



## Hamilton Pool Road Safety Improvement Project

**Travis County is in the early stages of a safety improvement project on Hamilton Pool Road.**

**Overview: This project extends from RM 12 to the top of the East bank of the Pedernales River, a distance of about 6.5 miles (project does not include the switchback or low water crossing at the river).**

**Project scope includes:**

- **Hamilton Creek Bridge** – Evaluation of the existing bridge to determine the needed improvements. This bridge is experiencing rapid deterioration and reduced concrete strength. An investigation will determine what type of improvements and how much of the bridge needs improvements to be brought up to standard conditions. Construction plans based on the results of this evaluation will be determined.
- **Hamilton Pool Park Entrance** – Evaluation of possible improvements for a safer ingress and egress to the park. This is intended to alleviate the traffic issues resulting from the stacking of vehicles on Hamilton Pool Road waiting to get into the park.
- **Consideration of Additional Improvements** – The team will work to identify, document, and categorize additional safety improvements through road evaluation and public input.

**Project Notes:** Travis County recognizes the sensitive environmental nature, community, and the importance of Hamilton Pool Road and is committed to taking extra steps to provide a successful project. Construction plans will include plans to maintain access to properties during construction (specifically at the Hamilton Pool Park). This safety improvement project will be developed applying principles of Low Impact Development (LID). This approach will preserve and enhance scenic, aesthetic, historic, community, and environmental resources, while improving or maintaining safety, mobility, and infrastructure conditions. The consultant will review the existing roadway alignment and profiles including existing drainage and bridge structures before making any safety improvement recommendations. Public input will be collected for the design of safety improvements.

**Surveyors**

Beginning June 22, 2015, the project team will be surveying Hamilton Pool Road from RM 12 to near the Pedernales River. The surveyors understand the environmentally sensitive character of the area and will be highly aware of this as they do their work.

### **Public Involvement**

Travis County is committed to working closely with the community on all of our projects. There will be an initial public meeting to share different concept ideas and gather input from the community this summer. After the information gathered in the field and from the community is incorporated into the design, another public meeting will be held to share a recommended solution and again collect input to be incorporated into the design, where feasible. A third public meeting may be held if needed. We will share meeting details as they are available.

### **Project Updates**

If you are interested in receiving project updates, please send an email to: [hpr-safetyimprovements@traviscountytexas.gov](mailto:hpr-safetyimprovements@traviscountytexas.gov) with "Updates" in the subject. Please help us get the word out by sharing this information with your neighbors and anyone that may be interested.

### **Contact Information**

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### **Other Hamilton Pool Road Projects Information**

Travis County has partnered with TxDOT on two additional projects. While they are not related to this project, we wanted to share details with you.

### **Project Descriptions**

#### **1. Hamilton Pool Road Centerline Texturing (CSJ# 0914-04-290):**

**Overview:** In conjunction with TxDOT and their Hazard Elimination/Safety Project

program, Centerline texturing will be added on Hamilton Pool Road from RM12 to the Pedernales River to improve traffic safety. Centerline texturing creates an audible warning to drivers who inadvertently cross the centerline. This specific improvement was proposed after an extensive evaluation of accident history over the past three years showed a substantial amount of accidents related to single vehicle loss of control due to inattention and excessive speeds.

**Costs:** The estimated cost for this work is \$83,940, with Travis County paying 10% (\$8,394) of that.

**Status:** This project has been awarded to a contractor along with other similar projects by TxDOT. The exact starting date is not known at this time, but based on the Contractor's phasing and scheduling of all the other projects under this contract, the work on Hamilton Pool Road is expected to start this summer.

## **2. FM 3238/Hamilton Pool Road Shoulders and Left Turn Lanes (CSJ# 0683-04-018)**

**Overview:** FM 3238 is currently a two lane road, with 12 foot lanes and no paved shoulders in either direction. In conjunction with TxDOT, this project adds 6 foot wide, paved shoulders to the existing Hamilton Pool Road from 0.31 mile west of SH 71 to Cueva Drive (with a possible extension to RR 12, if funding allows). In addition, the proposed improvements include the installation of new traffic warning signs and guardrails. Lane edge texturing may also be added to provide audible warnings to drivers when vehicles are migrating outside the travel lane. A left turn lane is proposed at the intersection with Crumley Ranch Road which may help reduce traffic backup and rear-end collisions.

**Cost:** The estimated cost for this work is \$1,500,000, with Travis County paying \$500,000.

**Status:** The project is expected to begin this summer.

Below are examples of similar improvements.





Example of a shoulder addition (photo of area close to SH 71).



Example of a left turn lane similar to what will be constructed at the Crumley Ranch Rd intersection (photo of Rocky Creek Blvd intersection).