



**Interstate 35
Frontage Road Conversions
Bud Stockton Loop to Farm-to-Market 972**

FACT SHEET

County Commissioner:	Commissioner Valerie Covey, Precinct 3
Project Roadway:	Interstate (I-35) Frontage Roads
Project Limits:	From Bud Stockton Loop south to Farm-to-Market (FM) 972
Project Length:	6 miles
Project Schedule:	TBD
Project Purpose:	Safety and Mobility Improvements

Project Description

The proposed project converts the existing I-35 northbound and southbound two-way frontage roads to one-way frontage roads between Bud Stockton Loop and FM 972. This project is approximately six miles long, resulting in approximately 12 miles of frontage road improvements. When completed, the proposed project would remove and replace traffic signage, striping, and marking to convert the frontage roads from two-way to one-way traffic. The improvements would include new exit and entrance ramps, minor access improvements, and safety street lighting at intersections. The improvements are described below.

Frontage Roads

The frontage road conversions from two-way traffic to one-way traffic include the removal and replacement of existing I-35 exit and entrance ramps, signage, striping, lengthening existing guardrail, providing new exit and entrance ramps, adding an auxiliary lane on the mainlanes where needed to accommodate traffic weaving between ramps, drainage improvements (culvert lengthening, area inlets, spillways), and safety lighting at ramps and intersections.

Access

The existing frontage roads would be converted to one-way traffic, which will impact the current driving patterns within the project limits.

New Ramps

The new I-35 exit and entrance ramps would be aligned horizontally and vertically to meet future I-35 widening with only minor reconstruction (saving future construction costs), and be staggered according to the latest FHWA standards (exit ramps after frontage road intersections and entrance ramps just before frontage road intersections).

The two-way to one-way conversions would be made on both the southbound and northbound frontage roads between Bud Stockton Loop and FM 972. No new right-of-way acquisition is proposed.

There would be no displacements by the proposed improvements. The construction funding and schedule is to be determined.

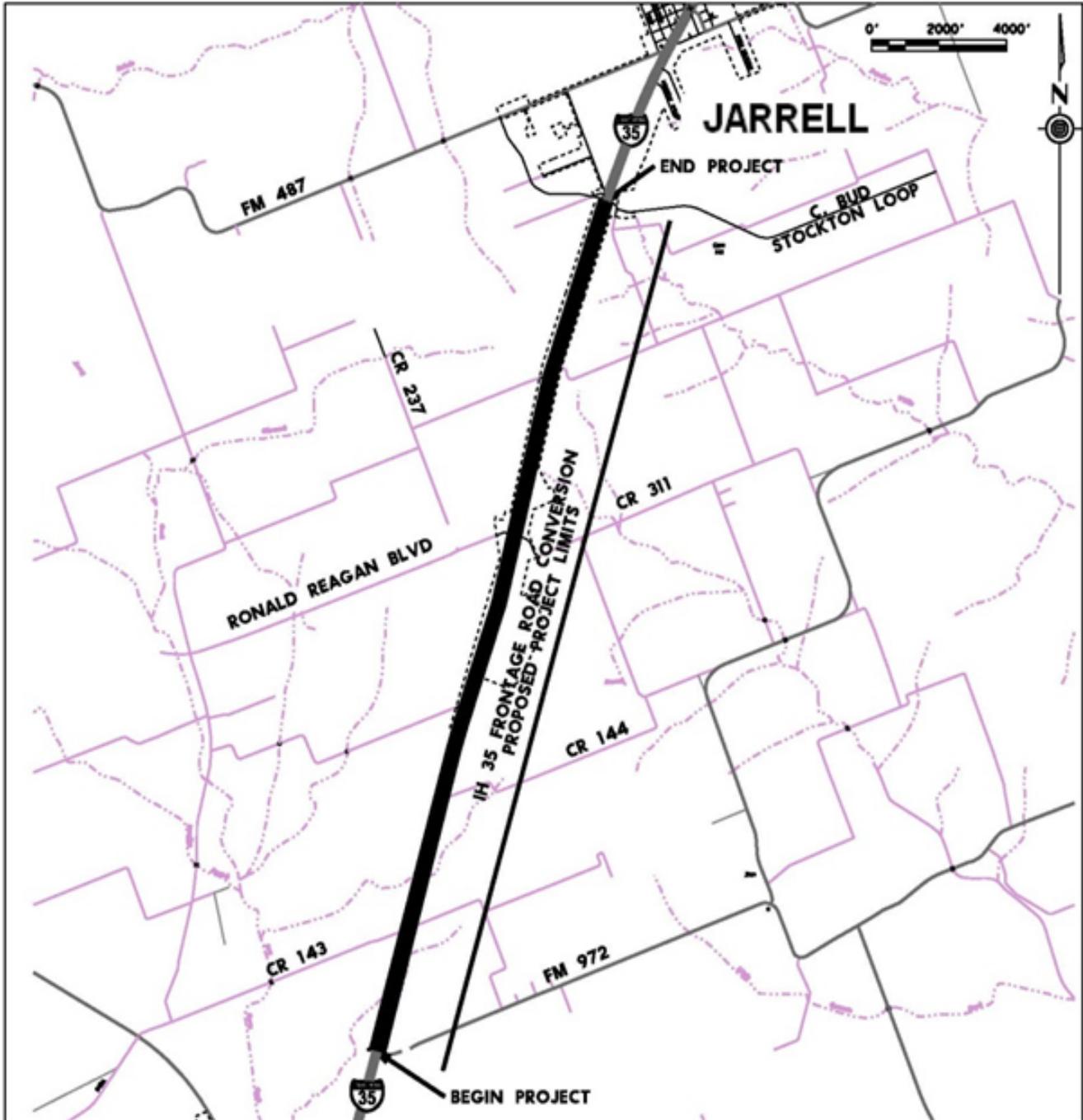
Project Purpose

The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance safety and mobility within the project area and to improve mainlane functionality. Two-way frontage roads contribute to more crashes and have a greater potential for head-on collisions. One-way frontage roads reduce the potential for severe crashes, provide safer access, and enhance the capacity to handle larger volumes of traffic. The improvements would also help reduce response time for emergency responders.

Project Need

The project corridor has seen an increase in traffic on I-35 and the frontage roads and an increase in the number of businesses adjacent to the frontage roads, resulting in the potential for tremendous traffic growth that leads to greater congestion. Improvements to the frontage roads such as converting from two-way to one-way traffic, improved ramps, better ramp spacing, and improved access are needed to improve safety, roadway capacity, and operations and to help reduce congestion and travel delays.

Project Location Map



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