



## RM 2243 CORRIDOR PLANNING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### 1. What is the RM 2243 project?

Williamson County, in coordination with TxDOT, is planning to reconstruct and widen RM 2243 between 183A and Southwest Bypass as part of a corridor planning effort. The improved roadway design will address safety, mobility, and connectivity for motorists in this rapidly growing area while improving accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists.

The corridor improvements will be constructed in phases, with the first phase (Phase 1a) covering approximately 3.5 miles from 183A to Garey Park. The construction of the first phase will provide a three-lane roadway, which includes one lane in each direction and a dedicated center turn lane in the middle. The project will also include a shared-use path for pedestrians and cyclists. A section of the project will follow Hero Way from 183A to Ronald Reagan Boulevard. The project will introduce a new alignment to reduce curves and improve safety on RM 2243 from Ronald Reagan Boulevard to Garey Park.

Future phases of the RM 2243 project will increase lanes to provide two three-lane frontage roads in each direction with access ramps on either side of the main lanes, which will be two lanes in each direction. Direct connections will be available to 183A, Ronald Reagan Boulevard, and the Southwest Bypass. Future phases of the roadway will be constructed when traffic demands increase, and funding is available. Learn more about the RM 2243 (Hero Way) Phase 1a construction at [www.wilcotx.gov/820/RM-2243-Hero-Way](http://www.wilcotx.gov/820/RM-2243-Hero-Way).

### 2. What is the Williamson County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)?

The Williamson County Commissioners Court adopted the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in October 2009. The plan is regularly updated based on current needs, population projections, and anticipated future mobility and safety needs. The planning process to develop the LRTP involves working with the public, cities, neighboring counties, and transportation and planning agencies to gather input and coordinate connectivity and mobility. The most recent amendments to the LRTP outline a network of roadways that will improve safety and mobility across the County and include a map of potential controlled access facilities and arterial roadways. These roadways are conceptual only to show general locations and connections needed.

### 3. Why is the RM 2243 project needed?

Williamson County was the third fastest growing county in Texas between 2000-2022\*, and current population projections predict that this trend will continue. It is the County's responsibility to plan for transportation needs to accommodate current and projected traffic levels and protect the quality of life for residents.

The proposed project is needed to meet the existing and future population growth and transportation demand on RM 2243 and Hero Way, and to provide a safe connection from 183A to Southwest Bypass.

### 4. What are the project limits?

The project limits are from 183A to Southwest Bypass. To view the project map, please visit the RM 2243 Corridor Planning at [www.wilcotx.gov/820/RM-2243-Hero-Way](http://www.wilcotx.gov/820/RM-2243-Hero-Way).

### 5. How was the alignment of the project determined?

The project engineers collected and analyzed technical data to develop the preliminary detailed schematic. The schematic was shared for public input through the Virtual Public Meeting in spring of 2021, which had more than 500 participants and resulted in more than 50 comments.

The project team also met with impacted property owners in the spring and summer of 2021 to collect property-specific feedback and identify potential design adjustments. Input received through this round of outreach was used in conjunction with additional technical data to prepare the Draft Environmental Assessment (or EA) and finalize the project design. TxDOT reviewed and approved the draft EA for publication in 2022, and a public hearing was held in 2023 to gather additional input from the community.

\*Source: US Census Bureau, [County Population Totals: 2020-2022](http://www.census.gov) (06/13/23)

## **6. What is the timeline for this project?**

The County has contracted BGE, Inc. to work on the RM 2243 project. The schematic is complete. Detailed design for the first phase (phase 1a) was completed in early 2025. Phase 1a of construction is expected to begin in early 2026 and be completed in early 2028.

## **7. How is the RM 2243 project being funded?**

The planning phase and right-of-way (ROW) acquisition was primarily funded through the voter-approved 2019 Williamson County Road Bond. Initial funding for design was provided by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Funding for the first phase of design and construction from 183A to Garey Park will be provided by Federal Highway Infrastructure (HIP) appropriations, along with contributions from County funds, the City of Leander, and TxDOT.

## **8. How much right-of-way (ROW) will be needed?**

To construct proposed improvements to RM 2243, Williamson County will need to acquire additional right of way along the corridor. Proposed improvements would require 400.6 acres of new right of way and easements.

## **9. What is the right-of-way (ROW) acquisition process?**

The formal right-of-way (ROW) acquisition process involves an appraisal of the property from an independent certified appraiser and a written offer process between the property owner and the County as dictated by Chapter 21 of the Texas Property Code. Specific characteristics of each parcel are reviewed by an independent, licensed appraiser to determine the fair market value for each required parcel acquisition along the proposed project limits. Any impacts of the project on the remaining value of the property after the acquisition and construction of the roadway will be considered in the appraisal analysis and ROW negotiations. Property owners are protected by the requirements and procedures as outlined in the Land-Owner's Bill of Rights, and any physical displacements from the property to be acquired are offered relocation assistance following the eligibility and reimbursement requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act.

## **10. Will the County acquire any homes or businesses for the roadway using eminent domain?**

Williamson County is committed to conducting right-of-way (ROW) negotiations in a manner that is comprehensive and respectful of private property and rights of landowners, to support voluntarily negotiated ROW acquisitions. Where ROW is needed, the goal is to come to an agreement with each landowner. The County may acquire some ROW through the condemnation process using its power of eminent domain, but only as a last resort after exhausting all reasonable attempts at negotiation and following the procedural requirements of Texas law. If a qualifying owner or occupant is displaced from his/her home or business as a direct result of the project, then the County will also make relocation assistance benefits available according to the provisions and requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act ([The Uniform Act](#)).

## **11. What is the County doing to improve our current roads?**

Maintaining our current road and transportation infrastructure is an important priority for the County. Williamson County is responsible for maintaining approximately 1,400 miles of county roads across 1,124 square miles. The County evaluates each road and has created a schedule for resurfacing neighborhood roads and county roads, as well as conducting major maintenance, when necessary. All tax revenue designated for Road and Bridge goes to maintaining the County roadway system. If you have questions or maintenance requests for a county road, please email [roadadmin@wilco.org](mailto:roadadmin@wilco.org) or call 512-943-3330.

## **12. How can I get involved in the RM 2243 project?**

For more information, call Commissioner Cynthia Long's office at 512-260-4280 or email [Comm2@wilcotx.gov](mailto:Comm2@wilcotx.gov), or call Commissioner Valerie Covey's office at 512-943-3370 or email [Comm3@wilcotx.gov](mailto:Comm3@wilcotx.gov). Project materials are available on the RM 2243 Corridor Planning project webpage: [www.wilcotx.gov/820/RM-2243-Hero-Way](http://www.wilcotx.gov/820/RM-2243-Hero-Way).