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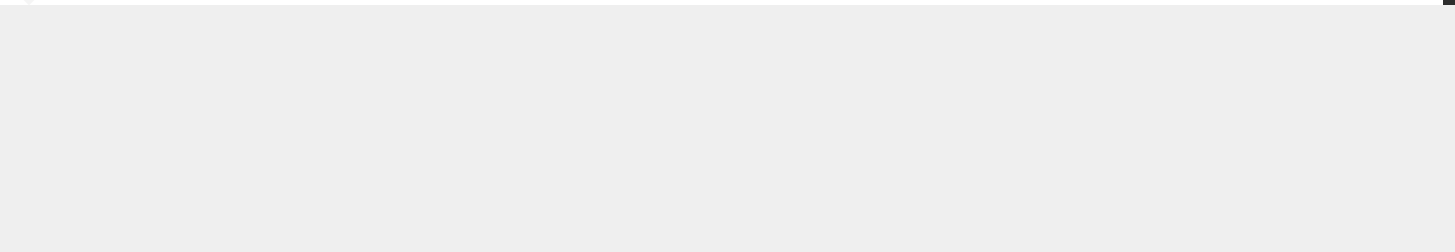
183 South between Highway 290 and Highway 71-- has been virtually untouched for over fifty years.

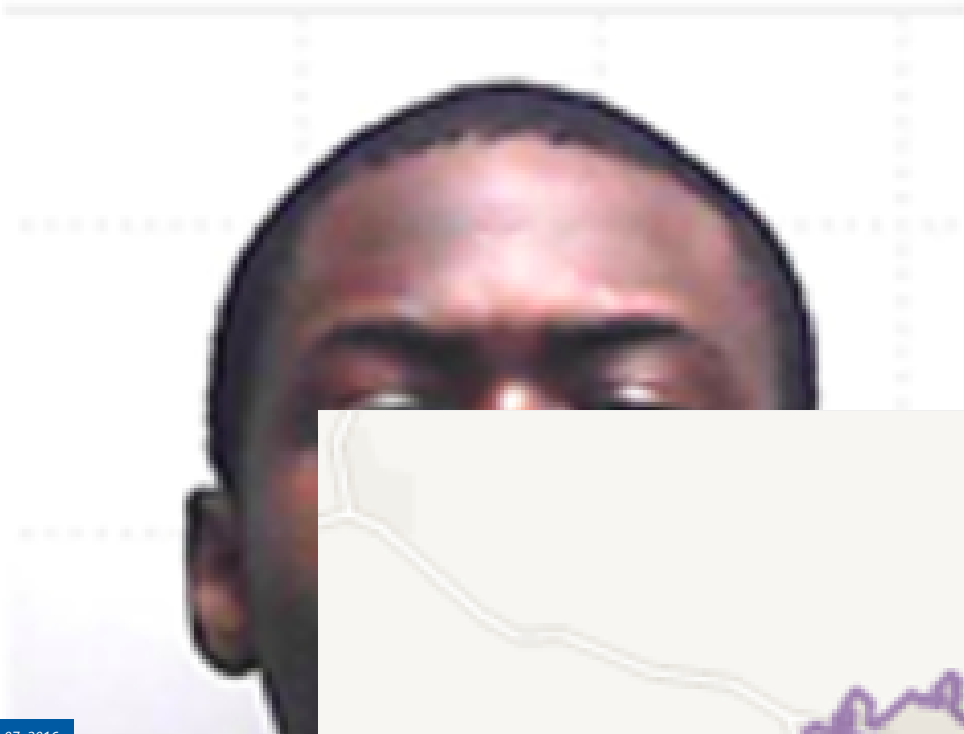
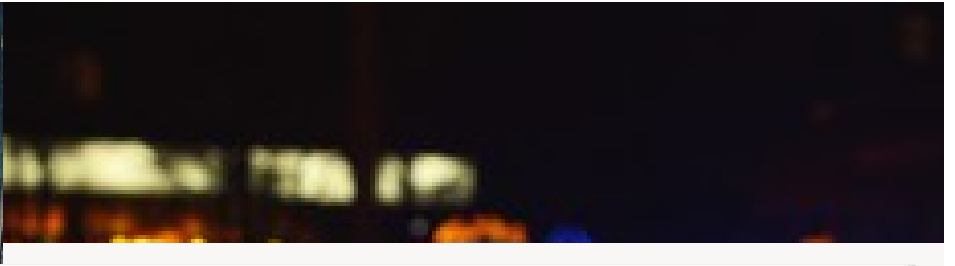
The Mobility Authority's Steve Pustelnik tells KLBJ the half-billion dollar project includes eight miles of new toll lanes and non-toll lanes each direction, through difficult terrain. "Really the largest transportation project since SH-130 was constructed." CTRMA says the first phase should open in 2019.

Pustelnik says about \$25 million alone is being spent on pedestrian-cycling paths and bridges. "We'll be taking cars off the Montopolis Bridge and making it a bicycle and pedestrian only facility; which should really beautify that area." Pustelnik says in about five years, the finished 183 South will greatly improve mobility in East Austin.

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