



SOUTHWEST BYPASS EXTENSION

(WOLF RANCH PARKWAY TO SH 29)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. What is the Southwest Bypass Extension project?

The Southwest Bypass Extension project is intended to improve mobility around the City of Georgetown. The project consists of building a two-lane roadway that will connect Southwest Bypass from Wolf Ranch Parkway to SH 29. The project is part of the County's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and is funded through the voter-approved 2019 Road Bond and the City of Georgetown.

2. What is the Williamson County LRTP?

The Williamson County Commissioners Court adopted the LRTP in October 2009. The plan is regularly updated based on current needs, population projections, and anticipated future mobility and safety needs. The planning process to develop the LRTP involves working with the public, cities, neighboring counties, and transportation and planning agencies to gather input and coordinate connectivity and mobility. The most recent amendments to the LRTP outline a network of roadways that will improve safety and mobility across the County and includes a map of potential controlled access facilities and arterial roadways. These roadways are conceptual only to show general locations and connections needed. To learn more about the LRTP, visit www.wilco.org/lrtp.

3. Why is this project needed?

Williamson County has experienced significant growth in recent years, and current population projections predict that this trend will continue. The City of Georgetown is ranked as one of the top 10 fastest-growing cities by the U.S. Census Bureau and has experienced a population growth of 67.94% in the last 10 years*. The Southwest Bypass Extension project bridges the gap between Wolf Ranch Parkway and SH 29 to help meet the needs of motorists in one of the fastest growing areas of the county.

4. What is the project history?

The project began with the City of Georgetown's Southwest Bypass and D.B. Wood Road extension, a 2.4-mile arterial that extends D.B. Wood Road from University Avenue south to Leander Road. The project is one segment of the Southwest Bypass project that established a north-south arterial on the west side of Georgetown. The project broke ground in 2016 and was completed in 2018.

Williamson County continued the second segment of Southwest Bypass from Leander Road to IH-35. Construction of Phase 2 began in 2018. The 1.5-mile arterial connects Phase I to RM 2243/Leander Road and opened to the public in 2020.

5. What are the project limits?

The project limits are from Wolf Ranch Parkway to SH 29.

6. What is the schedule for this project?

Project design and environmental clearance are underway and are expected to be completed in spring 2021. Construction is scheduled to begin late fall 2021 and finish in fall 2022.

7. Is the County going to hold a large public meeting?

Due to the current public health concerns, large gatherings are not recommended. The County will work directly with property owners to discuss their concerns and ensure they are being heard.

8. How is the Southwest Bypass Extension project being funded?

The Southwest Bypass Extension project was funded through the voter-approved 2019 Road Bond and the City of Georgetown. The budget includes \$768,951.60 for design and \$3.8 million for construction. The City of Georgetown will provide \$1 million and the remainder will be provided by Williamson County.

9. How will residents and business owners along the alignment be impacted?

The City of Georgetown has already acquired the right-of-way (ROW) and Williamson County has been working with the City and adjacent property owners along the alignment to coordinate access.

10. What is the County doing to improve our current roads?

Maintaining our current road and transportation infrastructure is a great priority for the County. Williamson County is responsible for maintaining approximately 1,400 miles of county roads spread over an area of 1,124 square miles. By evaluating each road, Williamson County has created a schedule for resurfacing neighborhood roads and county roads, as well as conducting major maintenance on county roads when necessary. All the Road and Bridge revenue goes to maintaining the roadway system. If you have a question or request about maintenance on a county road, please email roadadmin@wilco.org or call 512-943-3330.

11. Where may I go to ask questions or receive more information about the Southwest Bypass Extension project?

For more information about this project, or to sign up for email updates, please contact the Williamson County Precinct 3 office by calling 512-943-3370 or emailing comm3@wilco.org. All project materials and update be posted on the Southwest Bypass Extension page of the County website, www.wilco.org/Departments/Infrastructure/Projects/Precinct-3/Southwest-Bypass.