

MOPAC INTERSECTIONS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

THE PROBLEM

The MoPac Expressway intersections at Slaughter Lane and La Crosse Avenue in southwest Austin were originally constructed in 1992 and have grown increasingly congested over the years. Traffic congestion at these intersections has created operational problems, causing travel delays and adversely affecting access and mobility.

IDENTIFYING A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION

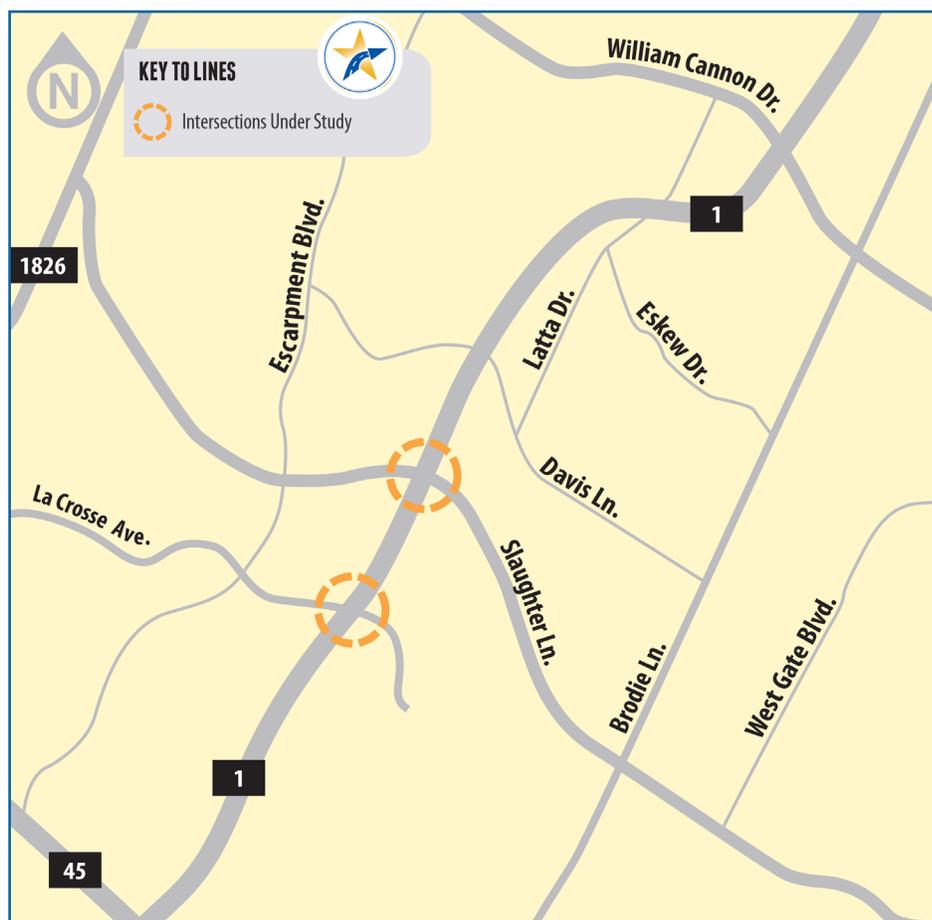
The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are working with local partners, including the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, to study possible mobility and safety improvements on MoPac at the intersections of Slaughter Lane and La Crosse Avenue. Proposed improvements could include an overpass, underpass, or other intersection concepts.

The study team will work together with the community to develop a solution that improves mobility, safety and connectivity while being sensitive to public and environmental concerns. Any proposed improvements will take into account the needs of:

- ▶ Drivers
- ▶ Transit riders
- ▶ Bicyclists and pedestrians
- ▶ Surrounding businesses
- ▶ Neighborhoods
- ▶ Environment

THE PROCESS

The Mobility Authority and TxDOT have initiated an environmental study to analyze the two intersections and determine the best options for improving mobility and safety. Over the course of the study, analysis of the potential social, economic and environmental impacts of the proposed improvements will be conducted.



CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS

The study team is also initiating a Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process, so that the proposed mobility improvements not only meet the needs of the community they serve, but fit into the physical setting while reflecting the scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources of the region.

PUBLIC INPUT

The study team is committed to maintaining open communication with residents, local leaders and businesses in the area, as well as the traveling public to ensure that the study reflects the needs and input of the community and its various stakeholders. Throughout this process, the study team will:

- ▶ Conduct community meetings
- ▶ Reach out to area businesses
- ▶ Brief community leaders
- ▶ Share information online

HOW TO GET AND STAY INVOLVED

We welcome your feedback and questions about the **MoPac Intersections Environmental Study**.

To learn more or to request a presentation for your group, please contact:

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Please visit the MoPac Intersections Environmental Study page on www.MoPacSouth.com for more information.

Timeline

MAY 2013

Launched Environmental Study

FALL 2013

Community Meetings, Store Front Hours,
Develop & Refine Design Options

WINTER 2014

Store Front Hours

SUMMER 2014

Environmental Decision
Anticipated

If the proposed improvements are environmentally cleared, TxDOT will design, construct, and maintain the project. The study is expected to take one year to complete.

CONSTRUCTION
TO BE DETERMINED

IS THIS PROJECT RELATED TO THE MOPAC SOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY?

At the same time the intersections study is underway, a separate study is being conducted to assess potential mobility improvements on approximately eight miles of MoPac from Cesar Chavez Street to the Slaughter Lane area (project limits will be confirmed following traffic and environmental analysis). For more information about this study, contact **Melissa Hurst** at mhurst@ctrma.org or (512) 996-9778.

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MoPac at Slaughter Lane and La Crosse Avenue Meet and Greet Open House – October 24, 2013 **COMMUNITY SURVEY**

Your feedback is critical to the success of the MoPac Intersections Environmental Study. Please share your thoughts with the study team.

1. What problems do you face at the intersection of Slaughter Lane and MoPac South?

2. What problems do you face at the intersection of La Crosse and MoPac South?

3. Are you aware of any safety issues at these two intersections? Please explain.

4. Are you aware of a need for pedestrian and bicycle improvements at these two intersections? Please explain.

5. What additional information would you like to share with the study team?

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like for the feedback you provide on this community survey to be considered as an official comment, you must fill out and submit a comment form. Please ask a study team member for a form. Official comments can also be submitted online at www.MoPacSouth.com.

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6. What stakeholder groups, organizations or individuals should the study team reach out to for the MoPac Intersections Environmental Study?

7. What aesthetic/visual considerations (i.e., bridge painting, landscaping, preserving existing views) would you like the study team to consider?

8. What aesthetic/visual improvements (i.e., landscaping, signature bridge features, lighting, wider sidewalks) do you think would provide the greatest positive impact to the look and feel of the intersections of MoPac with Slaughter Lane and La Crosse Avenue?

9. Is there an existing bridge or roadway corridor that you think is aesthetically pleasing? Please provide the location and any details about what makes it great.

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