



Ronald Reagan Boulevard Bridge Replacement at Interstate 35

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) What are the proposed Ronald Reagan Improvements?

The proposed project includes roadway improvements on Ronald Reagan Boulevard from approximately County Road (CR) 237 east to Interstate (I-35) and then from I-35 to CR 311, for a total distance of approximately 0.6 miles. Ronald Reagan Blvd. would transition into separate one-way roadways: one eastbound and one westbound. These improvements would consist of two new bridges over I-35, as described below.

Ronald Reagan Boulevard

At CR 237, Reagan Boulevard would be realigned and split into a one-way roadway eastbound and a one-way roadway westbound until each alignment intersects with a new bridge over I-35. At I-35, the eastbound and westbound roadways would tie into the western I-35 frontage road.

Bridge over I-35

There is an existing bridge over I-35 that is obsolete and too narrow to meet current design and safety standards for a two-way bridge. This bridge would be replaced with two separate bridges to convey traffic on a separate alignment of Reagan Blvd., two lanes in the eastbound direction and two lanes in the westbound direction. The new bridge would be wide enough to accommodate sidewalks, and would include shoulders to accommodate cyclists.

CR 311

CR 311 would be realigned to tie into the eastern I-35 frontage road at the new westbound bridge.

2) Why is this project needed?

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety and mobility by replacing an existing narrow bridge with bridges built to current standards. The proposed improvements would also provide for more efficient movement of traffic when the two-way frontage roads are converted to one-way, and also create the backbone for a higher level of service when future development occurs. This project is needed because the Ronald Reagan bridge over I-35 is functionally obsolete and requires extensive maintenance. The rail on the existing bridge is damaged repeatedly because the turning radius on the bridge is too small to handle the existing truck traffic.

3) What is the construction schedule for this project?

To be determined 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?

Ronald Reagan Boulevard would 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 to construct driveways or intersections or to change traffic control. The night lane closures would take place during the hours of 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. I-35 at Ronald Reagan may be partially closed at night to remove the existing bridge, place pavement and to place bridge beams for the new bridges.

6) How is the project being funded?

This project is a partnership between Williamson County and TxDOT. The design of the bridge replacement is being funded completely by Williamson County Road Bonds. The construction funding has not been identified.

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

Since I-35 is a TxDOT facility, TxDOT must authorize the County to perform work on its roadway. When completed, TxDOT would assume responsibility for maintenance of I-35 and Williamson County responsible for the maintenance of Reagan Boulevard.

8) Will sidewalks/bicycle lanes be constructed on the bridge as part of this project?

The bridge would accommodate sidewalks and would include shoulders to accommodate cyclists.

9) Where can I go to provide feedback or receive more information about the Ronald Reagan Boulevard @ I-35 project?

For additional information about this and other projects, please visit www.roadbond.org. Questions and comments may be directed by email to the Williamson County Road Bond Program at roads@wilco.org or by phone at (512)-943-1195.