

CORRIDOR E3 PLANNING & ROW PRESERVATION STUDY

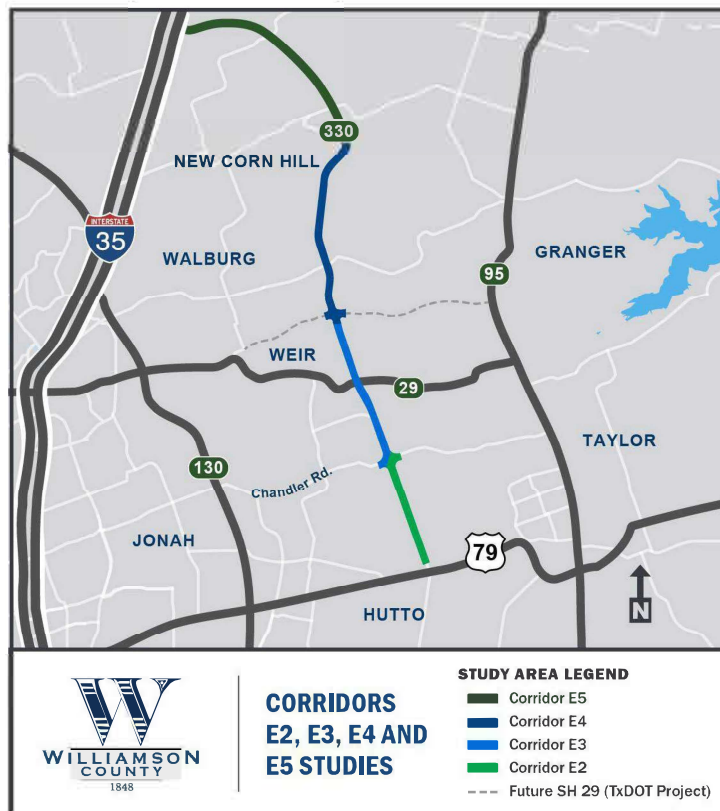
FACT SHEET

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County Commissioner: Commissioner Russ Boles, Precinct 4
Study Area: New roadway from Chandler Rd to Future SH 29
Study Length: Approximately 4 miles
Engineer: BGE, Inc.

STUDY PURPOSE:

Williamson County is conducting the Corridor E3 Planning & Right-of-Way (ROW) Preservation Study to plan for future growth and to set the ROW footprint. The road will be built as growth occurs and as funding becomes available, from Chandler Rd to Future SH 29 in the eastern part of the county.



WHY THE STUDY IS NEEDED:

County governments are responsible for planning effective transportation systems. Williamson County has experienced immense growth in the last two decades and current population projections predict that this growth will continue. In Georgetown specifically, the population has grown from 47,400 in 2010 to 90,262 in 2021; over a 90% increase!



Source: US Census Bureau

2045 POPULATION ESTIMATE

1,377,000

CURRENT
POPULATION



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: CAMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan

It is the County's responsibility to plan for current and future transportation needs in order to keep pace with the anticipated increase in residents and vehicles. This high level of growth is inevitable and requires extensive planning that will ultimately protect the safety, mobility and quality of life of the residents of Williamson County.

Preserving the corridor for a future road before development occurs allows the County to be fiscally responsible by working with willing sellers before property values make it cost prohibitive for improvements. Preserving ROW now also minimizes impacts to businesses and homes because the corridor is preserved before more structures are built.

THE STUDY AND PLANNING PROCESS:

The Corridor E3 Planning & ROW Preservation Study is part of the County's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which works as a placeholder for a network of roadways that will foster safety and mobility across the county. The location of the corridor on the LRTP is only conceptual and a subsequent study is needed to determine a feasible and reasonable route. This study is now underway and examines multiple constraints such as environmental factors, historical factors, home and business displacements, and drainage and waterways, in order to develop a route.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

After gathering feedback from meetings with property owners, the study team conducted further analysis to finalize the best route and the ROW footprint was set. The study team is working on schematic design of the Corridor, which is anticipated to be complete in fall 2022.

If the county continues to grow and funding becomes available, the first frontage road, most likely a two to three lane road, one lane in each direction with a possible center turn lane, would be built. As growth continues to occur and funding is secured, the second frontage road would be built, then the main lanes. Building the ultimate Corridor E3 roadway would most likely take several decades.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this project, please visit wilco.org/CorridorE. Questions or comments may be directed by email to roads@wilco.org with "Corridor E3" in the subject line or by phone at 512-943-1195.

* Sources: Texas Demographics Center [webpage](#), World Population Review [webpage](#).