



Fact Sheet

The Mobility Authority is considering improvements to US 290 between SH 130 and SH 95 South to increase mobility along a highly congested corridor.



Project Goal:

To improve mobility and safety along US 290, a Top 100 Congested Road Segment in Texas.

What Problem Are We Trying to Address?

Current congestion levels along US 290, just east of Austin, can add up to 17 minutes* to an average trip for commuters. As the population in the fast-growing Austin metro area continues to increase, those delays will only get worse.

The Mobility Authority has begun an environmental study and schematic design that will evaluate the extension of the 290 Toll from its current end point near SH 130 in Travis County farther east to SH 95 South in Bastrop County, covering approximately 15 miles.

**The Texas A&M Transportation Institute and Texas Department of Transportation's Top 100 Congested Road Segments, 2024*

Evaluating Potential Solutions

The existing 15-mile corridor is a divided highway with two lanes in each direction along most of its length. While the proposed improvements will be determined through this study, the initial concept envisions the addition of tolled mainlanes and non-tolled general-purpose lanes.

The project also anticipates enhancing cross street intersections, including the possibility of new signals. Potential pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure enhancements will also be considered to support accessibility, reinforcing the Mobility Authority's commitment to multimodal and non-tolled improvements as a part of all projects, where feasible.





What is an Environmental Study?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires governmental agencies to assess the effects of a proposed project in advance to determine what impacts that the project may have on the human and natural environment. This environmental study will guide the Mobility Authority in evaluating alternatives to improve mobility for this corridor. These alternatives will evaluate the needs of drivers, transit riders, bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as surrounding residents, businesses and of course, the human and natural environment.

We encourage you to stay involved throughout this process. Your feedback is crucial in helping us develop these alternatives and determine a solution that best meets the purpose and need for the project. The Mobility Authority is committed to open and ongoing communication and will proactively engage with the community throughout this study process using a variety of online and in-person channels such as meetings, surveys, and event attendance to hear your thoughts.

We Want to Hear from You!

We are seeking your input on these improvements and you can join our mailing list or submit questions or comments on our website or by email or phone.

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