



**TO:** Mayor and Council

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**SUBJECT:** Oak Hill Parkway project update

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This memo is to update you all on the recent progress made by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) on the [Oak Hill Parkway](#) project in southwest Austin. The short-term intersection improvements installed by TxDOT in partnership with the City are approaching the end of their useful life and congestion will continue to worsen.

The agencies [today announced](#) Alternative "A" has been selected as the Recommended Build Alternative to be presented on May 24, 2018 at a public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, also published today. According to TxDOT, Alternative "A" was selected as the recommended alternative because it meets the project purpose and need and has fewer social, economic, and environmental impacts than other alternatives considered, while still providing significant relief to mobility challenges in Oak Hill. This includes four fewer at-grade crossings of shared-use paths and city streets, an overall reduction in elevated structures, and fewer acres of streams and other bodies of waters within the project right of way. The "No-Build" Alternative will be carried forward as a baseline for comparison against Alternative "A."

Pending the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's approval, the project will move forward as a non-tolled roadway. No changes in design or schematic are necessary based on this modification. TxDOT is coordinating with CAMPO to modify the 2040 Plan to reflect the change from tolled to non-tolled main lanes.

Because the project was originally slated as a tolled facility, no local match was required. However, because toll funds will not be used for this project, a 10 percent, or an estimated \$2.5M will be required from the City of Austin, in addition to utility relocation/coordination costs within the right of way (as required by Texas Transportation Code 224.008).

The Austin Transportation Department will be coming back to the City Council with funding options in the coming weeks. If the local match is not secured, the project will not advance.

A Public Hearing will be held Thursday, May 24, 2018, at Bowie High School, located at 4103 W. Slaughter Ln. Austin, TX 78749 for public review of the document and project materials. The hearing will begin with an open house from 6:15 to 7 p.m., where the public can review project information and exhibits. The formal presentation to announce the findings of the study and present the key design elements will begin at 7 p.m. A public comment period will follow. Verbal and written comments may be presented at the hearing, sent by mail or fax, or submitted online until the close of the comment period on June 18, 2018.

For more information about the project, [www.oakhillparkway.com](http://www.oakhillparkway.com).

I'm available should you have any questions.