

Proposed Loop 1604 at SH 151 Underpass

What is being proposed?

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA), in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is proposing to construct an underpass linking Alamo Ranch Parkway with SH 151, under Loop 1604. This proposed project would extend the main lanes of SH 151 for a length of 0.75 miles to the west, connecting with the existing Alamo Ranch Parkway, going under Loop 1604, as shown below. No additional right of way or easements are required for this project.



What is proposed to happen on Loop 1604 at SH 151?

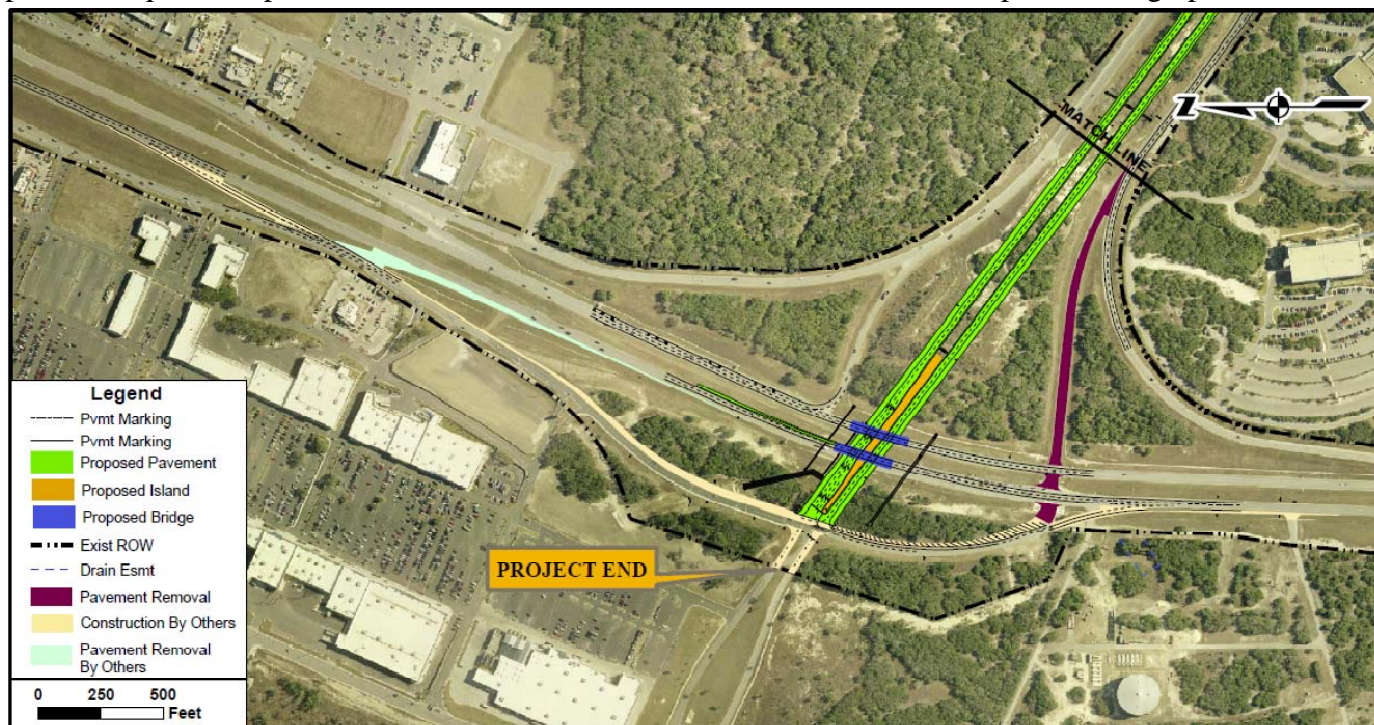
Construction of two bridges for the northbound and southbound Loop 1604 main lanes, providing a grade separated overpass of SH 151

Approaches to these new bridges would be overlaid with asphalt and new pavement markings would be applied

Southbound main lanes of Loop 1604 would be saw cut and widened to width of 4ft to 12ft for a distance of 600ft to align with the proposed bridges

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Loop 1604 Proposed Improvements are shown below, SH 151 is on the northeast part of this graphic.



What is proposed to happen on SH 151?

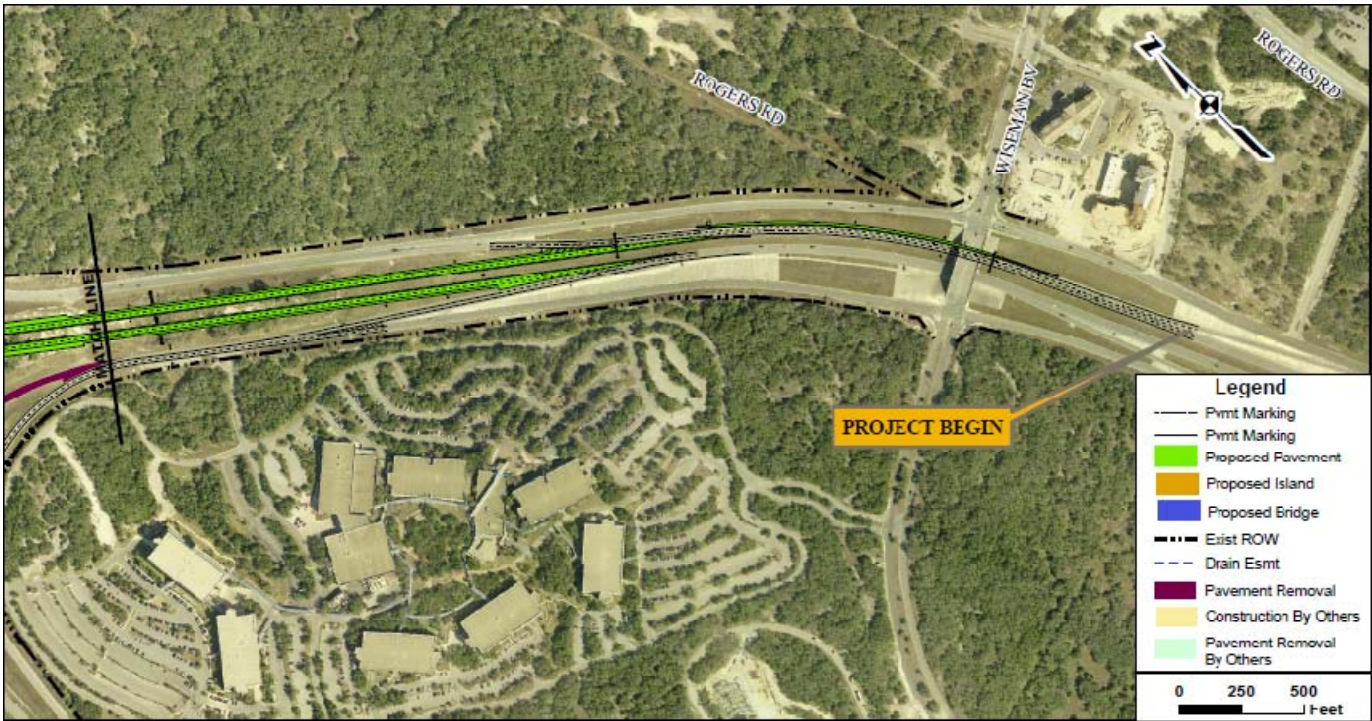
Eastbound and westbound main lanes of SH 151 would be extended approximately 0.75 miles to the west, passing beneath the Loop 1604 main lanes and connecting with Alamo Ranch Parkway

Widening SH 151 is proposed for approximately 1500 ft to add an auxiliary lane for westbound traffic passing Wiseman Blvd. This widening would maintain the existing two-lane exit ramp to northbound Loop 1604

Overlaying the asphalt in this area and applying new pavement marking would be included in this project

These proposed improvements are shown in the graphic on the top of page 3.

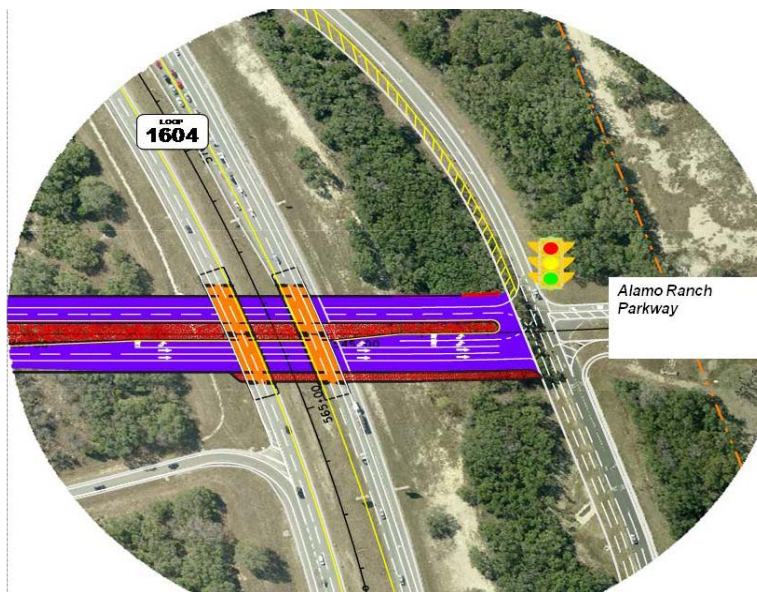
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What is proposed to happen on Alamo Ranch Parkway when SH 151 ties into this road?

The existing non-signalized “T” intersection would be reconstructed with an at-grade signalized intersection just west of the Loop 1604 at SH 151 underpass

Turn movements between Loop 1604 and Alamo Ranch Parkway / SH 151 would be facilitated through the proposed at-grade intersection



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How is this project being funded? Has money already been identified?

This project, both the environmental clearance and construction phases, represent collaboration between local and state government. The Alamo RMA is handling the environmental clearance on this proposed project, using funding provided by Bexar County through the Advanced Transportation District to conduct all necessary environmental studies, public meetings, and related activities. TxDOT is handling the design and construction of the proposed improvements, if environmentally cleared, with state and federal gas tax dollars identified by the Texas Transportation Commission through their Strategic Priority funds.

How much is this going to cost?

The estimated construction cost of the proposed improvement is approximately \$18 Million.

How long is this going to take to build?

TxDOT anticipates being able to “let” this project, if environmental clearance is granted, to begin in the second quarter of 2011, with construction starting by late third quarter 2011. Construction should be complete by early second quarter of 2013.

Is this going to mess up the Loop 1604 Super Street?

No. The Loop 1604 Super Street project was designed, especially in the Loop 1604 / SH 151 area, with these proposed improvements in mind. In fact, the improvements being made under the Loop 1604 Super Street at Alamo Ranch Parkway and Loop 1604 will help traffic during the construction of these proposed improvements for the Loop 1604 at SH 151 Underpass.

What is the status of the Loop 1604 Super Street?

The Loop 1604 Super Street received environmental clearance earlier this year, and in October 2010, a construction contract was awarded by the Texas Transportation Commission to Hunter Industries, whose winning bid of \$5,706,393 was approximately \$470,000 under the engineer’s estimate for the Loop 1604 Super Street. Construction is scheduled to start in the first quarter of 2011, and should be complete by the third quarter of 2011.

I want to submit comments about this proposed project, how do I do that?

There are multiple ways to submit comments. At the public meeting, you can speak to the Court Reporter or fill out a comment card and drop it in one of the boxes around the meeting. After the meeting, you can email us at Loop1604Underpass@AlamoRMA.org, fax your comment in at 210.495.5403 attention Loop 1604 Underpass, or write us at Loop 1604 Underpass c/o Alamo RMA 1222 North Main Avenue, Ste 1000, San Antonio, Texas 78212. All comments must be received by November 30, 2010 at 5 p.m. to be included in the official record of this proposed project.