

Corridor Construction Program: Project Design Phase

On April 26, 2018, Austin City Council adopted the Corridor Construction Program, which is funded in part by the 2016 Mobility Bond. The Corridor Construction Program makes mobility, safety and connectivity improvements to nine key roadways throughout Austin. Projects include improvements to intersections, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, new mid-block pedestrian crosswalk signals (pedestrian hybrid beacons), new and upgraded traffic signals and transit-supportive improvements.

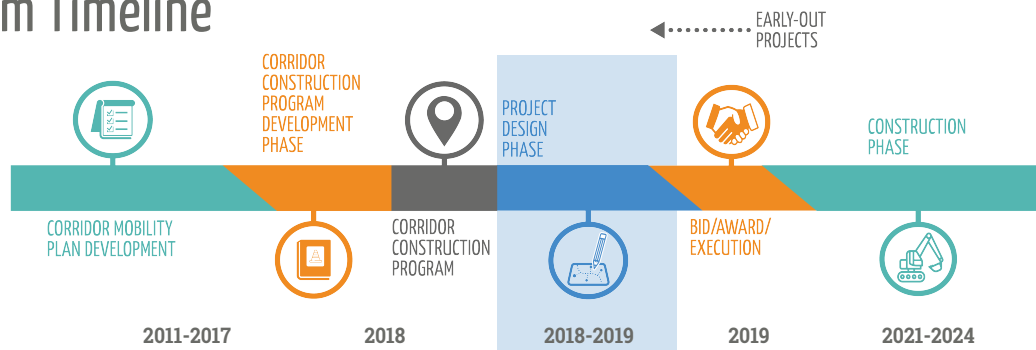
The design phase of work is currently underway and could last 12 to 36 months, depending on the project. Preliminary engineering activities are taking place now to refine project designs and prepare them for construction.

Some of the activities you may see occurring in the corridors into fall 2018 include:

- Land surveys, such as retracing boundary lines
- Topographical surveys, including LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) and tree surveys
- Geotechnical borings

This work will result in intermittent and short-term lane closures along the corridors. The lane closures will avoid peak-period travel times. Some work could occur at night, but activities would comply with City of Austin noise ordinances. More information can be found online at AustinTexas.gov/CorridorFAQ.

Program Timeline



Design phase activities include:

- Confirm existing corridor conditions through land surveys, identifying utility locations, drainage, traffic counts and signal timings
- Complete preliminary environmental investigations and documentation
- Identify placemaking opportunities along the corridors
- Refine and finalize corridor design plans
- Update cost estimates, look for budget efficiencies, and explore leveraging/partnership opportunities
- Conduct ongoing outreach to the community, including corridor businesses, property owners and neighborhoods as well as across City departments, and local agencies
- Prepare for construction by obtaining permits, developing traffic management plans, coordinating utility relocations, acquiring right-of-way, and procuring construction services

City staff anticipate returning to City Council with more information and to seek their approval to proceed with final design in spring 2019. Construction would begin following the design phase. Construction would be ongoing for several years, with the bulk of work taking place 2021-24.

You can learn more about the Corridor Construction Program and improvements coming to each corridor, as well as sign up to receive updates, at AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility.

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