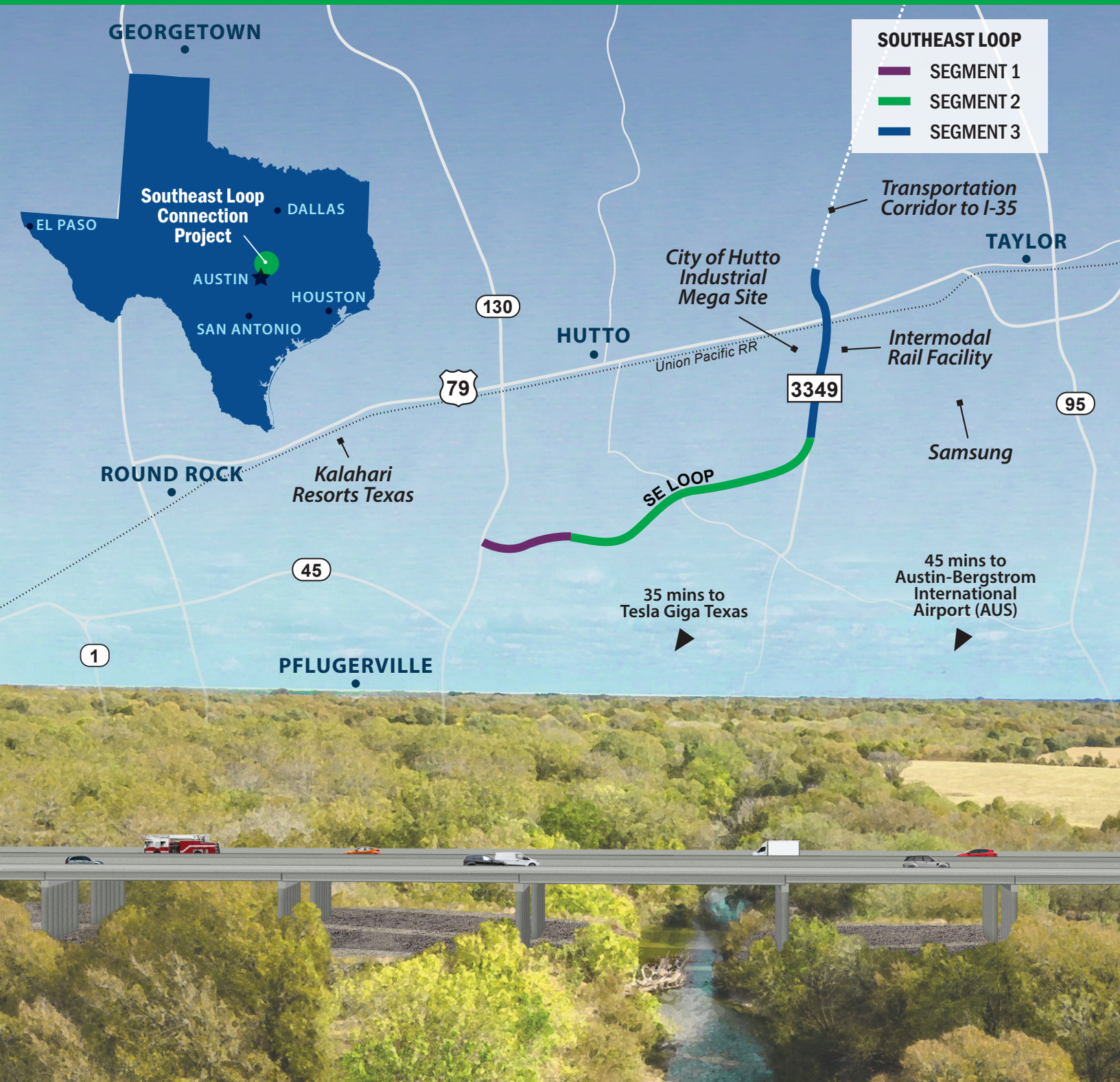


Southeast Loop Connection Project

The Southeast Loop Connection is the final segment of the Southeast Loop Corridor which will provide a critical route for residents to access nearby jobs at the Samsung Campus and Tesla Gigafactory and will link state roadways to economic generators such as the RCR Freight Facility and the City of Hutto Industrial Mega Site. This project will connect the two interchange improvements projects (Southeast Loop Segment 1 at SH 130, and Southeast Loop Segment 3 at US 79) currently under construction. This project is consistent with Williamson County, State of Texas, and federal initiatives to provide facilities for freight accessing the state and national freight networks, provide alternative routes for emergency events and connecting community and employment centers to residential areas and transportation corridors.



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Williamson County is requesting \$60 million in funds, in addition to the County's commitment and participation, which exceeds \$19 million. Williamson County has a well-established history of effectively managing large infrastructure projects and has the ability to obligate matching funds via sustainable revenue sources.

This project will improve safety and mobility while enhancing economic opportunity by providing direct access to Samsung's new semiconductor manufacturing facility, RCR Taylor intermodal (freight-rail to freight-truck) facility and Hutto Megasite, with dual rail access by Union Pacific Railroad and BNSF Railway.



The investment is vital to the economy of Central Texas, and aims to provide safe and reliable roadways in an area of rapid population growth, as of 2019 per the U.S. Census:



Building this critical link will complete the Southeast Loop connection between SH 130 and US 79. Additionally, the project is a key element of a larger Williamson County transportation corridor, which extends connectivity from SH 130 to I-35. Both are identified in the Williamson County Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.

Safety & Mobility

- Reduces at grade truck crossing at the heavily traveled Union Pacific rail line
- Reduces traffic on US 79, resulting in fewer crashes
- Creates safer access for non-motorized users, including pedestrians and bicyclists via the shared use path (SUP)
- Increases mobility and connectivity for local residents and neighborhoods to jobs, schools, and activity centers
- Local rural traffic and farm equipment use to continue unimpeded

Economic Development

- Increases connectivity between good-paying jobs and housing in cities of Hutto, Taylor and Pflugerville
- Increases mobility to recreational destinations serving residents and families of the area, including Kalahari Resort & Conventions
- Provides critical access to Samsung's new semiconductor plant, which is expected to bring 2,000 jobs to the area
- Provides access to the RCR Taylor intermodal facility, a multimodal freight facility that will facilitate efficient freight movement from trucks to trains