

RONALD REAGAN CORRIDOR PLANNING SEGMENTS (RM 2243 to SH 29)

FACT SHEET

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| County Commissioners: | Commissioner Cynthia Long, Precinct 2 & Commissioner Valerie Covey, Precinct 3 |
| Project Limits and Length: | 3.7 miles on Ronald Reagan Boulevard from RM 2243 to SH 29 |
| Project Schedule: | Planning to be finalized in early 2022. There is currently no funding for construction. |
| Issues to be addressed: | Safety and mobility, expanding north-south connectivity, providing an alternative to I-35 |
| Project Engineer: | LJA Engineering |

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Williamson County is conducting a study to plan for widening the existing Ronald Reagan Boulevard between RM 2243 and SH 29. This proposed expansion will accommodate future increased traffic on the roadway and provide safety improvements. These improvements would include turn lanes, divided roadways, and shoulders in both directions to enhance safety for the motoring public. Once construction funding is identified and the growth necessitates additional lanes, the first phase of the project would include making the existing road northbound only and building a separate two-lane road to serve as the southbound frontage road. Ultimately, as the county grows and funding is secured, mainlanes will be built resulting in an eight-lane controlled access roadway.

Ronald Reagan Boulevard is a part of the County's Long-Range Transportation Plan and while there is no funding for construction, the County is working to preserve right of way (ROW) before property values make the improvements cost prohibitive. Early preservation of ROW allows the County to take a phased approach and build sections of the road as needed.

WHY THE PROJECT IS NEEDED:

Williamson County has experienced immense growth in recent years and current population projections predict that this growth will continue. Transportation planning to keep pace with growth is the County's responsibility. Additional lanes are required to improve connectivity, mobility and safety for residents, ultimately protecting their quality of life.

STUDY AREA:



2050 POPULATION
ESTIMATE
1,638,796

CURRENT
POPULATION



3X Population Growth

The population of WilCo is estimated to be 1,638,796 by 2050—nearly three times what it is now



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

* Sources: Census [webpage](#), Texas Demographics Center [webpage](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please visit www.wilco.org/RonaldReaganWidening. Questions or comments may be directed by email to roads@wilco.org with "Ronald Reagan Widening" in the subject line or by contacting the roads phone line at 512-943-1195.