



Gattis School Road Frequently Asked Questions



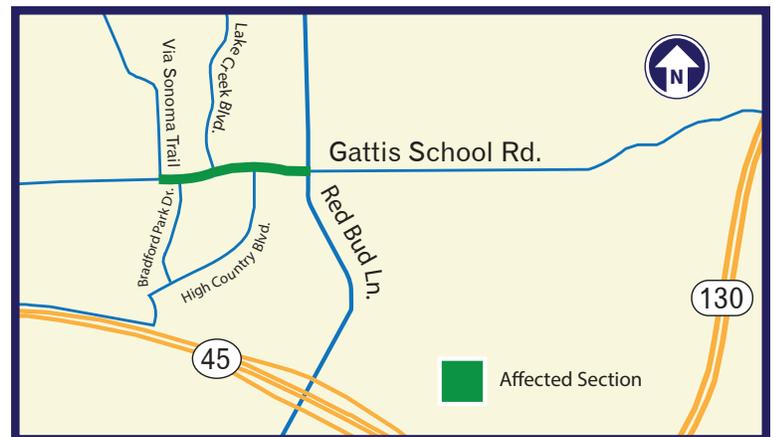
Background: Gattis School Road is a major east west arterial stretching from IH-35 to SH-130 and traffic has significantly increased over the years. In February 2016, the Round Rock City Council approved and allocated funds to study Gattis School Rd. from Via Sonoma Trail to Red Bud Lane and hired BGE to perform the study and develop designs. The purpose of this study is to address the rapid growth and increased traffic along Gattis School Road.

What does The Gattis School Road project entail?

The Gattis School Road Segment 6 project extends from Via Sonoma Trail to Red Bud Lane with transition zones on either end of the project limits.

This project specifically includes:

- Adding an additional travel lane in each direction along Gattis School Road
- Installing a raised median from Via Sonoma Trail to Red Bud Lane
- Adding a dedicated right-turn lane on Red Bud Lane for traffic turning on to eastbound Gattis School Road
- Enhancing the sidewalk to create a multi-use path to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists



Why is an extra lane needed if Gattis School Road comfortably accommodates current traffic?

This area has seen tremendous growth in recent years. To be proactive in providing safe and reliable transportation for those who live and drive in the area, the City is undertaking the design phase of this project. This will allow the City to purchase any needed right-of-way prior to any additional developments or growth and ensures a shovel-ready project that the City can quickly move forward with once improvements are needed.

Will an extra lane bring more traffic to Gattis School Road?

This project is intended to accommodate local traffic within the community. The City is currently working on other projects to manage increased through-traffic, such as the Kenney Fort Boulevard and SH-45 frontage road extension projects.

Some have compared the projected size of Gattis School Road to US 79, but these roads serve different purposes. Gattis School Road is designed to allow local traffic to move throughout the community, while US 79 is designed to move traffic quickly through a broader area. While anyone can use Gattis School Road, it is not being improved to serve through traffic.

When does construction begin?

The City has not currently identified a funding source for construction dollars for this project. At this time, construction is not anticipated within the next 5 years. However, the City will continue to monitor the area to determine when improvements are needed based on traffic counts, safety considerations, and mobility during peak hours.

Why is only Segment 6 from the Gattis School Road Corridor Study being considered? Won't there be congestion where the road transitions back to 4 lanes?

The City will be advancing all segments of the Gattis School Road Corridor Study in the coming years, which spans from Greenlawn Boulevard to Red Bud Trail. For more information on the Corridor Study, please visit: <http://www.roundrocktexas.gov/departments/transportation/projects/gattisschoolrdimpr/>

In addition, the City will not move forward on improving just one segment of Gattis School Road without future construction plans for adjacent segments. The segment of Gattis School Road east of Red Bud Lane is located in Williamson County's jurisdiction and not located in Round Rock city limits.

Why is more right-of-way being purchased than is needed for the road itself?

Additional right-of-way is needed for this project to accommodate proposed travel lanes and median, utilities, drainage easements, and to provide a safe separation between pedestrians and the roadway. In various locations along this corridor, the elevation of the road varies from that of the adjacent property. The plan for right-of-way purchases includes areas outside of the roadway and sidewalk construction to provide a smooth transition between varying elevations.

How is community input being considered?

Public involvement is very important to the City and the project team. Public input will help shape the project. The team has met with many property owners along the project individually, and held one public meeting to date. All input collected is being reviewed and incorporated into a project report. The City is committed to continuing close coordination with the surrounding communities to provide safe and efficient travel balanced with reducing impacts to the community.

How do I stay informed on the project?

If you have questions or comments, please reach out to us! In addition, updates will be posted to the project website and shared in project emails. If you are interested in receiving email updates on this project, please send an email to GattisImprovements@roundrocktexas.gov. Your contact information will not be shared and you can unsubscribe at any time.

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