

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Robert Goode, P.E., Assistant City Manager

DATE: February 2, 2016

SUBJECT: Mobility35 Program Update to the Mobility Committee on February 3, 2016

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to communicate progress on the Mobility35 Program.

Background

Since 2010, the City of Austin has been working with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on a series of I-35 improvements, called the Mobility35 Program. This program is the regionwide effort to improve mobility and safety along 65-miles of I-35 across Travis, Williamson and Hays counties.

The Mobility35 Program is a community-driven initiative. In 2011, the City of Austin started the Mobility35 program with the initial \$1 million investment. Since then, City of Austin leaders have continued to include I-35 in their strategic planning efforts.

Citizen participation is an important part in moving forward with any I-35 improvements, and community input is welcomed and encouraged. In fact, the program team has held over 300 outreach events to neighborhood groups, civic organizations and others in the community.

With public input, city staff continues to work alongside TxDOT to refine projects, including those that add capacity, improve intersections and modify ramps to enhance traffic flow and safety.

Status Updates

The Mobility 35 Program Implementation Plan for Travis County identified and estimated costs of the feasible projects along the I-35 corridor from SH45 to the north, and SH45 to the south. TxDOT has begun implementing some of those projects with the passage of State Proposition 1 in 2014. Mr. Terry McCoy, TxDOT's Austin District Engineer, will present an overview of the Mobility35 Program at the Mobility Committee scheduled on Wednesday, February 3rd. We are certainly looking forward to that update.

If you have any questions regarding the Mobility35 Program, please contact Rob Spillar. Mr. Spillar is working closely with TxDOT and will be able to answer your questions, or work with TxDOT to provide data.

Attachments:

Mobility 35 Road Map - December 8, 2015 SnapShot

CC: Marc A. Ott, City Manager

Rob Spillar, Austin Transportation Department Director Howard Lazarus, Public Works Department Director