Austin Avenue Bridges
Virtual Public Meeting

May 20, 2020
Comment Period: May 20 to June 12, 2020
Background

History

1940 – Bridges constructed
2007 – Maintenance responsibility passed from TxDOT to the City of Georgetown
2014 – Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) awarded the City $1.3 M for bridge reconstruction
2016 – Study of bridges begins

Purpose

- Address deteriorating components
- Improve safety and mobility meeting current design standards
- Provide safe turning movements into and out of abutting properties that effectively serve existing and future traffic movements
- Provide crossings that meet ADA requirements, are conducive for substantial pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and provide effective connections to the existing trail network
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Required to be eligible for additional federal or state funding
- Requires the evaluation of a range of alternatives
- Requires opportunities for public comments
  - 4 Public meetings held and 400+ comments received

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

- Bridges determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places
- Section 106 process required
  - Coordination with consulting parties, Texas Historical Commission, and State Historic Preservation Officer

2019 – Concurrence received

No Adverse Effects to Historic Properties
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Preferred Alternative

Rehabilitation with a new pedestrian bridge on the east side

Improvements
• Rehabilitate the existing bridges and maintain the railings
• Widen existing lanes to 11 feet
• Construct a new pedestrian bridge and 10-foot sidewalk on the east side of Austin Avenue
• Construct a 6-foot sidewalk on the west side of Austin Avenue at the San Gabriel Village Boulevard and 2nd Street intersections

Right of way
• Approximately 0.00308 acres needed
Next Steps

Timeline

2021
- Complete final design and construction plans
- Environmental clearance
- Right of way acquisitions

2022
Earliest date construction could begin
Next Steps

Funding
- Current construction cost is approximately $7M
- CAMPO funded $1.3M

Construction
- Construction anticipated timeline - 24 months (bridge rehabilitation, construction of pedestrian bridge)
  - More details will be shared as available
- Access to all properties will be maintained
- One lane of traffic will be open in each direction (aside from pre-coordinated nighttime closures)
- Alternate routes to downtown and surrounding businesses will be promoted when construction is heaviest
Next Steps

Construction

General Approach

- Construction would begin on the east side of the bridge
  - Close the two north bound lanes, move traffic to west side with one lane in each direction
- Work will occur in sections
- Once east side is complete, traffic will be moved
  - Close the two south bound lanes, move traffic to east side with one lane in each direction
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Submitting Comments

Email your comments to the team

austinave@georgetown.org

Comment period is open through June 12

Fill out a comment form online

austinave.georgetown.org

Mail in your comment to:

Austin Avenue Bridges Project
PO Box 409, Georgetown, TX 78627
Visit with the Project Team

We are available to discuss the project and answer any questions.

Email or call to arrange a web or phone conference.

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Web Conference     Phone Conference
Thank You!