















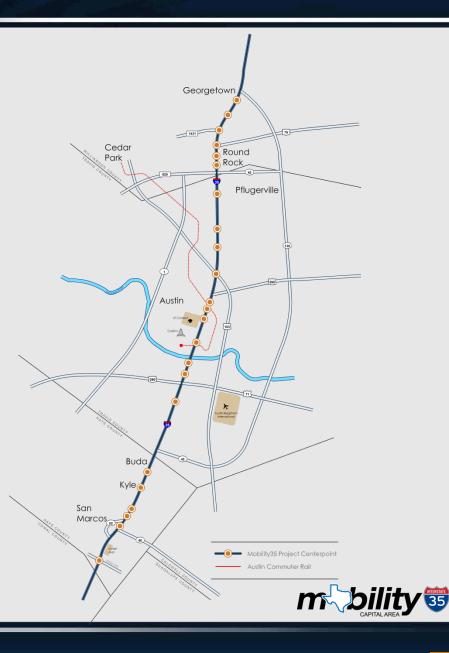
## I-35 CAPITAL AREA IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM mbility 35

Pedestrian Advisory Council April 6, 2015



## Mobility35

- Program Limits: SH 130 (north of Georgetown) to Posey Road (south of San Marcos)
- Program Always Evolving 25-30 Active Projects
  - Planning Studies
  - NEPA/Schematic and Design
  - Construction
- Include significant contributions from regional partners:
  - CAMPO
  - Williamson County
  - Hays County
  - City of Round Rock
  - City of Austin
  - Private
  - Travis County



## **Mobility35 Goals**

- Increase capacity
- Better manage traffic
- Enhance safety
- Optimize existing facility
- Minimize additional right-of-way
- Improve east-west connectivity
- Improve compatibility with neighborhoods
- Enhance bicycle, pedestrian, and transit options



#### **Mobility35 Timeline**



Phase 5
Letting and construction
12-48 month duration\*



<sup>\*</sup>Represents typical timeframes. Complexity and other factors may impact durations.

# **51**<sup>st</sup> Street and Southbound Frontage Road Improvements



## **51**<sup>st</sup> Street Today





#### I-35 at 51<sup>st</sup> Street Project Purpose

- Reduce bottleneck along southbound I-35 frontage road at 51<sup>st</sup> Street and east-west on 51<sup>st</sup> Street at I-35
- Improve connections at the existing U-turn structure
- Improve southbound ramp operations between 51<sup>st</sup> Street and Airport Boulevard
- Improve bicyclist and pedestrian safety and connectivity through intersection



#### **Intersection: 51<sup>st</sup> Street**



#### Southbound improvement concepts

- Collector-Distributor (C-D) road southbound takes through traffic out of intersection and reduces neighborhood cut-through
- Roundabout improves westbound to southbound traffic flow



#### **Intersection: 51**st Street



- Existing ramps proposed for removal
  - Entrance ramp from 51<sup>st</sup> Street
  - Exit ramp to Airport Blvd.
- Proposed ramp additions
  - Exit ramp to Airport Blvd.
  - Entrance ramp from 51<sup>st</sup> Street



#### **Proposed 51st Street Roundabout**

#### Concept

- Allows continuous traffic flow around a center island at the southbound I-35 frontage road/51<sup>st</sup> Street intersection
- Eliminates need for stop sign or traffic signal



- Reduces traffic delay/backups at intersection
- Allows continuous free right hand turn movement
- Improves safety/reduces vehicle conflict points
- Accommodates all mode types
- Creates opportunities for gateways or community focal points







## **Proposed 51st Street Roundabout**



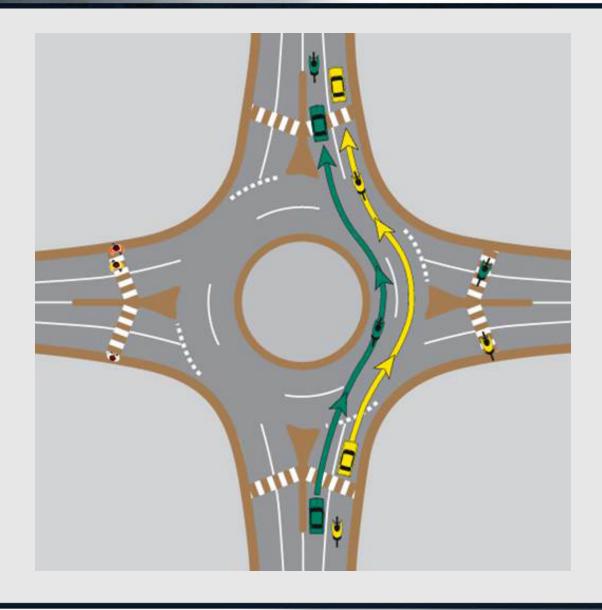


## **Pedestrian Crossing**



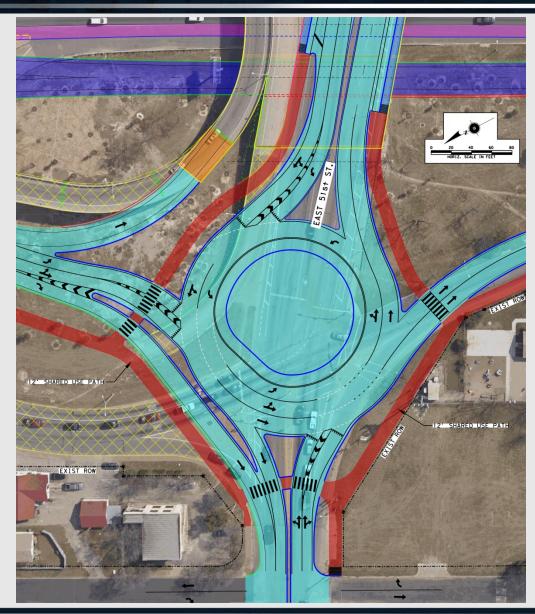


## **Bicyclists and Pedestrians in a Roundabout**



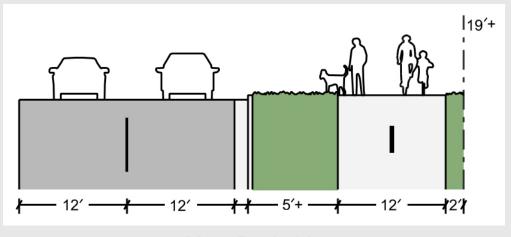


## **Pedestrian Access**





## **Recommended Pedestrian Facilities**



11' 11' 5' 12'k

More Desirable

**Least Desirable** 



## **Next Steps**

## Phase 1 Conceptual planning for corridor Phase 2 Implementation plan for corridor Phase 3 \* Environmental/design studies Phase 4 \* Construction plans, right-of-way and utilities coordination Phase 5\* Letting and construction \*As funding is identified

#### We are here

- Study began Fall 2014
- Open house Feb.
   12, 2015
- Estimated completion
   -Fall/Winter 2015



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