

Eric Bennett is the Alternative Project Delivery Supervisor for the Austin District. Eric began his career with TxDOT in the Houston District as a summer intern in 1996. Upon graduation from Texas A&M University at Kingsville with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Eric spent the next 17 years working as a transportation consultant for numerous engineering consultant partners gaining a wide variety of transportation experience.

In 2013, Eric returned to TxDOT's Houston District Alternative Project Delivery group working in all phases of design-build and PPP projects in the Houston, Bryan, and Beaumont Districts. He then joined the Bryan District in March of 2020 serving as the Brenham Area Engineer for two years.

Experience in multiple aspects of project development and delivery on both traditional and design-build methods led to Eric's most recent appointment in April 2022 to lead the Alternative Project Delivery group for the Austin District. This group oversees the existing Oak Hill Parkway Design Build project, The Mobility35 Program including the I-35 Capital Express projects and future alternative delivery projects.

Eric is a firm believer that construction coordination between agencies is top of the list important as TxDOT constructs these major mobility projects and says, *"These projects will be transformative to the whole Austin region. No one group will succeed without the cooperation and coordination between the various public agencies, the private partners and the community as a whole."*

The Austin area is home to Eric and he understands the challenges and rewards that come with construction. *"At the end of the day we are all a part of the community. We ourselves and our families will be stuck in the same construction traffic and have similar challenges that construction brings. We also see and hear the opportunities and hope these projects are bringing to the community and can't help but get excited about the vision that is planned for this region."*

In addition to leading the many TxDOT projects. Eric enjoys spending time traveling with his wife, visiting their three sons in college, exploring Austin parks, music and hiking trails in the hill country.