



C. Bud Stockton Loop Extension (FM 487/C. Bud Stockton to CR 305)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. What is the C. Bud Stockton Extension project?

The C. Bud Stockton Extension will extend C. Bud Stockton Loop by connecting FM 487/C. Bud Stockton to CR 305. This project will construct two lanes of a future four-lane roadway with turn lanes. Design is currently underway and expected to be completed by fall 2022 and construction is expected to begin in fall 2022 and be complete by fall 2023.

The project is part of Williamson County's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which aims to prepare for current and future growth by maintaining a high level of safety, mobility and quality of life for all Williamson County residents. The project was identified by the City of Jarrell as one of its priority projects for the 2019 Williamson County Road Bond.

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. Williamson County is the third fastest growing county in the nation.* The C. Bud Stockton Extension project will help meet the needs of motorists in one of the fastest-growing areas of the county. The 1.3-mile-long project would not only allow drivers to avoid traffic on I-35 but will also provide additional connectivity to Jarrell High School and reduce delays along FM 487.

4. What are the project limits?

The project limits are from FM 487/C. Bud Stockton to CR 305 (1.3 miles).

5. What is the schedule for this project?

* Source: World Population Review [U.S. Census Website](https://www.worldpopulationreview.com)

The County selected the engineering firm Pape-Dawson for this project. Project design is underway and is expected to be complete by fall 2022. Construction is expected to begin fall 2022 and anticipated to be completed by fall 2023.

6. How is the C. Bud Stockton Extension project being funded?

The C. Bud Stockton Loop Extension project will cost approximately \$4 million. The City of Jarrell will contribute \$40,000 and the rest will be funded through the voter-approved 2019 Williamson County Road Bond.

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

The County's public involvement team has met with potentially impacted property owners to discuss the project in more detail. ROW acquisition and preservation for the ultimate configuration between FM 487 and CR 344 is funded within the project.

8. What is the ROW acquisition process?

The formal ROW acquisition process involves independent appraisals and a negotiation process between the property owner and the County. Specific characteristics of each parcel are reviewed by an independent, licensed appraiser to determine the fair market value for each parcel along the proposed ROW. Any impact of the project on the remaining property after the acquisition and construction of the proposed road facility will be considered when determining the ROW value.

9. Will the County take any homes or businesses for the roadway using eminent domain?

Williamson County carefully considers all ROW needs in an effort to have the least adverse impact possible to homeowners and businesses. The County is committed to conducting ROW negotiations in a manner that respects the private property rights of landowners and strives to achieve voluntarily negotiated ROW acquisitions, whenever possible. Where ROW is needed, the goal is to reach an agreement with each landowner. Williamson County may acquire some ROW through the condemnation process using its power of eminent domain, but only as a last resort after exhausting all reasonable attempts at negotiation.

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

Maintaining current road and transportation infrastructure is a great priority for the County. Williamson County is responsible for 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 and county roads, as well as conducting major maintenance on county roads when necessary. All Road and Bridge Department revenue goes to maintaining the roadway system. If you have a question or request for 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 C. Bud Stockton Loop Extension project?

For more information about this project or to sign up for email updates, please contact the Public Involvement team by calling 512-943-1195 or email roads@wilco.org. All project materials and updates will be posted on the C. Bud Stockton webpage www.wilco.org/budstocktonextension.