



OAK HILL PARKWAY PROJECT

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Oak Hill Parkway



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Oak Hill Parkway Project Location



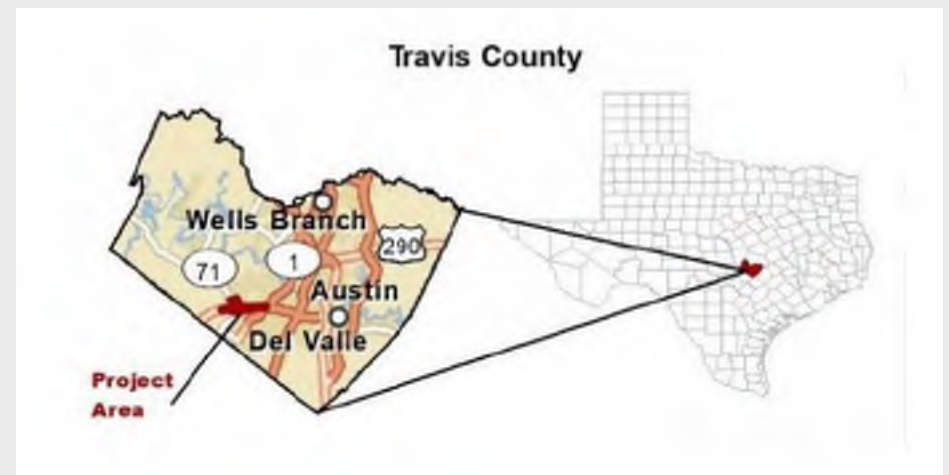
LENGTH: Approximately **7 miles**

US 290

From MoPac
to Circle Drive

SH 71

From US 290 to
Silvermine Drive



LOCATION: Austin, Travis County

What Are We Building?

6 miles **of roadway improvements along US 290**

Full reconstruction of the US 290/SH 71 'Y' Interchange to include two new flyovers

New **cross-street configurations** of US 290 at Convict Hill Rd, RM 1826, Scenic Brook Dr, William Cannon Dr, and Circle Dr/South View Rd

1.2 miles **of roadway improvements along SH 71**



14 miles of shared-use path and **1.5 miles** of sidewalks

Pedestrian & Bicycle Accommodations

14 miles of shared-use path and **1.5 miles** of sidewalks will be built as part of Oak Hill Parkway.



Project History: First Life (1988-2012)

1985	Record of Decision (ROD) issued
1988	Original environmental clearance (FEIS)
1988 - 2002	Eastern portions of project were constructed Several reevaluations of the "Y" in Oak Hill
2004	CAMPO 2030 RTP called for Oak Hill toll road
2005 - 2006	TxDOT met with community alliances, environmental advocates, and neighborhood open houses to discuss US 290/SH 71 design
2008	NOI to prepare a limited-scope SEIS

Project History: Second Life (2012 and Beyond)

2012	Environmental Impact Statement launched
2014 - 2015	Interim intersection improvements at US 290 and William Cannon Drive open to traffic
2017	Procurement of ROW begins
2018	Recent environmental clearance
2020	Design-Build contract awarded
2021	Construction begins
2026	Current anticipated end to Construction and start of Maintenance

Prioritization

The intersection of US 290 and SH 71 has long been identified as a heavily congested intersection in need of solutions and is listed in the **TTI Top 100 Most Congested Roadways in Texas.**

(Texas A&M Transportation Institute, 2020)



Community Driven Design Decisions

Public input made meaningful changes on the project design:

- **Separating the through traffic** from local traffic
- **Reducing the elevation** of US 290/SH 71 interchange
- **Reducing the project's footprint** where possible
- **Limiting impacts to trees** and preserving several iconic oak trees
- **Enhancing best practices** for water quality and flooding concerns
- **Mitigating impacts to karst formations** during subsurface construction
- **Adding bicycle/pedestrian accommodations**



Construction Begins: July 2021



Oak Hill Parkway Groundbreaking Ceremony, July 2021

Unique Project Features

- Lane Stacking
- Tree Preservation
- MOT Phasing
- Bridges and Excavation
- Environmental Protection
- Noise and Dust Mitigation
- Lighting and Illumination



Lane Stacking

Reduction of footprint by lane stacking:

- Mainlanes elevated over frontage lanes in narrow corridor
- Restrictions from Williamson Creek and Convict Hill
- Bridge over a bridge where both cross Williamson Creek
- SUP along frontage lane bridge



Tree Preservation & Planting

Unique stipulations in the design-build contract include:

- Preservation of several iconic oak trees near US 290 and William Cannon Drive
- Tree preservation areas established along the corridor
- A dedicated staff arborist to monitor and care for the hundreds of preserved trees
- Planting more than 1,000 new trees and bushes



Iconic Oaks

Oak trees are an important part of the identity of Oak Hill

Iconic trees were identified and assessed early on to prepare for protection in the planning process



“The Nieces”



“Grandmother”



