

# RM 2243 PROJECT

FACT SHEET

Updated May 2021

**County Commissioners:** Commissioner Cynthia Long, Precinct 2 & Commissioner Valerie Covey, Precinct 3

**Project Limits:** 183A to Southwest Bypass

**Project Schedule:** Design began in 2020 with construction expected to begin in late 2022

**Issues to be addressed:** Safety, mobility and connectivity

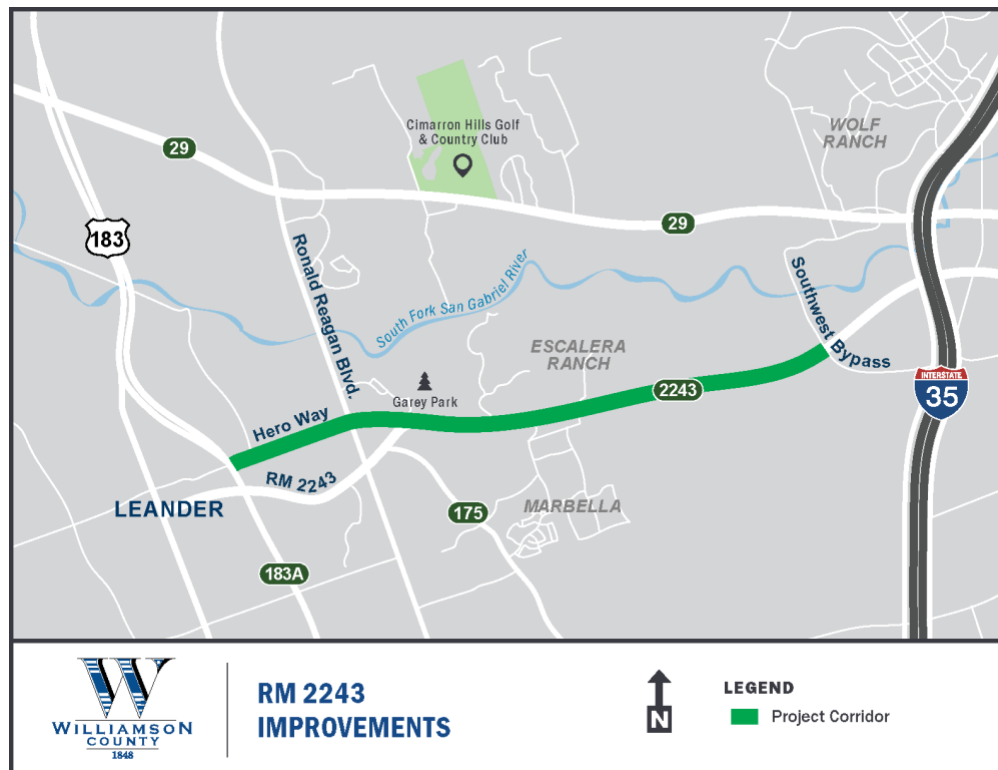
**Project Engineers:** BGE, Inc.

## 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 and Ronald Reagan Boulevard. 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 late 2022. 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.



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

## 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 I-83A 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 about their concerns and to help identify the best option for future development phases. Using the information gathered, TxDOT developed a preliminary schematic that connects I-83A to Southwest Bypass. Williamson County is working with TxDOT to design the ultimate schematic.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

The engineer, BGE, Inc., is completing the study and design of the RM 2243 Project. The County will meet with impacted property owners to discuss the project and next steps.

The County, in coordination with TxDOT, is hosting a virtual public meeting to share information about the project and gather public feedback on the proposed improvements. A recorded presentation by project staff will include both audio and visual information on the project and will be available on this project webpage ([www.wilco.org/RM2243](http://www.wilco.org/RM2243)) from Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 9 a.m. to Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 5 p.m.

## 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](mailto:roads@wilco.org). Project materials and updates will be posted on the RM 2243 Project page of the website: [www.wilco.org/RM2243](http://www.wilco.org/RM2243).