

RONALD REAGAN EXTENSION | PLANNING & PRESERVATION STUDY

FACT SHEET

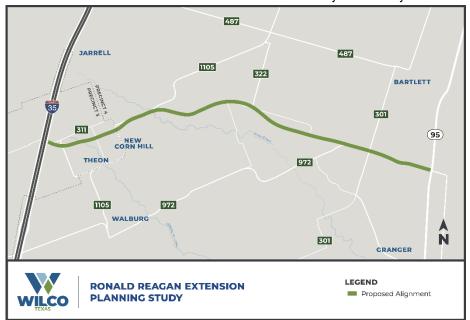
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County Commissioner: Commissioner Valerie Covey, Precinct 3, and Commissioner Russ Boles, Precinct 4

Project Limits: Approximately 12 miles from IH 35 to SH 95

PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED:

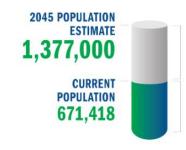
Williamson County is conducting the Ronald Reagan Extension Planning & Preservation Study, also referred to as Corridor D on the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), to plan for future growth and set the right of way (ROW) footprint. The road will be built as growth occurs to create a connection between IH 35 and SH 95 to maintain connectivity and mobility.



Williamson County has experienced immense growth in recent years and current population projections predict that this growth will continue. It is the County's responsibility to plan for current and future transportation needs in order to keep pace with the anticipated increased number of residents and vehicles. This high level of growth is inevitable and requires extensive planning and development that will ultimately protect their quality of life.

Preserving the corridor for a future road, before development occurs, allows the County to be fiscally responsible by working with willing sellers and developers before land is developed and it's sold. This also minimizes impacts to businesses and homes because the corridor is preserved before more structures are built.





2X Population Growth

The population of Williamson County is estimated to be 1,377,000 by 2045 – more than double what it is now Source: CAMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan

PROJECT FUNDING & SCHEDULE:

The ROW footprint is set and the engineer, Halff Associates, Inc. developed an alignment for the Ronald Reagan Extension. The new alignment has been incorporated into the draft Long Range Transportation Plan. At this time, there is no funding for construction or ROW acquisition.

PROJECT DETAILS AND DESIGN:

If the County continues to grow and funding becomes available, the first frontage road, most likely a two to three lane road, one lane in each direction, potentially with a center turn lane, would be built. As growth continues to occur and funding is secured, the second frontage road would be built, then finally the main lanes. Building the ultimate Ronald Reagan Extension will most likely take several decades.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this project, please visit https://www.wilcotx.gov/830/Ronald-Reagan-Extension. Questions or comments may be directed by email or phone to the Williamson County Road Bond Program at roads@wilco.org or 512-943-1195.