

MoPac Improvement Project

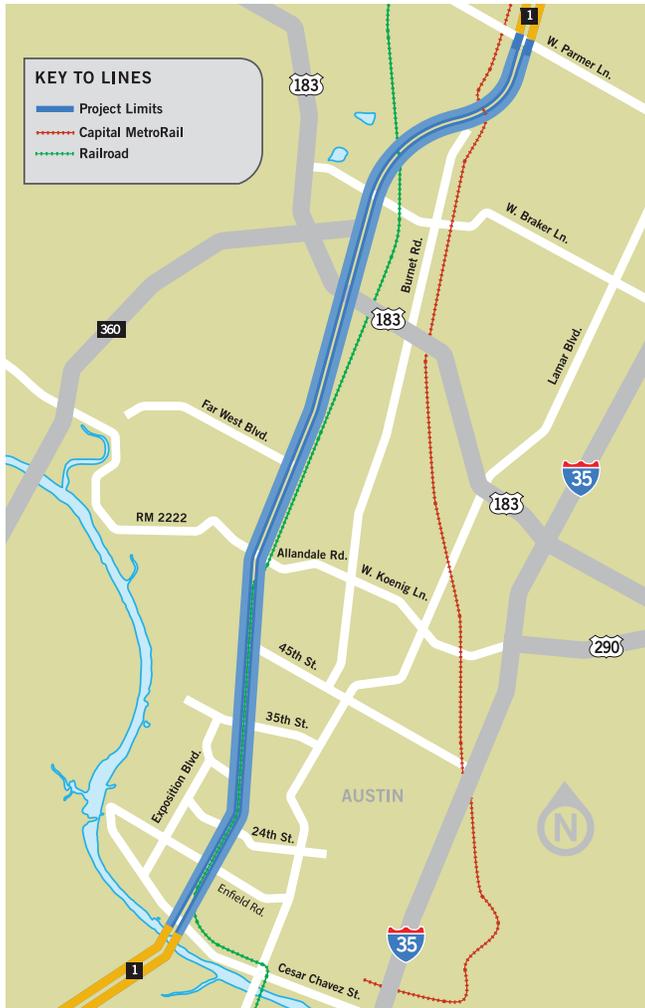
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OVERVIEW

MoPac is one of Austin's most important arteries, serving as a key route to downtown and points beyond. As a primary alternative to Interstate 35, MoPac carries more than 180,000 cars and trucks each day. By 2030, MoPac is projected to serve more than 320,000 cars a day.

PROJECT LIMITS:

Parmer Lane to Cesar Chavez Street (11 miles)



CONSTRUCTION

The MoPac Improvement Project involves construction of one Express Lane in each direction. South of RM 2222 most of the construction work will occur along the right hand side of the road adjacent to nearby homes and businesses (No additional property will be acquired). North of RM 2222, the new lanes will be constructed in the middle of the existing highway. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements will be constructed at cross streets and on portions of the frontage roads.

During construction, work will occur around the clock, but lane closures on MoPac will be limited to overnight hours (9 p.m. - 5 a.m.) except Sundays, when lane closures may start at 5 p.m. Lane closures will be limited to avoid impacts to traffic during the day. Frontage road lanes may be closed at limited times during the day.

Despite these restrictions and a concerted effort to keep traffic moving, drivers should still anticipate construction-related slowdowns once construction begins.

In addition to roadway improvements, the project includes the following enhancements:

- Seven miles of federally required sound walls will be constructed along the corridor between Cesar Chavez Street and Steck Avenue to reduce traffic noise.
- Aesthetic enhancements including painting of the bridges and sound walls will beautify the corridor.
- Trees and landscaping will be planted throughout the corridor prior to completion of the project.

PROJECT HISTORY

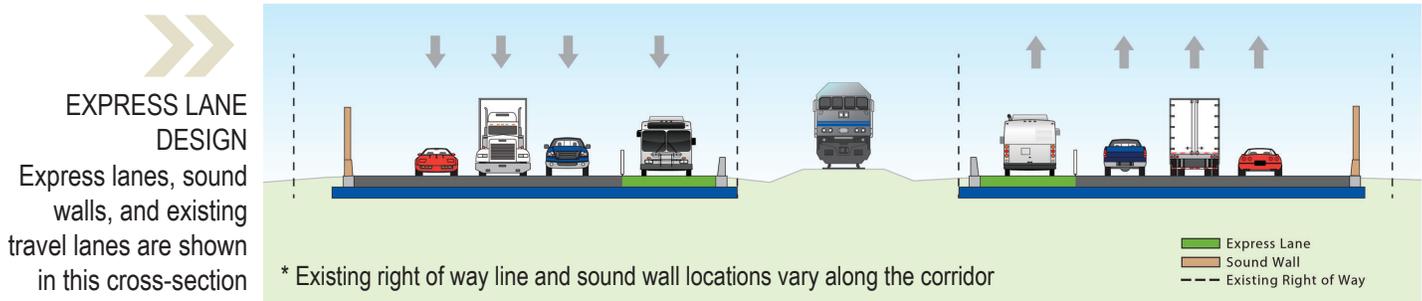
In 2010, after decades of debate about how to improve MoPac, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority partnered with the Texas Department of Transportation to conduct an federal Environmental Assessment of the corridor. Over two years the project team held dozens of community meetings and analyzed a wide range of issues including roadway noise, historical properties and bicycle and pedestrian needs. The project team had limited options given a community desire not acquire additional land, take any homes or businesses or build any elevated structures. Given these constraints it was determined that Express Lanes were the best option to improve mobility in the corridor and meet the need and purpose of the project. In August 2012 the Federal Highway Administration completed its review of the Environmental Assessment and determined that construction could proceed. In fall 2012 the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority solicited proposals from companies to design and build the project and after scoring the proposals, selected CH2M HILL to complete the job.

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THE MOBILITY VISION

Provide an option for uncongested non-stop travel in the MoPac corridor by constructing one tolled Express Lane in each direction. The three existing non-toll lanes will remain. To prevent congestion and improve safety, access to the Express Lanes will be restricted to the following locations along MoPac:

- North: near Parmer Lane
- Middle: Between Far West Boulevard and RM 222 (for access to/from US 183)
- South: Near Lady Bird Lake with direct access to downtown via ramps to Cesar Chavez Street and 5th Street



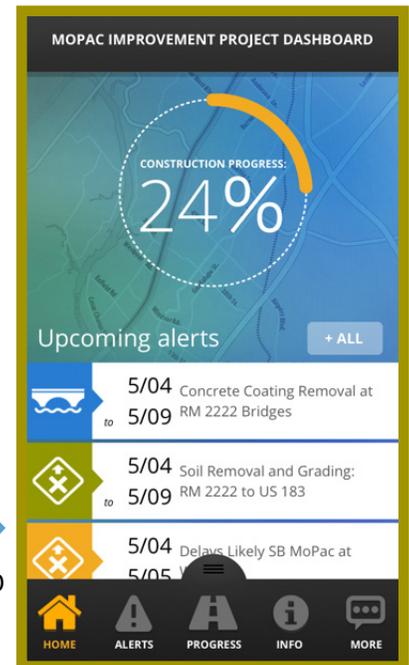
COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- To improve livability along MoPac, approximately 7 miles of sound walls are planned at a cost of \$20 million.
- More than \$5 million in bicycle and pedestrian improvements are planned in the corridor.
- More than \$3 million will be spent to improve the visual appearance of the corridor through special architectural features, colorization of concrete structures and enhanced landscaping.
- The express lanes will give transit buses, van pools, emergency vehicles and individual drivers the ability to bypass congestion on the 11-mile stretch of MoPac between Parmer Lane and Cesar Chavez Street.

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