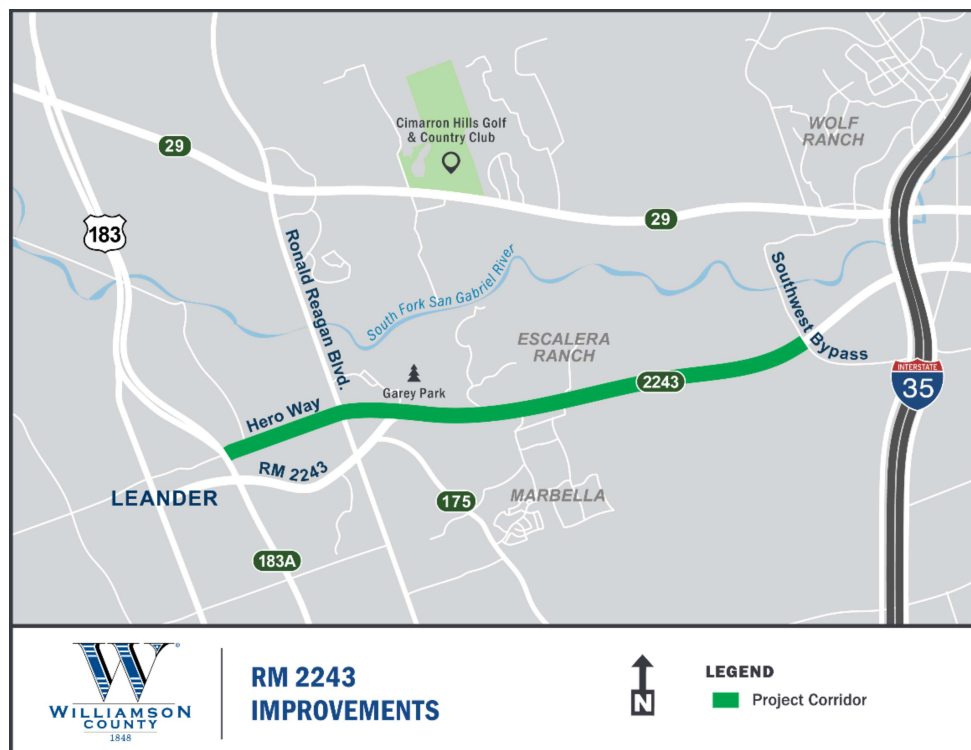
County Commissioner:	Commissioner Cynthia Long, Precinct 2 & Commissioner Valerie Covey, Precinct 3
Project Limits:	183A to Southwest Bypass
Project Status:	Study and preliminary design completion is anticipated in late 2022. Construction start date is anticipated in summer 2023.
Issues to Be Addressed:	Safety, mobility and connectivity
Project Engineer:	BGE, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Texas Department of Transportation and Williamson County are proposing the reconstruction and widening of RM 2243 from 183A to Southwest Bypass in Williamson County. The proposed RM 2243 project is a controlled-access roadway, which includes two mainlanes in each direction separated by a concrete barrier, with flyovers to 183A, Ronald Reagan Boulevard and Southwest Bypass. The roadway also includes two three-lane frontage roads with access ramps on either side of the mainlanes.

The road will be built in phases as growth occurs and as funding becomes available. The first phase of construction is anticipated to include a single frontage road, which would serve two-way traffic until the other frontage road is built in a future phase. Limits of the first phase of construction will be dependent on funding.

Design and environmental surveying began in early 2020 and phase one of construction is expected to begin in Summer 2023. The first phase of the proposed project is primarily funded through the voter-approved 2019 Road Bond.



WHY THE PROJECT IS NEEDED

Williamson County has experienced tremendous growth and current population projections predict that this trend will continue. It is the County's responsibility to plan for and address transportation needs now and in the future. Current growth requires additional roadway infrastructure to keep pace with the increased number of residents and vehicles and to better protect the quality of life for residents.



3X Population Growth

The population of Williamson County is estimated to be 1,377,000 by 2045 – nearly three times what it is now

Source: US Census Bureau, CAMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan

PROJECT HISTORY

In 2018, the TxDOT Austin District launched a corridor study on RM 2243 to determine future roadway improvements needed to address traffic growth and connectivity to I83A and I-35. The RM 2243 project is a continuation of the study; however, it excludes the portion between Southwest Bypass and I-35.

TxDOT held a public meeting in November 2018 to gather input from the community and help identify the best option for future development phases. Using the information gathered, TxDOT developed a preliminary schematic that connects I83A to Southwest Bypass. Williamson County is working with TxDOT to design the ultimate schematic.

The County, in coordination with TxDOT, held a virtual public meeting in May 2021 to share information about the project and gather public feedback on the proposed improvements.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Study and preliminary design completion is anticipated in late 2022. Construction start date is anticipated in summer 2023.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this project, or to sign up for email updates, please contact our public involvement team by calling 512-943-1195 or emailing roads@wilco.org. Project materials and updates will be posted on the RM 2243 Project page of the website: www.wilco.org/RM2243.