

CORRIDOR E3 PLANNING & ROW PRESERVATION STUDY

FACT SHEET

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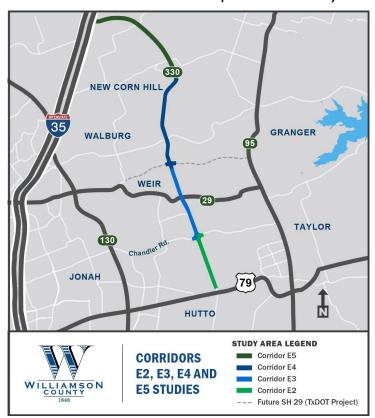
Project Roadway: New roadway from Chandler Rd to Future SH 29

Project Limits: Approximately 4 miles

Engineer: BGE, Inc.

STUDY PURPOSE:

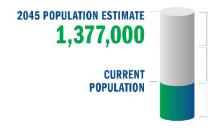
Williamson County is conducting the Corridor E3 Planning & Right-of-Way (ROW) Preservation Study to plan for future growthand to set the ROW footprint. The road will be built as growth occurs and as funding becomes available, from Chandler Rd to Future SH 29 in the eastern part of the county.



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!





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

Source: US Census Bureau

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.

The study team develops preliminary alignments and meets with potentially impacted property owners. After gathering feedback from the property owners, the study team will conduct further analysis to determine the best route. Once the ROW footprint is set, the County will work with willing sellers and developers to preserve ROW before property is developed. Early preservation of ROWallows the County to take a phased approach and build sections of the road as needed.

If the county continues to grow and funding becomes available, the first part of the road, most likely two to three lanes would be built. Building the ultimate Corridor E3 roadway would most likely take several decades.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this project, please visit <u>wilco.org/CorridorE</u>. 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 webbage, World Population Review webbage.