



Ranch to Market Road (RM) 620 Improvements From Cornerwood Drive to Wyoming Springs Drive

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) What are the RM 620 Improvements?

The improvements will include widening the portion of RM 620 from Cornerwood Drive to Wyoming Springs Drive to a four-lane roadway with two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, 14-foot shoulders with curb and gutter, and a raised center median. Left and right-hand turn lanes, culverts, water quality facilities and retaining walls will also be added.

The first phase of work will include construction of new pavement on the south side of the roadway. Approximately 13 acres of additional right-of-way were acquired to construct the proposed improvements, the majority of which is located on the southeast side of RM 620. There will be no displacements of residences or businesses as a result of the improvements.

2) Why is this project needed?

The purpose of the proposed improvements is to enhance safety and mobility within the project area without adding capacity or additional through lanes. Traffic in the area is already incredibly heavy and will only worsen unless improvements are made.

Levels of Service (LOS) measure traffic flow on roadways. LOS A is the best flow (free-flowing traffic), while LOS F is the worst (heavy congestion). The stretch of RM 620 between Cornerwood Drive and Wyoming Springs Drive is experiencing an average of LOS D during a.m. and p.m. peak hours.

Eliminating mid-block, left-turn movements in the existing roadway and adding left and dual-left turn lanes at signalized intersections will reduce the likelihood of motorists slowing and stopping in the through lane, improving safety and efficiency of the corridor.

3) What is the construction schedule for this project?

Construction is scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2013.

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

Yes, there will 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.

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

Median openings will be provided at each signalized intersection. Eastbound traffic will perform a u-turn at a signalized intersection to access businesses located on the north side of RM 620.

7) How will the RM 620 project from Cornerwood to Wyoming Springs Dr. impact the O'Connor Drive Corridor Improvements?

The RM 620 project will not impact the O'Connor Drive project. In fact, the two projects have been coordinated to ensure that O'Connor will seamlessly connect with RM 620.

8) What is the status of right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation for the project?

Right-of-way acquisition is complete. Utility relocation is under way and expected to be complete in early 2013.

9) How is the project being funded?

This project is funded completely by Williamson County road bond money. Voters approved the project in 2006.

10) 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. TxDOT will assume responsibility for maintenance of the roadway upon completion.

11) 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 by email or phone to roads@wilco.org or (512) 943-1195.