

# Realign Highway and Restore the Street Grid

## Alternative Description

This alternative shows I-35 realigned to the west of its current footprint to a nearby railroad yard or adjacent bluff. The historic street grid would be restored in the space formerly occupied by the highway, creating new potential space for infill development and parks.

**Environmental Constraint West Bottoms Historic District**  
The West Bottoms is a National Register historic district with several registered buildings. No buildings are anticipated to be directly impacted by the new alignment. However, the realigned alternative would have to avoid or mitigate any impacts to historic properties.

**Future Decision 12th St. Access**  
I-35 currently has ramps at 12th street. **In your opinion, should the realigned freeway have ramps at 12th Street?**

**Future Decision I-35 Alignment**  
The alignment of I-35 will be dependent on future engineering and business decisions involving railroads. This could result in shifts to the alignment east or west, and varying interchange and ramp configurations.

**Environmental Constraint Floodplain**  
A future highway built in a floodplain must demonstrate that it will not create additional flooding.

**Future Decision Chavez Ave. Access**  
Efforts to reopen the Chavez Avenue / Kansas Avenue bridge are currently underway. **In your opinion, should the realigned freeway have ramps at Chavez Ave.?**

**Environmental Constraint Railroads**  
The realigned freeway would cross multiple busy rail lines and potentially travel through yards. Cooperation and approval from these railroads is essential in order for this alternative to advance.

**Beardsley Road & Mulkey Square Trails**  
This trail system would connect to the Riverfront Heritage Trail pedestrian bridge over I-670 and offer new paths through the Westside.

**Environmental Constraint Noise Sensitive Areas**  
Residential properties along the West Bluff of the Westside could be potentially impacted by the relocation of I-35, depending on the final alignment.

**Future Decision Infill Development Character**  
Redevelopment of a portion of the former freeway right-of-way in this scenario would depend on a community-informed process. **What mix of housing, commercial, parks, community space makes sense? What other things should be considered for future planning of this right-of-way?**

**Environmental Constraint Roundhouse Historic District**

**Environmental Constraint Parkland**

