



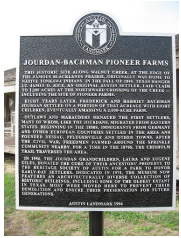
# Arterial “A”

## FACTS ABOUT THE PROJECT

### Project Milestones

**Project Start**  
January 2011

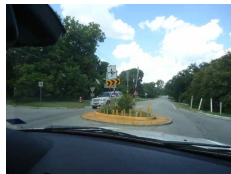
Travis County kicks off Phase 1 of the Arterial “A” Project.



**Community Roundtable**  
February 2011

Travis County and the engineering team discusses the project with impacted neighborhoods, businesses, and other affected stakeholders in the project area.

**Evaluation of Opportunities and Constraints/ Begin Preliminary Design**  
Spring - Winter 2011



Environmental study begins and preliminary traffic data is collected. The team identifies existing conditions of the human and natural environment and potential regulatory requirements. Coordination with local agencies and the community is conducted. The team designs preliminary roadway alignment alternatives.

**Public Input on Roadway Design**  
Fall 2011

The project team holds an Open House and Public Meeting for community members, to provide community members with the opportunity to review collected environmental information and the preliminary roadway design alternatives.

**Preliminary Design Completed and County Selects Preferred Alternative/Phase 2 Begins**

Winter 2011  
Travis County selects the preferred alternative and begins Phase 2 of the project.



### Project Description

Arterial “A” will be designed as a major north-south connector between FM 734 (Parmer Lane) and US 290 East, located in northeast Travis County.

#### Brief Overview

Arterial “A” is a proposed four-lane divided roadway, with bike lanes and sidewalks. It will serve as an alternative route to Springdale Road, which travels through the Walnut Place neighborhood. Arterial “A” is included in the current Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Mobility 2030 Plan and the draft 2035 Plan.

Travis County’s goals for the Arterial “A” Project include:

- Obtain informed consent for a preferred, cost-effective alignment between US 290 East and FM 734 (Parmer Lane)
- Identify right-of-way needed

## Do you have questions or ideas?

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- Develop the project using principles of Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)

The length of the roadway is approximately 3.5 miles, with half of the roadway located in Travis County’s jurisdiction, and half inside the City of Austin. As the project will be designed to address safety and mobility needs, the project team will continue to involve the communities impacted by this roadway, and

encourage their feedback, comments, and ideas. Neighborhoods and businesses along the corridor, and stakeholders within the project area will be asked to provide their input through Community Roundtable meetings and online.

#### Why Arterial “A” Is Being Planned Now

Over the past few years, a growing concern in this area has been the increased congestion on Parmer Lane and Dessau Road at peak commute times. Heavy traffic

Arterial “A” is being designed to alleviate neighborhood cut-through traffic and to address safety and mobility needs in eastern Travis County. To design the project, Travis County is using a Context Sensitive Solutions approach.

builds up at this intersection and can extend for several miles near the Samsung Plant and along Dessau Road. Increased development, along with potential employee growth at the Samsung Plant, will increase and worsen this congestion problem. Arterial “A” will be designed to relieve this growing congestion problem by increasing mobility in the area and alleviating neighborhood cut-through traffic.

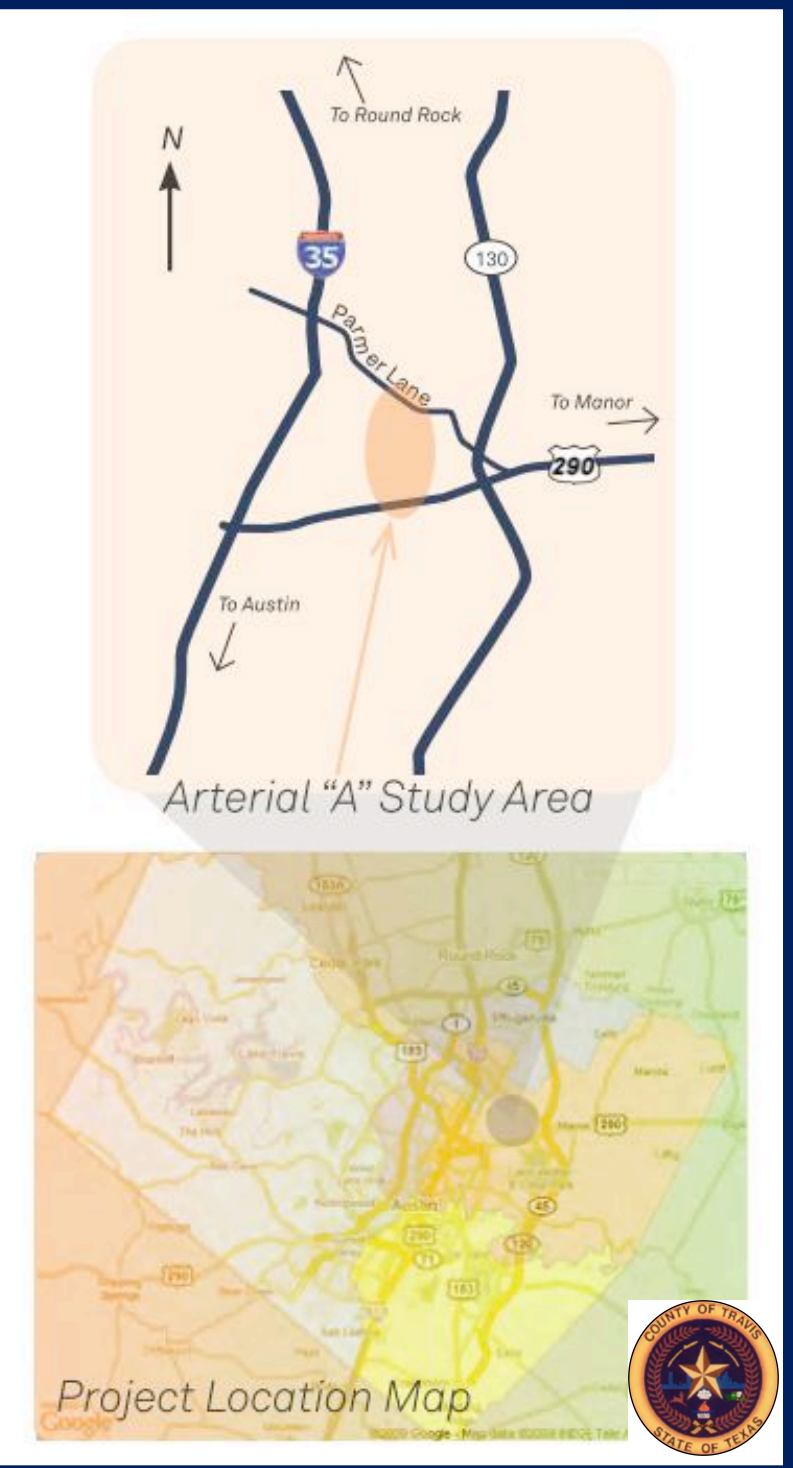
**Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS): a collaborative stakeholder design approach that focuses on preserving and enhancing aesthetics, historic, community and environmental resources, while improving or maintaining safety, mobility, and infrastructure conditions.**

### Two Phases for Design and Planning

In Dec. 2010 Travis County Commissioners approved a contract with AECOM to study possible alignment alternatives for Arterial “A.” At least three alternatives will be developed with input from stakeholders for consideration by Travis County, with a preferred alternative being selected for further design.

**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.**

**Phase 1** is a ten-month process which kicks off in Jan. 2011. The CSS process begins with a Community Roundtable Meeting in February. Local neighborhood association representatives, businesses, and stakeholders in the project area will share their ideas and vision for the project. Environmental and traffic data studies will provide information on how to address mobility and safety design needs. The identification of existing conditions of the human and natural environment – such as neighborhoods, archaeological sites, wetlands, and wildlife habitat is also a part of Phase 1. During this phase the team will



compare alignment alternatives and coordinate with local agencies and the community to gather more input through the CSS process. The community will also be invited to an Open House and Public Meeting to discuss these findings in the fall. The preliminary design alternatives will be completed in Nov. 2011, thus leading into Phase 2.

**Phase 2** is a five-month process and involves the development of 30% detailed construction drawings for the section of Arterial “A” that is located within Travis County.