Q: How familiar are you with TxDOT's plans for I-35 in central Austin?

1: Not at all familiar

2: I've heard a little but want to know more

3: I have actively followed TxDOT's plans and feel like I understand the project



Q: How familiar are you NCINC?

- 1: You mean the boy band??
- 2: I've heard of the group but don't understand what they do
- 3: I am familiar with the group and understand what they do



Q: What do you think is the most important I-35 issue facing Hyde Park?

1: Construction impacts (delays, noise, etc)

2: Air Quality

3: Displacement and widening

4: Other



Q: Do you think HPNA should be involved in actions to mitigate for the I-35 expansion?

1: Yes

2: No

3: I need more information before responding





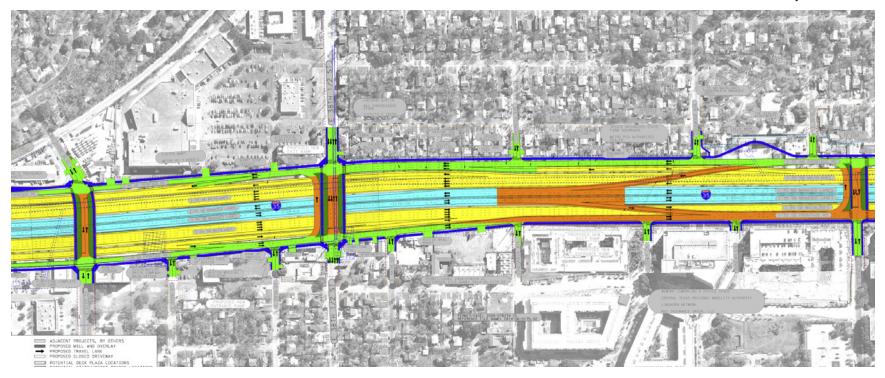
I-35 Capital Express Central Project

Highway 290 to SH71/Ben White Boulevard

Approximately 8 miles in length

- Will take an estimated 42 additional acres of right-of-way, mostly in the Cherrywood and Hancock neighborhoods
- Will displace 111 residences and business
- Estimated minimum 8 year minimum construction duration
- \$4.56 billion price tag
- Estimated construction start in 2024





Modified Alternative 3

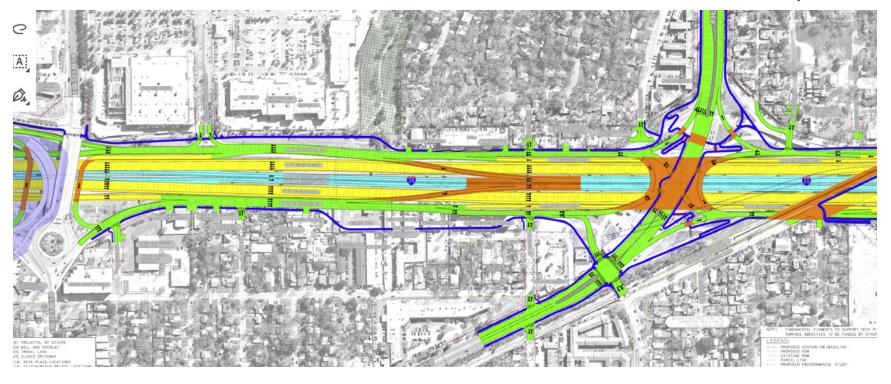
This is TxDOT's Preferred Alternative

- 2 "Managed Lanes" in each direction- carpool, bus & emergency vehicles only
- "Boulevard" frontage roads from Dean Keeton to downtown
- 16-18 typical lanes wide (currently 10-12)



Red Line to 51st Street

NORTH



Modified Alternative 3

- Removes crossing at Hancock Center and adds crossing at 41st/Wilshire
- Removes Woodland Avenue crossing

• Adds elevated pedestrian crossings at Capitol Plaza, MLK, 15th, and Woodland





"Cap and Stitch"

TxDOT has worked with COA to allow for future covering of over 30 acres of I-35

- But they won't pay for it and COA needs to come up with up to \$800m by December 2024
- COA has applied for a \$105m Federal grant and would match \$45m of local money for first phase of caps
- COA has been awarded a \$1.12m Federal grant for further equity study of caps



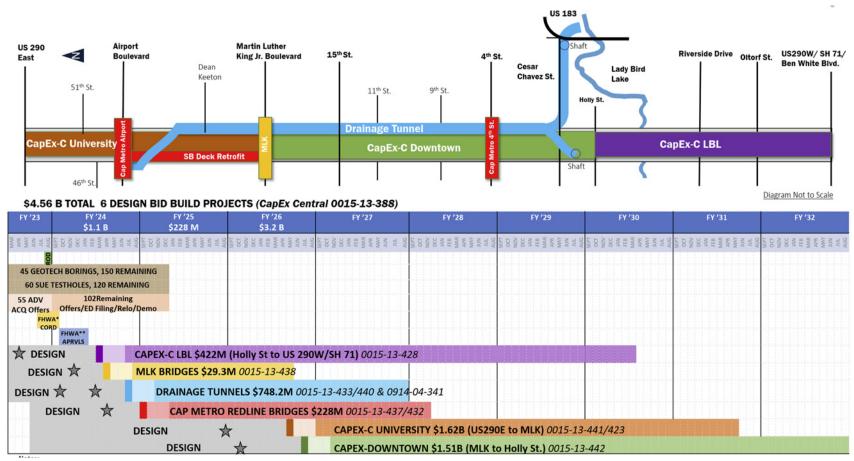


Final Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) & Record of Decision

Federal enviromental requirement (NEPA)

- Assesses design alternatives and environmental impacts
- Finalized August 18th, 2023

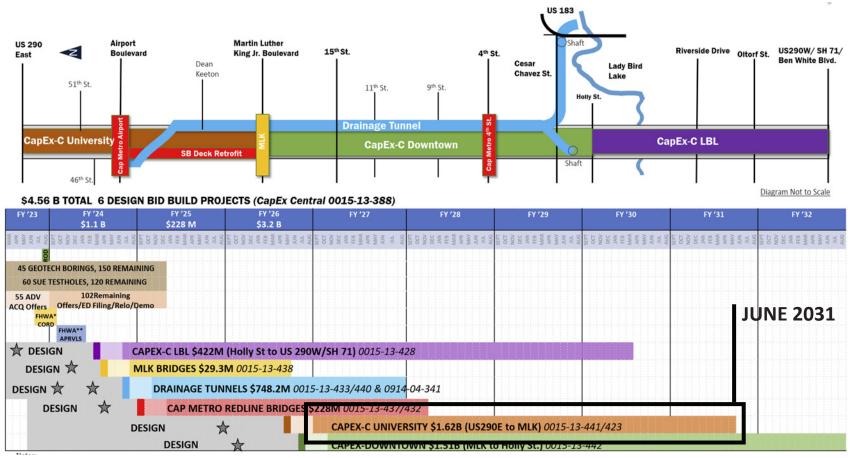




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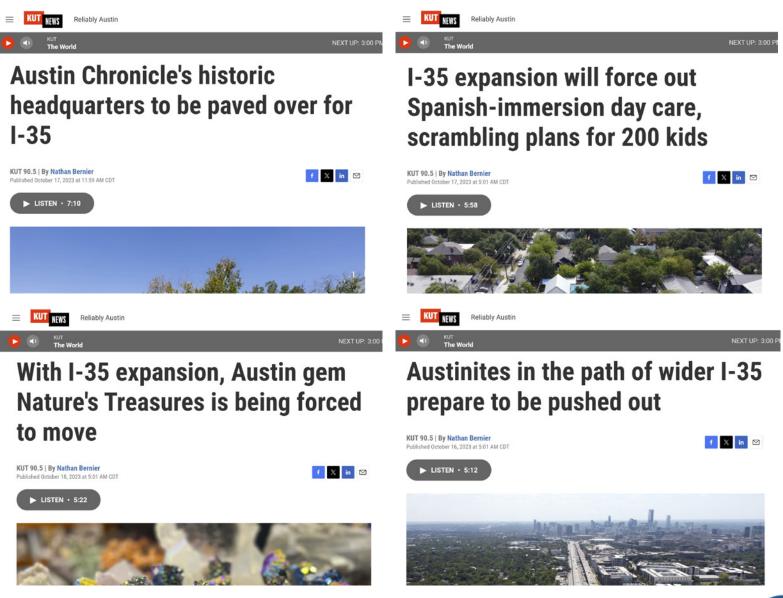
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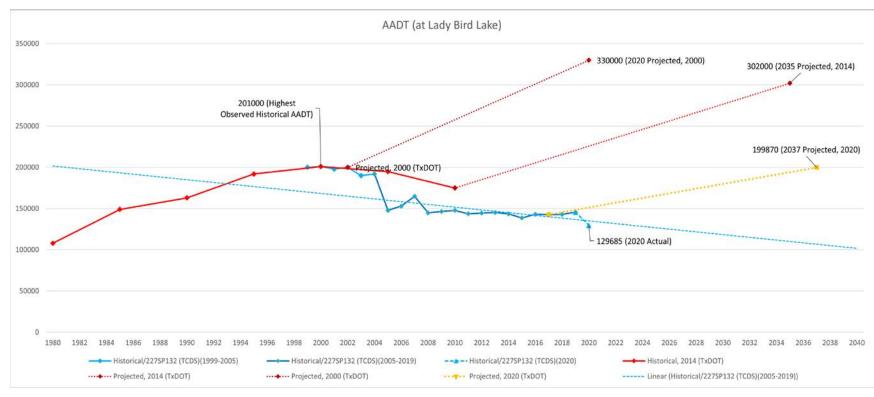
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- 111 total residential & business displacements
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Austin City Council pushes for pause on I-35 expansion, citing air quality concerns

Austin Monitor | By Chad Swiatecki Published October 20, 2023 at 2:59 PM CDT

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Air Quality Concerns

TxDOT's report says the project will contribute more than 50,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide every year for the next 20 years.



TxDOT ignored I-35 expansion health concerns, county says FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 BY KEN CHAMBERS

- Construction impacts on air quality
- More cars = more pollution

Photo by Matthew Rutledge

• particulate emissions are not regulated



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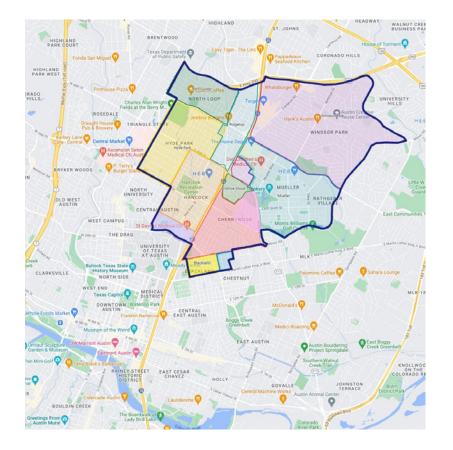


Does It Even Work?

Houston's Katy Freeway is just one example of widening a highway making traffic even worse

- Increased capacity (lanes) encourage more drivers, which encourages more sprawl (which then encourages more drivers)
- TxDOT modeling for travel times ignores construction delays





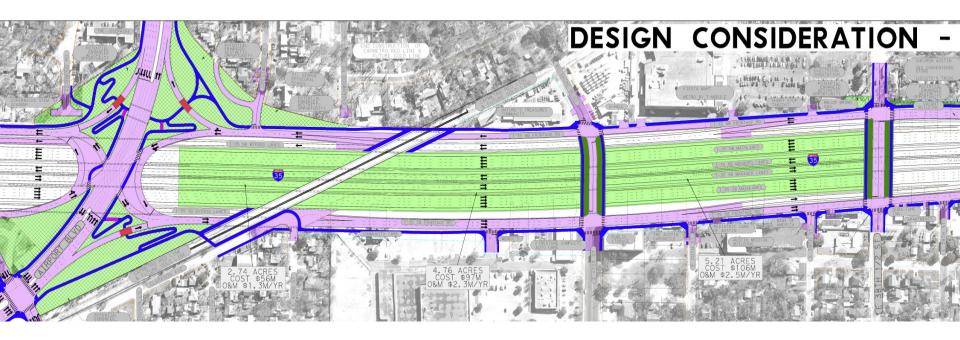
The North Central I-35 Neighborhood Coalition

13 Member Neighborhoods on both sides of I-35, totalling over 7 square miles of the city

Founded in 2000; reconvened in 2013 Approximately 8 miles in length

 Includes the Blackland, Cherrywood, Delwood 2, Eastwoods, Hancock, Holy Cross, Hyde Park, Mueller, North Loop, Ridgetop, Scheiffer-Willowbrook, Wilshire Wood/Delwood 1, and Windsor Park Neighborhood Associations





Community "Asks"

TxDOT has a mixed record of supporting north central community input on key parts of the design

- Enable more future "capping" TxDOT has added potential COA-funded cap between 38 1/2 Street and Airport Blvd
- More crossing opportunities not provided
- Make frontage roads compatible with urban residential neighborhoods *not complete*





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How can Hyde Park help?

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association can take a position to support Council's request for more accountability from the project to support Austin's air quality, health and welfare.

- View FEIS and schematics: https://my35capex.com/finalenironmental-impact-statement-eis-and-record-of-decisionrod/
- Call or email your Council Members
- Call or email CAMPO representatives
- Tell your neighbors!

