



Arterial “A”

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1: What is the Travis County Arterial “A” Project?

Arterial “A” is a four-lane divided roadway with bike lanes and sidewalks. It will be designed as a major north-south connector between FM 734 (Parmer Lane) and US 290 East, located in northeast Travis County. Arterial “A” is approximately 3.5 miles in length, with half of the roadway located in Travis County’s jurisdiction, and half inside the City of Austin. Future extensions for Rundberg Lane and Braker Lane will also connect to Arterial “A.”

Q2: Where is the study area located for Arterial “A”?

Travis County is currently considering options for Arterial “A.” The area currently under consideration is located approximately 1,000 feet east of the US 290 Walnut Creek bridge and would generally follow the MoKan Corridor.

Q3: Why is Arterial “A” being planned now?

Travis County Commissioners are responding to growing safety concerns expressed by residents and the increased levels of congestion on Parmer Lane and Dessau Road at peak commute times. In 2010, Travis County Commissioners Court voted

to move forward with planning and design studies on Arterial “A” to decrease the amount of cut-through traffic in local neighborhoods, improve traffic conditions at Dessau Road and Parmer Lane, and address safety and mobility needs in northeast Travis County.

Q4: Have traffic studies been completed in the area?

No detailed traffic studies have been completed to date. The regional transportation organization, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), has assessed the estimated population growth and determined the need for new roadways and improvements. The Arterial “A” project is included in CAMPO’s 2035 transportation plan.

Q5: What about utilities in the area? Will Travis County be coordinating with these utilities in the project area?

Yes. The Arterial “A” team will coordinate with representatives from local utilities in the area. Utilities within the study area include water lines, pump stations, transmission lines, electrical substations, and waste management. Each of these utility agencies is included in the dialogue to identify constraints and coordinate issues as part of the preliminary design process.

More info?

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Q6: What is CSS and why is it important for this project?

Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) is a collaborative stakeholder design approach that focuses on identifying community values and preserving and enhancing aesthetics, historic, community and environmental resources while improving or maintaining safety, mobility and infrastructure conditions.

Travis County and the project team want to ensure that the road alignment and design are sensitive to the human and natural environment – the context of the roadway – so that any proposed solution can attempt to address the ideas and concerns of local stakeholders throughout the entire course of the project.

The project team will continue to involve communities impacted by this roadway and encourage their feedback, comments and ideas.

Q7: I attended a community meeting on the project and there were no suggested roadway alignments shown yet. Why is that?

As part of the CSS process, the Arterial "A" team has begun to involve and gather ideas from the public earlier than what is typical for roadway planning. The project team held its first Community Roundtable Meeting on February 9, 2011, approximately 30 days after the team was hired, to listen, gather ideas, and provide a list of

opportunities and constraints on study area maps. This early interaction is part of the CSS process so that community values can be considered as design occurs. As the project moves forward, the team will develop general roadway alignment options to share with the community and gather additional feedback. The open house, where these roadway alignment alternatives will be shared with the public, is anticipated to be held in the fall of 2011.

Q8: There are plans for new developments in the area, i.e. a new school in Manor ISD and a new park. Will these plans be included in the project?

Yes, information on future developments will be added to the analysis process for this project, and we will continue to gather information on any other new developments in the study area so that the route alignment options can be developed accordingly.

Q9: There are existing schools, bus routes and plans for new schools and bike lanes in the study for Arterial "A". Will safety be an important factor in this project?

Yes, it is a goal of the project team to design a roadway that is safe for cyclists, pedestrians and school buses. Reducing cut-through traffic will provide safer bus routes for children and a decrease in traffic in general will allow for easier access to schools in the area. The project team is also working closely with Manor ISD to understand how the roadway alignment options will impact bus routes and school locations.

Arterial "A" Phase I Timeline

