

East Riverside Drive I-35 to SH 71

/ATXTRANSPORTATION

@AUSTINMOBILITY

@AUSTINTEXASGOV



MOBILITY, SAFETY, AND CONNECTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS

The list below is what is proposed for the East Riverside Drive corridor using 2016 Mobility Bond funds. The City will design and construct improvements that will enhance mobility, safety and connectivity from I-35 to SH 71.

Additionally, design and construction will occur on multimodal enhancements between Shore District Drive and Montopolis Drive. This includes elements like full street reconstruction to extend the life of the roadway; bike lanes that are protected from vehicular traffic; intermittent median islands for safety; and streetscape enhancements.

Design and Construction



Up to 14 traffic signal improvements with enhanced technology to promote vehicular and transit efficiency, and pedestrian and bicyclist safety



Intersection improvements with turn lane modifications to enhance vehicular and transit efficiency, and pedestrian and bicyclist safety at:

1. I-35
2. Willow Hill Dr
3. S Pleasant Valley Rd
4. Montopolis Dr



Up to 3 miles of full pavement reconstruction and/or rehabilitation to repair spot damage, restore surface, and improve rideability



Bridge widenings at Country Club Creek to provide safer crossings for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists



Intermittent median islands at various locations to improve vehicular and transit efficiency, and safety for everyone



Evaluation and possible construction of new or reconfigured midblock pedestrian crosswalk signals (Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons) for cyclists and pedestrians in the vicinity of:

1. Summit St
2. Willow Hill Dr
3. S Pleasant Valley Rd



On-corridor stormwater drainage upgrades from Shore District Dr to Montopolis Dr to support mobility improvements



Up to 4 miles of protected bicycle lanes from Shore District Dr to Montopolis Dr to improve safety and mobility for bicyclists and drivers



New street lighting from Shore District Dr to Montopolis Dr to improve visibility and enhance safety



Streetscape enhancements with elements like banners, aesthetic treatments, hardscaping, landscaping, etc.



Up to 4.5 miles of new or rehabilitated sidewalks to create continuous ADA-compliant sidewalks along length of corridor, with wider sidewalks from Shore District Dr to Montopolis Dr

A single improvement may benefit multiple transportation modes.

- Vehicular
- Bicycle
- Pedestrian
- Transit

Corridor Limits



NOTE: All recommendations are approximate, proposed, and subject to change. The exact locations of improvements will be determined in the Project Design Phase and the City will work with the community prior to project construction.

For more information and a complete list of proposed enhancements, visit AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility

East Riverside Drive I-35 to SH 71

Program Phases

City staff anticipates bringing the Proposed Corridor Construction Program to City Council for consideration and approval in spring 2018. Once a Corridor Construction Program is approved, work will begin on the Project Design Phase. If modifications to the approved Corridor Construction Program become necessary, those changes will be communicated to City Council and the community.

DEVELOPMENT OF CORRIDOR MOBILITY PLANS

- Data collection and analysis, including crashes, traffic counts, and anticipated future transportation demand
- Development of mobility recommendations, like continuous sidewalks, bike lanes, and intersection improvements
- Public input through meetings and online
- Conceptual level design
- Corridor Mobility Plans are finalized

CORRIDOR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PHASE

- Develop model to prioritize Corridor Mobility Plan recommendations as per the Contract With Voters
- Update Corridor Mobility Plan data to reflect current corridor conditions, plans, and policies
- Coordinate with various City of Austin departments and local agencies
- Conduct public outreach to inform community about existing Corridor Mobility Plans and prioritization process (pop-in meetings, online information, briefings to City Boards and Commissions, and civic groups)
- Conduct cost risk assessment and develop mitigation strategies
- Begin analyzing realities of implementation, like utility impacts, agency coordination, and geographic dispersion
- Prepare Proposed Corridor Construction Program

We are here: February 2018

CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS PROPOSED CORRIDOR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

PROJECT DESIGN PHASE

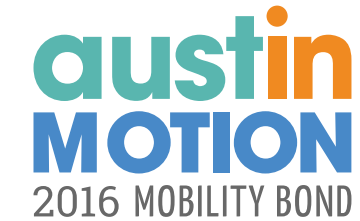
- Conduct surveys to gather information about utilities, property lines, geotechnical analysis, etc.
- Development of traffic management plan to mitigate construction impacts
- Ongoing outreach to the community, City departments, and local agencies
- Continue analyzing realities of implementation
- Coordination with business and property owners to develop strategies to minimize construction impacts
- Finalize design
- Refine cost estimates, look for budget efficiencies, and explore leveraging/partnership opportunities
- Permitting for the projects
- Seek leveraging/other funding opportunities

BID/AWARD/EXECUTION PHASE

- Develop and announce bid/procurement opportunities for construction services
- City Council considers and approves construction contract awards

CONSTRUCTION PHASE

- Construction of corridor improvement projects to enhance mobility, safety, and connectivity
- Ongoing communication with affected stakeholders using multiple methods
- Mitigation of construction impacts



CORRIDOR MOBILITY PROGRAM



This spring, Austin City Council will consider a Proposed Corridor Construction Program for approval. It will include recommendations for mobility, safety, and connectivity improvements on East Riverside Drive between SH 71 and I-35 as well as improvements on eight other corridors. Corridors are primary roadways in Austin's transportation network.

The recommendations came from the East Riverside Drive Corridor Mobility Plan, which was developed with the help of the community. The Corridor Mobility Plan is available at AustinTexas.gov/Riverside. Funding from the 2016 Mobility Bond will go to improvements on East Riverside Drive.

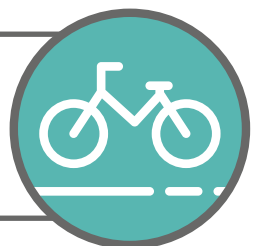
Those projects in the Proposed Corridor Construction Program that have been prioritized for design and construction will result in the biggest bang for the buck and meet other goals outlined in City Council's Contract With Voters.

Here's what you'll get:



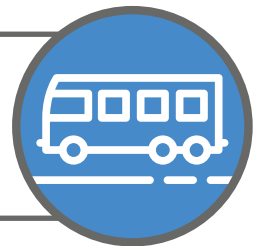
Better traffic flow and reduced delay through intersection improvements, upgraded traffic signals, pavement rehabilitation, and intermittent median islands for safety.

Continuous bicycle lanes or shared-use paths along the full length of the corridor to improve safety and traffic flow.



Continuous ADA-compliant sidewalks along the full length of the corridor, with additional mid-block signalized pedestrian crossings.

Better traffic flow, reduced delay and enhanced connectivity through transit signal priority, and coordination with Capital Metro on strategic placement of transit stops.



The timing and delivery of improvements may be modified after Corridor Construction Program approval, as a variety of factors are being considered, such as geographic dispersion, potential leveraging opportunities, utility conflicts, and scheduling or construction risks. This is to ensure taxpayer dollars are used wisely and in a manner that achieves the desired outcomes expressed in the Contract With Voters.

All recommendations are at a conceptual/preliminary level. Additional project development, including design work, will begin after the Corridor Construction Program is approved by City Council. At that time, the City will work with the community, as well as property and business owners who may be affected. If you have questions about the Proposed Corridor Construction Program, contact Sara Behunek at corridors@austintexas.gov and (512) 974-7840.