



Ranch-to-Market Road 620 Improvements From Cornerwood Drive to Deep Wood Drive

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) What are the proposed RM 620 Improvements?

The proposed project includes improvements along RM 620 from Cornerwood Drive to Deep Wood Drive, a distance of 2.7 miles. These improvements would consist of two segments to be completed concurrently by Williamson County and TxDOT, as described below.

Segment 1 (Cornerwood Drive to Wyoming Springs Drive):

This section of roadway will be restriped from the existing four-lane section to a six-lane section. Sidewalks along the north side of RM 620 in this segment are also planned; however, funding has not been identified at this time.

Segment 2 (Wyoming Springs Drive to Deep Wood Drive):

This section of roadway will be widened from four to six lanes and will include new curb and gutter and a raised median. This section will also include the construction of left and right-hand turn lanes, culverts, water-quality facilities, retaining walls, and the construction of sidewalk along the north side of RM 620 to fill in the current gaps.

Upon completion, the proposed project would have a continuous six-lane roadway from Cornerwood Drive to Deep Wood Drive made up of three lanes in each direction; curb and gutter; and a raised center median. No new right-of-way acquisition is currently proposed, but temporary construction easements will be required. There would be no displacements associated with the project.

2) Why is this project needed?

The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance safety and mobility within the project area and to add capacity to the roadway.

The RM 620 corridor has seen tremendous traffic growth leading to heavy congestion, and traffic is anticipated to increase in the future. Current traffic volumes along the corridor are approximately 40,000 vehicles per day and are expected to increase to more than 55,000 vehicles per day in 2035. Improvements such as an additional lane in each direction and dedicated turn lanes are needed to improve the roadway and intersection operations and to reduce congestion and travel delays.

Traffic accidents and collisions in the corridor have been frequent and sometimes severe. Eliminating the continuous left-turn lane to control left-turn movements along the existing roadway and replacing them with a raised median containing left-turn lanes at signalized intersections and select median openings minimizes the risk of collisions, as it reduces the number and location of conflicting turning movements. This improves the safety and operational efficiency of the corridor.

3) What is the construction schedule for this project?

If approved, the proposed improvements would be constructed as three separate projects:

- Construction from Wyoming Springs Drive to Deep Wood Drive is anticipated to begin in summer 2016 and is expected to last approximately 18 months.
- The restriping of RM 620 from Cornerwood Drive to Wyoming Springs Drive would be managed by TxDOT and coordinated with the opening of the additional lanes east of Wyoming Springs Drive.
- Sidewalks from Cornerwood Drive to Wyoming Springs Drive would be constructed in the future, as funding becomes available.

4) Will work be done at night and on weekends for this project?

Yes, there would be occasional work at night and on weekends, particularly when a lane closure is required.

5) Will the road close at any point during construction?

RM 620 will remain open to traffic with two lanes in each direction for the duration of the project with the exception of occasional night and weekend lane closures that would take place during the hours of 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

6) With the center median, how will I access the opposite side of the road?

Full median openings will be provided at each signalized intersection and one partial opening, allowing left turns from RM 620 between each signal. Eastbound traffic will turn left or perform a U-turn at the nearest median opening to access businesses located on the north side of RM 620.

7) How is the project being funded?

This project is a partnership between Williamson County and TxDOT. The widening of RM 620 from Wyoming Springs Drive to Deep Wood Drive is funded completely by Williamson County road bond money. Voters approved the project in 2013. The restriping of RM 620 from Cornerwood Drive to Wyoming Springs Drive will be funded by TxDOT.

8) What is TxDOT's role in this project?

Because RM 620 is a TxDOT facility, TxDOT must authorize the County to perform work on its roadway. In addition, TxDOT will restripe RM 620 from Cornerwood Drive to Wyoming Springs Drive. Upon completion, TxDOT will assume responsibility for maintenance of the roadway.

9) Will sidewalks be constructed as part of this project?

Sidewalks from Wyoming Springs Drive to Deep Wood Drive would be constructed on the north side of the road as part of this project to fill in the existing gaps and provide a continuous route. Sidewalks from Cornerwood Drive to Wyoming Springs Drive would be constructed by TxDOT in the future, as funding becomes available.

10) Where can I go to provide feedback or receive more information about the RM 620 project?

For more information about this project, visit <http://620.roadbond.org>. You can sign up for email updates on the Web site. Questions and comments may be directed to roads@wilco.org, (512) 943-1195.