



CORRIDOR I-1 PLANNING & ROW PRESERVATION STUDY

FACT SHEET

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County Commissioner: Commissioner Valerie Covey, Precinct 3
Study Limits: US 183 to Ronald Reagan Boulevard
Study Schedule: The study began in 2020. A final right-of-way (ROW) footprint is expected in late 2021.
Issues to be Addressed: Safety, mobility, expanding east-west connectivity
Study Engineers: Atkins North America

STUDY PURPOSE:

Williamson County is conducting the Corridor I-1 Planning & ROW Preservation Study to develop and evaluate route options for a future road that will connect US 183 and Ronald Reagan Boulevard. The study is meant to address key planning and ROW preservation efforts. The road will be built as growth occurs in order to maintain a high level of safety, mobility, and quality of life for Williamson County residents. The study is a part of the County's Long-Range Transportation Plan and is being funded through the voter-approved 2019 Williamson County Road Bond.

The study began in summer 2020 and will examine multiple constraints such as environmental factors, historical factors, impacts to homes and businesses, drainage and waterways to develop a route and set the ROW footprint.



WHY THE STUDY 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**. It is the County's responsibility to plan for and address transportation needs now and in the future. Current growth requires additional roadway infrastructure to keep pace with the increased number of residents and vehicles and to better protect the residents' quality of life.



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

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

The study team will examine the constraints and meet with potentially impacted property owners to discuss the study and gather feedback before establishing a final ROW footprint. Once the ROW footprint is set, the County will work with willing sellers and developers to preserve 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.

If the County continues to grow and funding becomes available, the first frontage road, most likely a two to three-lane road, one lane in each direction with a center turn lane, would be built. As growth continues to occur and funding is secured, the second frontage road would be built, then finally the main lanes. Building the ultimate Corridor I-1 will most likely take several decades.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this study, 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. Study materials and updates will be posted on the Corridor I-1 Planning & ROW Preservation Study page of the County website, www.wilco.org/corridorl-1.

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

** Source: Liberty Hill, Texas, [Retail Market Profile 2019](#)