

CR 279/BAGDAD ROAD PROJECT

FACT SHEET

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County Commissioner:	Commissioner Cynthia Long, Precinct 2
Project Limits:	Loop 332 to CR 281 (Leander City Limits)
Project Schedule:	Engineering designs will be finalized in late spring 2023. The project will be advertised and let in summer 2023. Construction to begin in late summer 2023.
Issues to be addressed:	Safety, mobility, expanding north – south connectivity

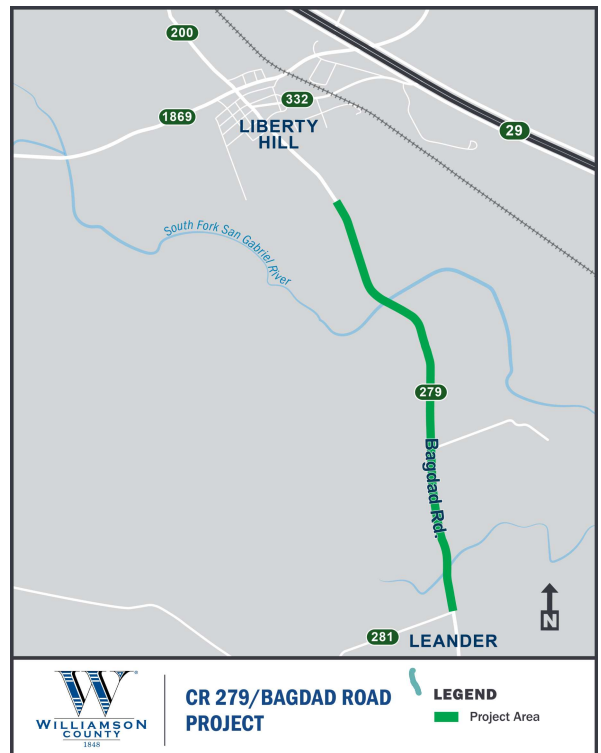
PROJECT PURPOSE:

The CR 279/Bagdad Road project is being designed and constructed by Williamson County to provide safety and mobility improvements to the existing corridor between Liberty Hill City Limits and Leander City Limits. The project includes the realignment and reconstruction of the existing two-lane road to a three-lane roadway, with a center turn lane and shoulders. When need arises and funding is available, two additional lanes may be added to meet traffic needs. A 10-foot trail (shared-use path) will be included to provide access and connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians.

WHY THE PROJECT IS NEEDED:

The volume of traffic is expected to increase as the County continues to grow, as new developments occur, and traffic increases after the opening of the 1,350-acre Williamson County River Ranch Park. Additional lanes are required to improve connectivity, mobility and safety for residents, ultimately protecting their quality of life. If the County does not plan for improvements now, options will be limited and more impactful in the future.

STUDY AREA:



There has been a significant amount of growth in both the cities of Liberty Hill and Leander in recent years. Between 2018 and 2019, Leander topped the Census Bureau's list of 15 Fastest-Growing Large Cities, by percent change. Leander has had a population growth rate of 123% from the 2010 to the 2020 Census, and Liberty Hill's population has increased by 277%.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

The engineer, Brinkley & Barfield, Inc., will finalize engineering design in late spring 2023. The project is expected to be advertised for bid and let in summer of 2023. Construction is anticipated to begin in late summer 2023 and last approximately two years.

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. All project materials and updates, including any lane or road closures, will be posted on the CR 279/Bagdad Road page of the County website www.wilco.org/BagdadRoad.

* Sources: Community Impact [article](#), World Population Review [Leander webpage](#), World Population Review [Liberty Hill webpage](#), Texas Demographics [webpage](#), Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce [webpage](#), I-5-Fastest Growing [webpage](#).