

LIBERTY HILL BYPASS PROJECT

FACT SHEET

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County Commissioner:	Commissioner Cynthia Long, Precinct 2
Project Limits:	RM 1869 to CR 279/Bagdad Road
Project Schedule:	Design and environmental clearance were completed in spring 2022. Construction is expected to begin early 2023 and be completed by fall 2024.
Issues to be addressed:	Safety, mobility, expanding east-west connectivity

PROJECT NEED:

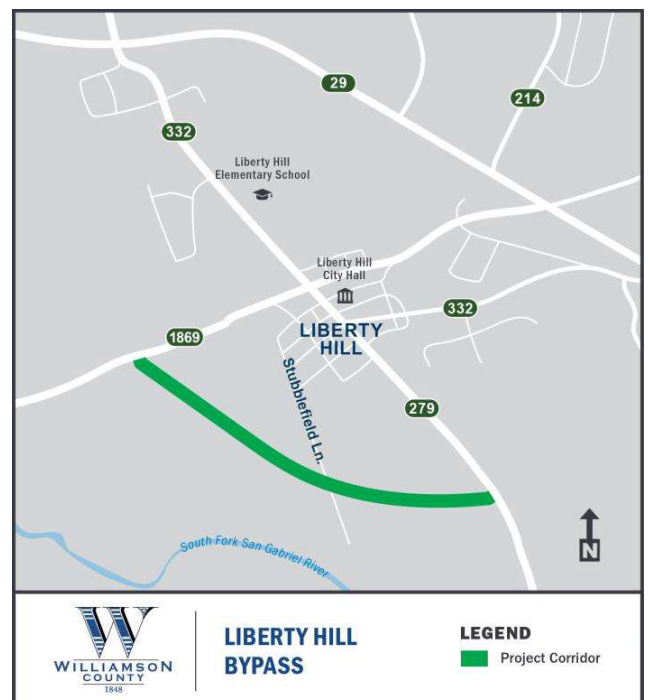
As the 12th fastest growing large county in the nation, Williamson County's population has increased by 29.6 percent between 2010 and 2017. The City of Liberty Hill experienced a population growth of approximately 209.51 percent between 2010 and 2020. It is the County's responsibility to plan for transportation needs and this growth requires additional roadways to keep pace with the increased number of residents and vehicles and to better protect the quality of life for residents.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This roadway is part of the County's Long-Range Transportation Plan that is working to plan for current and future growth to maintain a high level of mobility and quality of life for residents and communities. Preliminary route alignments were evaluated with several factors considered, including public input, community impacts and natural resources. The project was identified by the City of Liberty Hill as one of its priority projects for the 2019 Williamson County Road Bond election that was approved by voters.

The project consists of building a two-lane roadway with shoulders and turn lanes that will connect RM 1869 to CR 279/Bagdad Road. Project design and environmental clearance were completed in spring 2022. Construction is expected to begin early 2023 and be completed by fall 2024. The County has determined that the eastbound frontage road will be the first portion of the project constructed based on the recommendation made by the engineering firm LJA Engineering. The ultimate buildout of the road could take several decades.

The County has been working with willing sellers along the selected alignment to begin purchasing right-of-way (ROW). Now that additional ROW funding was secured through the voter-approved 2019 Williamson County Road Bond Program, the County will begin working with all property owners along the alignment.



WHY THIS PROJECT IS NEEDED:

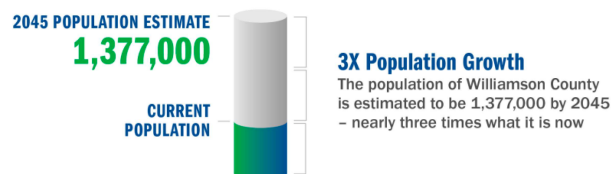
Williamson County has experienced significant growth in recent years, and current population projections predict that this trend will continue. The City of Liberty Hill alone grew by 47% between 2010 and 2019.* The Liberty Hill Bypass project will help meet the needs of motorists in one of the fastest growing areas of the county.



PROJECT HISTORY:

The Liberty Hill Bypass project was identified with public input from the Highway 29 Corridor Study, which was originally funded through the voter-approved 2006 Williamson County Road Bond. That study explored environmental constraints, travel demands, alignment alternatives, ROW mapping and schematic development for the reconstruction of SH 29. The Williamson County Road Bond team met with potentially impacted property owners throughout the study to discuss the future plans and gather input.

At the time of the Highway 29 Corridor Study, it was determined that the Liberty Hill Bypass would be built when the need arose. Over the past 11 years, Williamson County has continued to grow, with traffic volumes increasing significantly and resulting in traffic congestion at both peak and non-peak periods. In 2018, the population of Williamson County was 566,719, representing a 3.7% growth rate from the previous year.* In 2019, it was determined the need was there, Williamson County would move forward with construction of the Liberty Hill Bypass to alleviate congestion and plan for the region's future.



MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this project, or to sign up for email updates, please contact our PI 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 Liberty Hill Bypass page of the Road Bond website, <http://roadbond.wilco.org/Projects/Precinct-2/Liberty-Hill-Bypass>.

* Source: US Census Bureau, [County Population Totals: 2010-2020](#)