

# CORRIDOR E5 PLANNING & ROW PRESERVATION STUDY

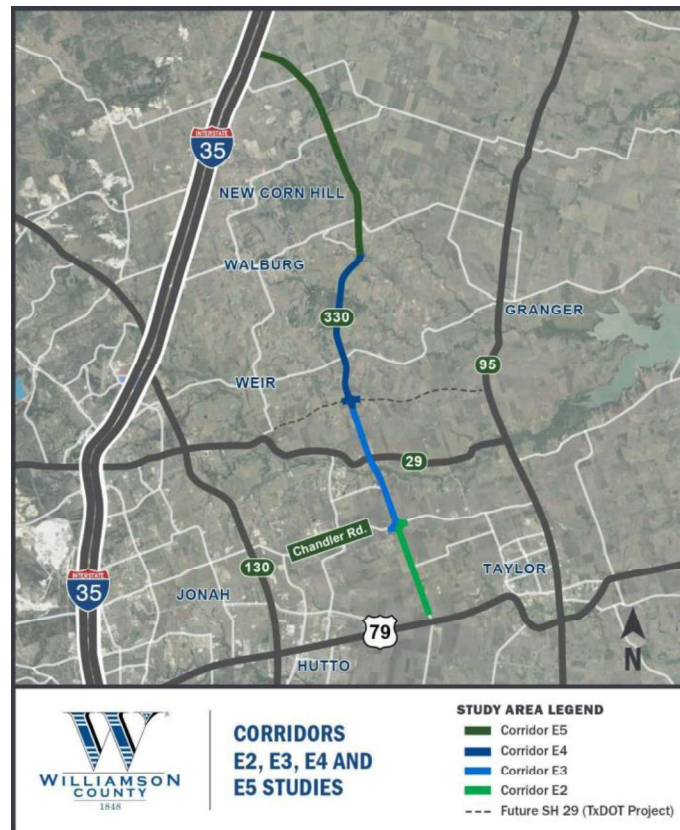
FACT SHEET

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**County Commissioner:** Commissioner Valerie Covey, Precinct 3 & Commissioner Russ Boles, Precinct 4  
**Project Roadway:** New connection at IH 35 from CR 305 to CR 330  
**Project Limits:** Approximately 9 miles  
**Engineer:** American StructurePoint

## STUDY PURPOSE:

Williamson County is conducting the Corridor E5 Planning & ROW Preservation Study to plan for future growth and to set the right of way (ROW) footprint. The road will be built as growth occurs to provide an alternative transportation corridor to IH 35, from CR 305 to CR 330 near Jarrell.



## WHY THE PROJECT IS NEEDED:

Williamson County has experienced immense growth in recent years and current population projections predict that this growth will continue. The population of Jarrell has grown 175% in less than 20 years, from 614 in 2000 to 1,692 people in 2018. Additionally, the job market in Jarrell is predicted to grow by 51.5% in the next ten years. That's 18% higher than the national average!



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 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 team has completed reaching out to the impacted property owners and the alignment has been adopted into the County's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The final alignment is one that minimizes impacts to homes and businesses as much as possible and provides a safe and efficient connection for the community.

### **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 the schematic design of Corridor E5, which is anticipated to be completed in fall 2023.

Moving forward, the County will work with willing sellers and developers to preserve the right of way before the property values make it cost-prohibitive for improvements. Early preservation allows 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 frontage road, which would include one lane in each direction with turn lanes, would be built. As growth continues to occur and funding is secured, the second frontage road would be built, then finally the main lanes. Building the ultimate Corridor E will most likely take several decades.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about this project, please visit [wilco.org/CorridorE](http://wilco.org/CorridorE). Questions or comments may be directed by email to [roads@wilco.org](mailto:roads@wilco.org) with "Corridor E5" in the subject line or by phone at 512-943-1195.

\* Sources: Census Reporter [webpage](#), Census Viewer [webpage](#), Texas Demographics Center [webpage](#), and Jarrell Economic Development Corporation [webpage](#).