



Seward Junction Improvement Study Frequently Asked Questions

WHY IS THE SEWARD JUNCTION AREA BEING STUDIED?

In response to public input and recommendations from a citizen-led advisory committee, the Seward Junction Improvement Study was included in the voter-approved 2006 Williamson County Road Bond Program. The Liberty Hill area, like much of the County, is experiencing tremendous growth. With SH 29 and US 183 serving as the only major thoroughfares in Liberty Hill and southwest Williamson County, a huge burden will be placed on the Seward Junction intersection. The area is highly trafficked and connectivity between the surrounding county roads and the intersection is lacking. Residential development is booming and many companies are looking for an opportunity to develop in the area. Additionally, some of the county roads are narrow and not easily accessible.

Williamson County is recognized as being one of the fastest growing counties in the nation and is expected to grow by another 80 percent between 2010 and 2040. With development and growth on the horizon, the County is looking for ways to plan ahead and prepare for it in a smart and prudent way. Safety and mobility for residents, businesses and schools remain high on the County's priority list.

HOW WAS THE SEWARD JUNCTION STUDY AREA SELECTED?

The County has an existing network of roadways that connects SH 29 and US 183. Using this network as the backbone for future improvements will enable the County to phase in projects and take advantage of other intersection improvements already envisioned or under construction in the area. The existing County road network is also where utilities currently exist, which is a key to predicting likely areas of future development. It was also assumed (unless public input or constraints developed during the study proved differently) that following the existing road network will have less impact on the environment and the community.

WHAT IS THE SEWARD JUNCTION STUDY AREA?

The project area is divided into four quadrants. The study area for each quadrant follows:

- Southeast – CR 259 and CR 260
- Southwest – CR 263 and undeveloped property adjacent to and including Capital Aggregates' property
- Northeast – CR 260 and CR 258
- Northwest – CR 213 and Stonewall Parkway

WHO PERFORMED THE STUDY AND WHAT WERE THEY TASKED TO DO?

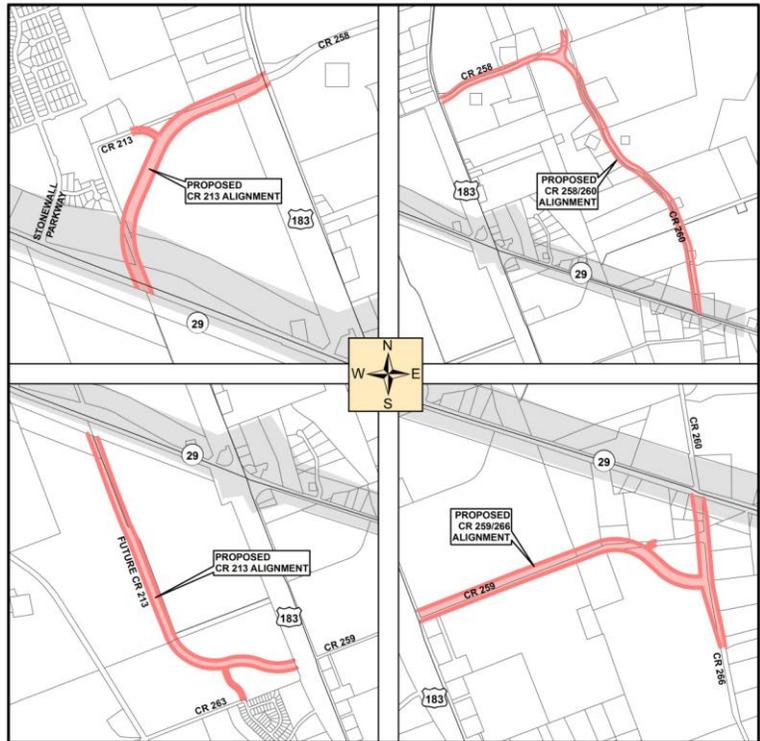
The Seward Junction Improvement Study is a project that was included in the voter-approved Williamson County 2006 Road Bond Program. The County hired engineering firm Loomis Partners to perform the study. Loomis examined existing system connections, road conditions and travel challenges, as well as worked with the community to evaluate current and future land use.

The study will provide the County with recommendations to help improve accessibility and overall traffic operations; improve safety for residents, businesses and nearby schools; and plan for future development in the area.

HOW WERE THE NEW IMPROVEMENTS DETERMINED?

The process used to determine a recommended set of improvements included data collection, identification of locally relevant issues and input from the public. Once data and public input were collected, that information was placed into a matrix of study factors and constraints to help the team evaluate and recommend optimum solutions to future infrastructure challenges. The project team met with the public to solicit input on what factors and issues should be considered in this evaluation.

After initial public meetings and outreach occurred, the engineering team developed various roadway alignments and intersection improvements for consideration. Alternatives were then analyzed using the issues matrix. Once these alternatives were analyzed, a preferred set of improvements was recommended and presented to the community on October 11, 2012, for additional public input. Shortly after, a finalized recommendation will be submitted to the County.



HAS FUNDING FOR THE STUDY BEEN SECURED?

Yes. The Seward Junction Improvement Study was one of the projects approved as part of the November 2006 Road Bond Program. In that election, the majority of County residents voted to fund up to \$228 million for the construction, acquisition, maintenance, and operation of roads within Williamson County.

IF RECOMMENDED, WHEN WILL IMPROVEMENTS BE MADE?

Timing of construction has not yet been determined, nor has funding been identified. That decision-making process will be guided by the amount of available future funds and by demand, as more development in the area occurs and as traffic volumes continue to increase.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR THE PROJECT?

- Project Kick-Off in August 2011
- Property Owner Meetings in October and November 2011
- Public Meetings (open house format) on November 29 and December 6, 2011
- Developed and Evaluated Alternatives
- Property Owner Meetings March 2012 to September 2012
- Final Public Meeting (open house format) on October 11, 2012
- Finalize Recommendations for Improvements

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION OR PROVIDE FEEDBACK?

For more information on this study or to provide input, please visit www.roadbond.org; call (512) 943-1195 or email us at roads@wilco.org.

*Thank you for taking the time to learn about the Seward Junction Improvement Study.
We look forward to hearing your feedback and thoughts as we move forward.*