

Ross Road Right-of-Way Annexation

CASE: C7a-2026-0001

DISTRICT: Council District 2

PROPOSED ANNEXATION AREA: One section of Ross Road right-of-way located from the intersection of State Highway 71 East to approximately 381.35 feet south of Saint Thomas Drive and including 107 feet of right-of-way width.

SITE AREA: This site is located in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) in Travis County, contiguous to Austin's full purpose boundary, and is comprised of a section of Ross Road and its associated right-of-way. The site is located adjacent to Council District 2.

TOTAL ACREAGE ANNEXED: approx. 9.776 acres

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The staff recommendation is to approve the annexation ordinance pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Sec. 43.1055.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the 2020 Mobility Bond, Austin Transportation and Public Works is proposing the expansion of Ross Road from Pearce Road to State Highway 71 East. Other proposed improvements to Ross Road right-of-way include raised median and illumination, seven (7) intersection upgrades to meet ADA criteria, installation of two (2) new signals and upgrading five (5) existing signals, 8-ft shared-use paths on both sides of Ross Road North, a 10-ft shared-use path along the northern section of Pearce Lane from Ross Road North to Ross Road South, a storm sewer system on Ross Road North, and replacement of approximately 7,600 ft waterline and approximately 6,000 ft of wastewater infrastructure.

To complete the proposed project along Ross Road, the City of Austin, in cooperation with Travis County, seeks to annex for full purposes the right-of-way that currently resides in Austin's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Texas Local Government Code Section 43.1055 authorizes municipalities to annex property and right-of-way on the request of the owner or maintaining political subdivision under the procedures prescribed by Subchapter C-1 of state code. On October 7, 2025, the Travis County Commissioners' Court authorized the City of Austin to annex an approximately 9.776-acre section of Ross Road right-of-way. State law requires a municipality to provide notice and conduct two public hearings to provide persons interested in the annexation the opportunity to be heard before the annexation is approved and the ordinance is adopted. The City Council may adopt the ordinance annexing the area for full purposes, including a written agreement regarding services, at a subsequent meeting after the conclusion of the public hearings.

If Council approves the annexation, the City of Austin will assume all costs for construction of the above improvements and all costs associated with routine maintenance and repose will be borne by the City of Austin. Further information about the provision of services is provided in the Service Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A: Map of proposed annexation

Exhibit B: Service Plan

Exhibit C: Travis County Commissioners' Court 10/7/2025 minutes

Exhibit D: Letter Requesting Annexation

