

Proposed IH-35 Improvements – Go To www.mobility35.org

Jim Rankin, HNA Transportation Committee Member attended the 10/29/14 TEXDOT Neighborhood Rep Meeting for the latest on IH-35 Improvement Design for the segment between US290 and 11th St. Go to this website for the latest Improvement Design (and a virtual drone-view and drive-through the future 51st St Roundabout) which is still being tweaked. There are no IH-35 on-ramps between UT's Disch Faulk Baseball Field (one to upper deck from MLK) and Airport and only a few off-ramps.

TEXDOT has incorporated many NA suggestions and comments from two previous meetings:

- Good bike/pedestrian crossings at 51st roundabout and at all new replacement bridges over lower deck. Bridges have U-turn lanes both ways without stopping.
- The offset E. 32nd streets on either side of IH-35 have their own bridges which will have coordinated signals.
- A few IH-35 crossing bridges will have No Left Turn from the access road at certain times of rush hour to keep the traffic flowing.
- Northbound Access Road from MLK does have an on-ramp to IH-35 upper deck.
- Property takings and sound barrier and landscaping details TBD at northbound off-ramp just N. of 32nd St.
- Lower deck lanes will be 11'-wide, with two FTC (Future Transportation Corridor) lanes in center and 2' shoulder against retaining walls.
- There will be no direct left turn onto Westbound 45th from Northbound Airport, but a further Northbound U-turn and return South will get you to 45th Westbound with a right turn.
- Southbound Airport will still have a Southbound upper deck on-ramp, but it will have the same short merge distance and will probably be a metered entry.
- TEXDOT has been Coordinating over the past two years with the Texas Government Complex, UT & its future Medical School, and adjacent Hospitals to accommodate their transportation needs in the Improvement Design.
- TEXDOT acknowledged their signage efforts in this segment to date have been lackluster, but will make special efforts for improved signage.