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Open State Highway 211

On Monday, November 14, 2022, the long anticipated section of State Highway (SH) 211 between Potranco Road (FM 1957) and Culebra Road (FM 471) officially opened to motorists in far west Bexar County. The corridor links two existing sections of SH 211 now allowing seamless travel between Bandera Road (SH 16) and Highway 90.

The joint Bexar County and TxDOT pass-through agreement project began construction in January 2021, and spans a total of 7.6 miles along the Bexar and Medina County line. Project consultant, Pape-Dawson Engineers, and contractor, Capital Excavations, executed the project on-time and efficiently. The scenic highway boasts three new bridges including a pedestrian bridge connecting the Legend Oaks neighborhood. Improved traffic conditions and emergency response times are anticipated with the expansion of SH 211 in Bexar County's fastest growing area.

This new stretch of roadway took less than two years to construct and completes a much larger effort. Initially conceived in 1986, the first two segments of SH 211 were built by 1990, and the link between Potranco Road and Culebra Road languished due to right-of-way agreements and later environmental constraints.

As far back as 2007, Bexar County began working with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Medina County officials to acquire some of the right-of-way funding for the remaining route. "It took over 30 years for this final connection of SH 211 to be completed. At present, there are four major roads traversing from Medina to Bexar county along SH 211 with more planned. This is a great accomplishment for the citizens of both counties that live near SH 211, and will help the development to continue in that area," stated Medina County Judge Chris Schuchart.

Despite challenges the project faced more than a decade ago, the full completion of SH 211 comes at a critical period for Bexar County residents. In 2020 alone, this region of Precinct 1 experienced a more than threefold increase in population growth according to the Census Bureau. Bexar County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rebeca Clay-Flores asserts, "One of the most difficult challenges my colleagues and I are tasked with right now is ensuring we're able to meet the needs of our rapidly growing community. This corridor between Potranco Road and Culebra Road is vital in delivering an alternative, more efficient travel route, and will relieve some of the traffic safety related issues residents and commuters are experiencing."

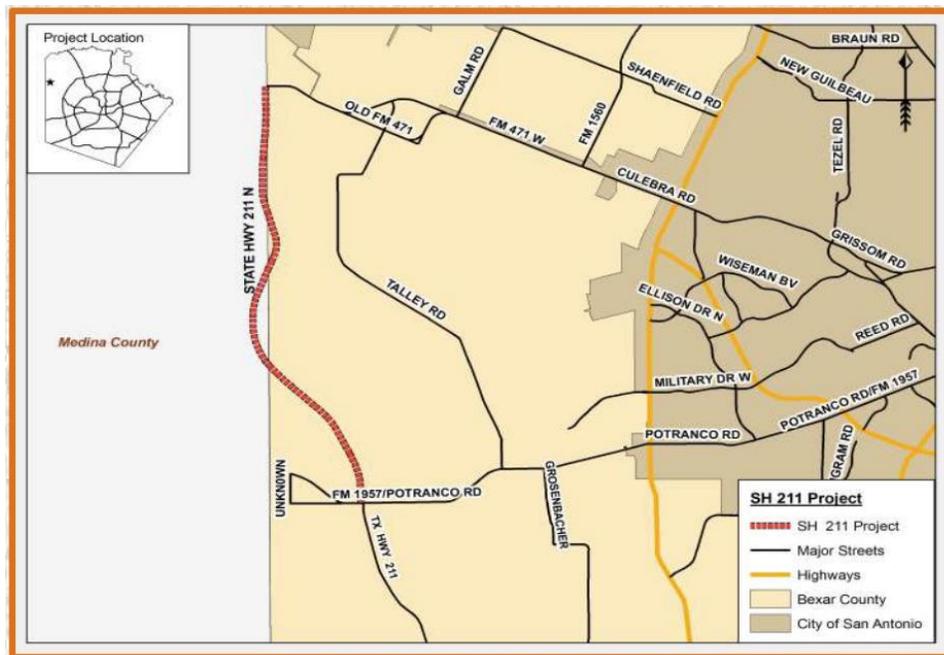


Constituent concerns were of the utmost importance to Bexar County leadership throughout the planning and construction of the SH 211 project. The Bexar County West Side 211 Public Improvements District (PID) contributed important insight from the community's perspective, and funded the design and environmental components. The PID also donated right-of-way for the project and provided regular updates to the public.

Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff has pushed for more infrastructure support and services over the last several years to improve safety and mobility, and address the increased flow of traffic. "Bexar County's current roadway projects in place through Bexar County Public Works, the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority, and partnerships with TxDOT and neighboring counties will improve local and statewide connectivity tremendously. I am confident that the incoming Bexar County leadership will continue to champion transportation and infrastructure projects with a growing population in mind," he proclaims.

Great working relationships with state and local partners like TxDOT play a significant role in delivering timely, cost-effective capital projects. TxDOT San Antonio District Engineer Gina Gallegos attests, "This project could not have happened sooner if it had not been a pass-through agreement with Bexar County. They have made it possible to help reduce congestion and increase mobility for the traveling public. I want to thank Bexar County for their partnership and continued support of safety and connecting the community with Texas." Upon completion of the project, TxDOT will manage and maintain the highway.

Ultimately, improved connectivity in far west Bexar County will yield smoother traffic flow, better travel times, more direct and indirect jobs, and a healthy economy. Bexar County leadership remains committed to addressing our most critical transportation needs and challenges.



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