



# CORRIDOR I-2 PLANNING & ROW PRESERVATION STUDY

FACT SHEET

Updated May 2022

<b>County Commissioner:</b>	Commissioner Cynthia Long, Precinct 2
<b>Study Limits:</b>	US 183 to SH 29
<b>Study Schedule:</b>	Study began in summer 2020. A final right-of-way (ROW) footprint is expected by fall 2022.
<b>Issues to be addressed:</b>	Safety, mobility, expanding east-west connectivity
<b>Study Engineer:</b>	K Friese + Associates

## STUDY PURPOSE:

Williamson County began the Corridor I-2 Planning & ROW Preservation Study in summer 2020 to consider connections for travel between US 183 and SH 29 to plan for the significant projected population growth for the northwest area of the county. The County was named the third fastest-growing county in Texas for the past decade and the City of Liberty Hill ranked as the third fastest-growing city in the state.

The study is being funded through the voter-approved 2019 Road Bond. Funding for ROW acquisition and construction was not included in the bond and will need to be identified before future phases of the project can move forward. Construction would happen when need from growth occurs and as funding becomes available. If the projected population growth does not happen, then the roadway will not be built.

## WHY THE STUDY IS NEEDED:

Williamson County has experienced significant growth in recent years\* and current population projections predict that this trend will continue. In 2021, the U.S. Census Bureau announced that Williamson County is the third fastest-growing county in Texas, out of 254. The City of Liberty Hill, alone, grew by 277 percent between 2010 and 2020 and is the third fastest-growing city in the state. It is the County's responsibility to plan for and address transportation needs now and in the future. Studying roadway infrastructure needs will help to keep pace with the increased number of residents and vehicles and to better protect the residents' safety and quality of life.



## STUDY BACKGROUND & NEXT STEPS:

In January 2022, following the selection of a preferred alignment, listening to community feedback, and reviewing analysis of additional data, Commissioner Long directed the project team to consider route options with a narrower footprint of 200 feet rather than the 400 feet that was originally proposed in 2020. The project team met several times with a group of neighbors representing a larger community group to gather their feedback on route options and outreach process. After extensive engineering analysis to minimize impacts to property owners and businesses as much as possible, a preliminary alignment has been selected. The County will meet with potentially impacted property owners to learn more about their land and make any necessary final refinements to the alignment. A final right-of-way footprint is expected by fall 2022. There is no funding for construction nor is there a need to build the road at this time so there is no construction timeline associated with the study.

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this study, or to sign up for email updates, please contact the Public Involvement team by calling 512-943-1195 or emailing [roads@wilco.org](mailto:roads@wilco.org). Study materials and updates will be posted on the Corridor I-2 Study page of the County website, [www.wilco.org/corridorl-2](http://www.wilco.org/corridorl-2).

\* Source: US Census Bureau, [County Population Totals: 2010-2019](#)