The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In May 2013, the Texas Department of Transportation – El Paso District (TxDOT) began the Border Highway East (BHE) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study to identify the purpose and need for improvements within the BHE study area, determine possible viable alternatives for a long-term solution, and recommend preferred alternatives that can be carried forward seamlessly into a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study. As part of the BHE PEL Study, three series of public meetings were held to allow the public to provide feedback on transportation needs and possible solutions in the study area. This report describes the first public meeting series held in November 2013.

2.0 PUBLIC MEETING SERIES #1

The public meeting locations, dates, and times are presented in Table 1. Figure 1 depicts the locations of the meetings.

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<tr>
<th>Date/Time</th>
<th>Location</th>
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<td>Tuesday, November 19, 2013 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.</td>
<td>Socorro High School Cafeteria 10150 Alameda Ave. Socorro, Texas 79927</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wednesday, November 20, 2013 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.</td>
<td>Rio Valle Woman’s Club 521 Mike Maros Fabens, Texas 79838</td>
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Figure 1: November 2013 BHE Public Meeting Locations

Socorro High School Cafeteria
10150 Alameda Ave., Socorro, TX

Rio Valle Woman's Club
521 Mike Maros, Fabens, TX
The following sections further detail the first series of public meetings and summarize the input received through December 2, 2013, which was the end of the public comment period.

### 2.1 Public Meeting Advertising

The BHE PEL Study public meetings were advertised using both traditional and non-traditional media as summarized below and in Table 2:

- Bilingual legal notices published in the *El Paso Times*, *El Diario*, and the *West Texas Courier* as listed in Table 2;
- Letters mailed by TxDOT on October 15, 2013 to invite elected officials or their representative to the public meetings;
- Public meeting dates, times, and locations posted on the TxDOT El Paso District Twitter page at www.Twitter.com/TxDOTELP on November 15, 18, 19, and 20, 2013;
- State Representative Mary Gonzalez shared a Facebook post about the two public meetings on November 19, 2013;
- Public meeting dates, times, and locations advertised on El Paso KTSM News Channel 9 and KDBC Local 4 News websites on November 19, 2013;
- Public meeting information and a link to an informational flyer posted on the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 website on October 24, 2013;
- 5,000 bilingual flyers (in English and Spanish) distributed to local business and places of worship within the study area on November 3 through November 6, 2013;
- Email notifications sent out to the Independent School Districts (ISD) within the study area prior to the first public meeting; and
- Directional signs placed in various locations around each public meeting facility to help participants locate the facility and to generate additional local awareness of the event.

**Table 2: Public Meeting Series #1 Newspaper Advertisements**

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<td>English Legal Notice</td>
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<td>English Legal Notice</td>
<td>Saturday, November 9, 2013</td>
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<td>El Diario</td>
<td>Spanish Legal Notice</td>
<td>Sunday, October 20, 2013</td>
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<td>Saturday, November 9, 2013</td>
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<tr>
<td>West Texas Courier</td>
<td>English Legal Notice</td>
<td>Thursday, November 7, 2013</td>
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Copies of the advertisements, publisher’s affidavits, letters, emails, flyers, online postings, and press releases are included in Attachment A.


### 2.2 Public Meeting Attendance

Excluding BHE PEL study team members, 49 members of the general public, one elected official and one member of the media participated in the November 19, 2013 public meeting at the Socorro High School Cafeteria. Excluding the BHE PEL study team members, 27 members of the general public and two elected officials participated in the November 20, 2013 public meeting at the Rio Valle Woman’s Club. The total public meeting attendance was 80 participants. Participants represented a wide range of interests and included members of the general public, members of community organizations, elected officials, city/county staff, and media representatives. Copies of the sign-in sheets from both meetings are included in Attachment B.

### 2.3 Public Meeting Format and Materials

Both public meetings utilized an open-house format, which allowed participants to arrive, sign-in, view exhibits and handouts, ask questions, and provide comments between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The exhibits and handout material were identical for both meetings and were provided in both English and Spanish. The meeting layout was designed to showcase seven distinct stations. Bilingual BHE PEL study team members, comprised of TxDOT staff and consultants, were available at every station to provide information and answer questions.

The seven stations are described below, in the order that they were intended to be viewed by the public.

**Station 1: Sign-in Table** – At this station, members of the public could sign-in, learn about the meeting format, and receive introductory handout materials. Materials included sign-in sheets, a “Program Guide” handout that described the meeting format and station set-up, a “Fact Sheet” describing the BHE PEL process, and a public comment form.

**Station 2: Planning and Environmental Linkages** – This station introduced the BHE PEL process to the public. It displayed two exhibits, including a text exhibit explaining the PEL process and a graphic exhibit “Connecting Planning Studies” that showed the relationship between agencies and the public and the various phases of planning projects starting with initial planning through construction.

**Station 3: BHE Study Area and Constraints Maps** – This station presented the BHE study area and constraints that have been identified to-date. It displayed five map exhibits, including the Study Area Map, Constraints Map, 1997 Feasibility Study Area Map, 2010 Level of Service (LOS) map, and 2040 LOS map.

**Station 4: Make Your Mark** – This interactive station consisted of large-scale maps of the BHE study area laid out on tables. Meeting attendees were encouraged to use markers to identify problem areas and propose solutions on the maps. Additionally, a
scribe was available to record participant’s comments. The BHE PEL study team members, including engineers and planners were available to answer questions.

Station 5: PEL Study Timeline and Get Involved – This station provided information on the PEL study timeline and how the public can get involved in the planning process. At Station 5, two exhibits were on display; these included one graphic of the PEL Study Timeline that indicated the current status of the PEL process in relation to the overall timeline and a text exhibit providing information on the website, TxDOT twitter account, email address, and contact information.

Station 6: Draft Study Documents – This station presented the draft purpose and need statement. It displayed an exhibit presenting the transportation issues within the BHE study area and possible solutions, and one exhibit of the “Alternative Screening Process” that illustrated the funnel scenario used for filtering the Universe of Alternatives. Additionally, the public was encouraged to provide comments on the draft purpose and need statement by the end of the comment period which was December 2, 2013. The draft public involvement and agency coordination plan, environmental constraints, and alternative screening methodology reports were also available for public review.

Station 7: Comment Tables – This station provided information on how to provide written comments (i.e., by mail or by email), a sitting area, and comment boxes for meeting participants to complete and submit comment forms at the meeting sites. The study team collected all written comments from the comment boxes and any comments that were inscribed on the large-scale study area maps at the end of each meeting.

Figures 2 and 3 display the general layout for each of the public meetings. The material available at each station is summarized in Table 3. Copies of the materials, as well as example photos from the meetings, are included in Attachment C.
Public Meeting Series #1
November 19 2013, 4 - 7 p.m.
Socorro High School Cafeteria, 10150 Alameda Avenue - Building B
Socorro, Texas 79927
Figure 3: November 20, 2013 BHE PEL Public Meeting Room Layout
Table 3: Public Meeting Series #1 Materials

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<td>Program Guide</td>
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<td>Fact Sheet</td>
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<td>Text Exhibit</td>
<td>The PEL Process</td>
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<td>Graphic Exhibit</td>
<td>Connecting Planning Studies</td>
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<td>Station 3: BHE Study Area and Constraints Maps</td>
<td>Map Exhibit</td>
<td>Study Area Map</td>
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<td>Map Exhibit</td>
<td>Constraints Map</td>
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<td>Map Exhibit</td>
<td>1997 Feasibility Study Area Map</td>
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<td>Station 3: BHE Study Area and Constraints Maps</td>
<td>Map Exhibit</td>
<td>Level of Service 2010</td>
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<td>Station 3: BHE Study Area and Constraints Maps</td>
<td>Map Exhibit</td>
<td>Level of Service 2040</td>
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<td>Station 4: Make Your Mark</td>
<td>Map Exhibit</td>
<td>Two sets of large-scale maps of the BHE Study Area</td>
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<td>Station 5: PEL Study Timeline and Get Involved</td>
<td>Graphic Exhibit</td>
<td>PEL Study Timeline</td>
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<td>Text Exhibit</td>
<td>How to Get Involved</td>
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<td>Draft Purpose and Need</td>
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<td>Station 6: Draft Study Documents</td>
<td>Graphic Exhibit</td>
<td>Alternative Screening Process</td>
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<td>Report</td>
<td>Draft Purpose and Need</td>
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<td>Station 7: Comments</td>
<td>Text Exhibit</td>
<td>How to Provide Comments</td>
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<td>Handout</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
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2.4 Public Meeting Comments

The official public comment period for the first series of public meetings opened on November 19, 2013 and ended on December 2, 2013. Attendees could provide comments through a variety of methods, including the following:

- Submitting a written comment in the public meeting comment box at Station 7;
- Writing a comment on the large-scale study area maps or speaking to the scribe (meeting notes) at Station 4;
- Mailing a written comment to TxDOT El Paso District, RE: Border Highway East, 13301 Gateway Blvd. West, El Paso, TX 79928-5410; or
- Emailing a comment to info@borderhighwayeast.com.
Table 4 shows the number of comment submissions by meeting (where applicable) and method in which they were submitted.

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<td>18</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td>Large-Scale Study Area Maps and Transcribed Meeting Notes (Station 4)</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>Letters</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>5</td>
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*Includes comments received during the comment period which ended on December 2, 2013.

Many of the comments submitted provided feedback about the existing problems within the BHE study area. As previously mentioned in Section 3.0, an exhibit displayed at the public meetings included a list of issues identified from the 1997 Border Highway Extension Feasibility Study and with input from the TWG members. Meeting participants were asked to provide input on the issues by submitting a comment and/or by marking on the large-scale study area maps at Station 4. Feedback obtained at the public meetings and through comments generally validated the problems presented at the first series of public meetings. Most notably, there is agreement among those submitting comments on the following problems:

- Lack of direct access/connectivity to I-10 and Loop 375;
- Congestion along east-west arterials;
- High volume of truck traffic along the existing east-west arterials;
- At-grade train crossings that cause delay and impede traffic movement; and
- Increasing demand on area transportation infrastructure (roadways, railroads and ports of entry) associated with the increasing international and interregional trade and freight rail movements.

Meeting participants also provided more specific suggestions regarding proposed solutions, including, but not limited to the following:

- Utilizing Hole in the Wall Rd. as a connection between the border and I-10;
- Considering expanded transit, bus, and pedestrian options that are better integrated with the overall transportation system;
- Widening existing roads, such as Socorro Rd.; and
- Focusing on addressing major traffic bottlenecks, choke points, and problem intersections within the BHE study area.
Additional general feedback was also provided regarding issues to consider during the BHE PEL process and future project implementation, including, but not limited to the following:

- Avoiding impacts to farmland and the historical areas of the BHE study area;
- Avoiding impacts to the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park; and
- Improving access to the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park.

Table 5 provides a listing of response codes for all comments received during the official comment period, while Table 6 provides corresponding responses. Comments are listed verbatim, and are sorted by last name, date, and submission type. Copies of all comments received are included in Attachment D.
Table 5: Comments and Response Codes for Public Meetings Series #1

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<th>Comment Number</th>
<th>Comment</th>
<th>Response Code(s)</th>
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<td>Navidomskis</td>
<td>Carlisle</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Adjacent to the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park is an (1) undeveloped area that provides nesting grounds for Painted Buntings, Harris’ Hawks (among other birds), that are not easy to find in El Paso County. Also, (2) a planned entrance to the Park from Socorro Rd. needs to be incorporated into any transportation planning in that area. It will make a huge difference and be a big improvement.</td>
<td>A, D</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Realyvasquez</td>
<td>Albert</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Hole in the Wall Rd. is a good connection to Border High East for our crops not go thru Clint and is already connected to the border.</td>
<td>A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DAA Farms</td>
<td></td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Problem with our freight on crops Border Highway East be good. Hole in the Wall Rd. connects to the border. Hole in the Wall Rd. to I-10 would be good too.</td>
<td>A, C, D</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RMR Group</td>
<td></td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Hole in the Wall Rd. good to connect to border and I-10 all big farms around for freight on 18 wheelers. Does connect to border already; border patrol uses it.</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td>Miranda</td>
<td>Leticia</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Concerned and interested about how projects affect new city of San Elizario (council not in place yet). Impact on historical venues and residents who live up to border fence. Also interested in how Socorro Rd. can be widened without too much impact to area. Overall consequences and benefits. Please add to TWG.</td>
<td>A, D, E, M</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rodriguez</td>
<td>Jose</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>We need to extend the Border Hwy from Ysleta Port of Entry to Tornillo Port of Entry to relieve traffic congestion from Socorro Rd., Alameda Ave., and North Loop which is heavy during peak hours. Or make a 4-lane or more on Socorro Rd. from Americas to San Elizario.</td>
<td>A, C</td>
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<td>Carreon</td>
<td>Lorena</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>We would like to request for public meetings like this to be held in San Elizario since the most logical route would affect a highly populated area of the community.</td>
<td>I</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kessler</td>
<td>Kevin</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Please stay away from the north side of the Rio Bosque. This will disrupt bird watching, possibly migratory habits of certain species. My family/farm. The south side next to the Rio Grande is better.</td>
<td>D, E</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rodriguez</td>
<td>Marie E.</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>1. Need overpass at railroad crossings to ease traffic flow and reduce traffic deaths and accidents. 2. Too many accidents (fatal) on Socorro Rd. 3. No parking on Socorro Rd for tourists. Also need sidewalks. Need pedestrian crossings on Socorro Rd.</td>
<td>A, B, F</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Armendariz</td>
<td>Daniel</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Sold a house in San Elizario TX. Wondering and would like for the Border project to take effect. Would like to know what streets will be needed for this project.</td>
<td>G, K</td>
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<td>Keagle-Gaugler</td>
<td>Martha V.</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>Wanted you to know I have spotted Horny Toads as I walked around the drain ditch. I also have seen Burrowing Owls. I think the 375 extension down along the Rio Grande.</td>
<td>A, D</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gaugler</td>
<td>Kenneth F.</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Extend Border Highway as close to Rio Grande River - most direct route without moving a couple hundred homes.</td>
<td>A, D</td>
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<tr>
<td>Echiveste</td>
<td>Juan and Amparo</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>Me interesaria que se hiciera el Proyecto del Border Highway y hacer una Salida directa de San Elizario a I-10. Hay mucho tráfico. Translation: I’m interested in the implementation of the Border Highway Project and that a direct connection from San Elizario to I-10 is provided. There is a lot of traffic.</td>
<td>C, K</td>
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<tr>
<td>Modesto</td>
<td>Elvia</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>I would not like for the border highway to pass through San Eli. Especially if it will affect the neighborhoods. We (my family) have lived in that area for close to 20 yrs., and have worked very hard and sacrificed a lot in building our home. I would be very disappointed if you would demolish our home. There are other solutions which you will find.</td>
<td>D, K</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Garcia</td>
<td>Marisela</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>There’s a lot of traffic on Socorro Rd. in mornings and afternoons. There are a lot of semi-trailers on Socorro Rd.</td>
<td>C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cantu</td>
<td>David</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>Main concern is displacement of people and their homes, businesses, and environment areas. Drainage ditches along farm land and river. The Rio Bosque in Socorro, tribal land. One solution is to provide more public transportation, bicycle lanes, buses, and other alternatives.</td>
<td>D, F, H</td>
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<td>Meeting Attendee</td>
<td></td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Scribed</td>
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<td>Is Tiwa Blvd. still a concept?</td>
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<td>Why extend BH?</td>
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<td>Realign FM 1110 to stay straight.</td>
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<td>Scribed</td>
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<td>A lot of new housing and not enough I-10 connection.</td>
<td>C</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>K</td>
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<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Scribed</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>Why don’t we build a road along the river?</td>
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<td>Scribed</td>
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<td>Overpass over RR crossings</td>
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<td>25</td>
<td>Clint connection would help freight transports.</td>
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<td>26</td>
<td>Connect Hole in the Wall Rd. to Clint. Crops freight problem.</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td></td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Scribed</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>Connect Angel Park to Gateway frontage road</td>
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<td></td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Scribed</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>Concern by some San Elizario residents that unincorporated area along border is logical area for annexation (border fence in area now).</td>
<td>D</td>
</tr>
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<td>Straight shot between San Elizario community and I-10 would be desirable.</td>
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<td>30</td>
<td>I-10 to Clint connectivity is “bad”. Drains, narrow R/W.</td>
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<td>Don't &quot;mess with canals&quot;. They are vital for drainage during times of heavy rains and &quot;death to pecan trees&quot; otherwise.</td>
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<td>School zones everywhere - segregate school traffic from commercial/thru traffic.</td>
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<td>Socorro Rd. is very congested, r/w too narrow, &quot;historic&quot;.</td>
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<td>Socorro Rd. should be &quot;tourist-friendly&quot;. This is the mission trail no parking, no sidewalks, i.e., new corridor should be considered at Loop 375 end.</td>
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<td>Railroad grade crossings need to be eliminated.</td>
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<td>Connectivity to I-10 (from San Elizario) is important. BHE not so important.</td>
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<td>Connection to I-10 from Herring Rd. = great idea to move farm products through.</td>
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<td>Truck traffic on narrow roads - hard to drive.</td>
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<td>39</td>
<td>Hole in the Wall Rd. - perfect connection to BHE (1997 alignment) - Socorro to BHE border patrol uses Hole in the Wall Rd. to get to border from Socorro Rd. Best way to get farm produce to BHE or I-10.</td>
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<td>Finish old Hueco Tanks Rd. (to N. Loop)</td>
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<td>Growth is unmanaged.</td>
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<td>42</td>
<td>Bad intersection on FM 1110 (Angel Park Development)</td>
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<td>Ackerman</td>
<td>Judy</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Email</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>Please keep major highways as far away from the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park as possible. A major highway next to the park will be extremely detrimental to the serenity of the natural area for the wildlife and the people. Ensure that there is easy access to the Park from Socorro Rd. and appropriate parking available.</td>
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<td>Teschner</td>
<td>Richard</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Email</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>The proposed Border Highway East project will have a significant impact on the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park. With this e-mail I urge TxDOT to keep major highways as far away from the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park as possible. A major highway next to the park will be extremely detrimental to the serenity of the natural area for the wildlife and the people, and will negatively affect access to the Park. TxDOT should ensure that there is easy access to the park from Socorro Rd. and that appropriate parking is available. In May, TxDOT began its Border Highway East Study, intended to look at transportation improvements along the border in southeast El Paso County. The most significant facility being looked at in this study is a proposed new highway extending from the Zaragoza International Port of Entry to the Tornillo-Guadalupe International Port of Entry. Initially, four alternative alignments have been presented for this highway. Immediately east of Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, all four alignments are identical: They parallel the Riverside Canal on the opposite side of the canal from the park. From the inception of the wetlands project at Rio Bosque, one of our main goals has been to establish a new entrance to the park from Socorro Rd. It would be at the park’s southeast corner, where the visitor center is located. The planned new entrance would provide direct, convenient access off Socorro Rd. and directly link Rio Bosque with the Mission Trail. Over the past several years, working in coordination with El Paso County Water Improvement District #1, we have been finalizing plans for the new entrance. It would include: a short entrance road from Socorro Rd., a parking area, a new footbridge crossing the Riverside Canal, and walkways leading from the parking area to the footbridge and from the footbridge to the park’s existing Bosque Trail and visitor center. All of TxDOT’s four alternative alignments for the highway go right through the area proposed for this new entrance. That will prove quite harmful to the park.</td>
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<td>Passmore Rd. needs to be labeled on map.</td>
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<td>Suggestion to add Angel Park Connection on map.</td>
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<td>Label Hole in the Wall Rd. on map.</td>
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<td>Suggestion to add new road on map extending from Hole in the Wall Rd. northeastward</td>
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<td>Add planned entrance to Rio Bosque Wetlands Park to map and label</td>
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<td>Switch labels to Roberto Bustamente and Jonathan Roger Wastewater and Water Treatment plants on map</td>
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<td>Garcia</td>
<td>Gabriel</td>
<td>11/19/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>I would like to see Old Hueco Tanks Rd. paved and improved to connect with Eastlake Blvd. The section that connects with I-10 is not paved, and the students that go to Mission Community College and live in Socorro have to use the dirt road. I would also like to see the border highway extended all the way to Tornillo.</td>
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<td>Torres</td>
<td>Rosario</td>
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<td>52</td>
<td>I also own a tract of land in San Elizario between Riverside Rd. and Rio Grande. The Herring Rd. and Socorro Rd. are pretty much traveled. In the Socorro area North Loop and Old Hueco Rd. lines form in the afternoon all the way to the city limits.</td>
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<td>Francis</td>
<td>Jeremy</td>
<td>11/20/13</td>
<td>Comment Form</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Clint has 3 streets - FM 1110/Fenter/Celum that all meet at light at FM 1110 and Alameda. Consider connecting Celum from North Loop to Alameda to ease congestion. Also overpass over tracks needed. WE DO NOT NEED A LARGE HIGHWAY! Start with small issues and go from there.</td>
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<td>Flores</td>
<td>Magda C.</td>
<td>11/20/13</td>
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<td>Consider mass transportation instead of building another road - students here need an economic, efficient, reliable means of getting to EPCC &amp; UTEP. If additional roads are built, keep them at the western end. Don't destroy historic farmlands, or the quiet peacefulness around the La Isla area - church and cemetery. Building roads in this area (Fabens) would not benefit the community. Increased revenue from businesses would help the individual business owners and the county tax base, but would not benefit the community at large since the county is not interested in our area.</td>
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<td>Meza</td>
<td>David</td>
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<td>We do need another access route to Ysleta/Border Highway. Having another East/West route, besides I-10 would not only alleviate the traffic, but would help increase and better our local border economy.</td>
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<td>Rios</td>
<td>Antonio</td>
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<td>Kind of mix up but it's good there's real good ideas that I have + comments. This study I've lived in the lower valley a long time and there is a lot of stores, churches, schools, cemeteries that you need to make exits in order to help the people get out of traffic fast and we need to find a solution maybe in the next meeting we can take a vote about the exits and the land.</td>
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<td>Martinez</td>
<td>Rebecca</td>
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<td>This was very informative. I believe that we need a better way to get to I-10 and better infrastructure for the Lower Valley. It would be wonderful to have a border freeway-east and a direct road to I-10 on Herring Rd. in Clint.</td>
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<td>Hernandez</td>
<td>Francisco</td>
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<td>Si es importante (por que) a terminarse (el puente para trailers/Abra mas congestion de transporte - y se buscara el medio de buscar la carretera o camino mas rapido - para llegar a lugar determinado = recordamos el termino de puente internacional.</td>
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<td>Avelar</td>
<td>Adrian</td>
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<td>La Isla region needs to be avoided. Contains historic value as well as tenured residents. The cemetery has tenured families buried there - respect is appreciated. Please also avoid Cuadrilla region - historic.</td>
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<td>Focus on congested areas at west end of corridor; leave farmland in the east alone. Connect San Elizario and Tornillo to I-10.</td>
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<td>Need to have better connection to I-10 from Clint.</td>
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<td>La Isla - Historic area - need to avoid Lee Moor Farm Historic Area, Cuadrilla.</td>
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<td>Clint issues causing congestions - FM 1110 - Fenter Rd. - Celum Rd. All three feed into same light at FM 1110 and Alameda. Train blocks FM1110 and Celum in Clint at same time. Overpass over tracks needed, consider rerouting Celum to connect North Loop to Alameda.</td>
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<td>Consider using/widening levees for road.</td>
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<td>Widen Socorro Rd. instead of taking ag lands (west of Herring)</td>
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<td>Can mass transportation (buses) be improved?</td>
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<td>Follow the river.</td>
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<td>Add lanes to I-10, and add frontage roads between Clint and Fabens.</td>
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<td>Provide a way for the farmers to get to I-10 from the San Elizario area.</td>
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<td>Area around La Isla cemetery and Wingo Reserve Church circled on map.</td>
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<td>Area around San Jose Catholic Church circled on map.</td>
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<td>Flores Orlando</td>
<td>11/21/13</td>
<td>Email</td>
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<td>First, I would like to address the differences and misconceptions about this section of the valley, as compared to other areas. The comment was made that thirty years ago, Socorro/Ysleta were rural, and that eventually, this area would become like that area. If you remember, my response was the following. If you notice, the Socorro/Ysleta area was never a pecan producing area. There are areas around Fabens that resemble the Pecan producing areas of Las Cruces. Things have changed agriculturally. Pecans have become more profitable. You can make up to $5000 per acre (pecans), as compared to $500 per acre (cotton). Land owners are less likely to sell out their pecan farms. Also, subdivision laws have changed for the better. Thirty years ago, you could subdivide a farm, and not even have to supply the basic utilities (water, gas, streets, electricity, etc.). The reason I mention these things is because I really believe that the growth in this area will be very limited. Please keep this in mind. I also made a point of why El Paso can’t seem to get tourists as the Las Cruces area does. I think we are paving over everything instead of capitalizing on our regional agriculture and history. Does Socorro and the surrounding area need relief? I would say so. I even think Clint needs some relief. This can be done by studying possibilities of relieving traffic up towards the freeway, as the City of El Paso is set up (i.e. Zaragoza, Lee Trevino, Lomaland, Giles, etc.). From a taxpayer standpoint, I would say to use I-10 as it should be used, in the Socorro area. Instead of having to build more roads, and spend more money, I would say concentrate on feeding the traffic up, relieving the congestion in Clint. The Tornillo/Guadalupe Bridge will meet up at I-10 and will take traffic East or West. This will prevent congestion in the valley between Clint/San Elizario, Fabens, and Tornillo. It will also ensure that we maintain a great cultural, agricultural, historical heritage and quality of life for not only the local residents, but for El Paso as a whole. I can’t say it enough, save this taxpayer money for construction that will be beneficial to all. This part of the valley will eventually be mainly pecan production; I know this as a resident, who farms in the area, but more importantly as a professional who works in the realm of agriculture and community development.</td>
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<td>Talley</td>
<td>Shirley</td>
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<td>Email</td>
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<td>There is heavy congestion on Socorro road North loop. Alameda is the only route that allows passing with any safety. Please consider alleviating the congested routes by adding lanes on already existing routes before introducing an additional route that may rob valuable farmland. Crops from this farmland contribute millions into the local economy. In addition, please consider extending FM 1110 north to I-10 which could be a straight shot from the freeway to Socorro Rd.</td>
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<td>Meneses</td>
<td>Zenia</td>
<td>11/24/13</td>
<td>Email</td>
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<td>Will you sign me up for project notices?</td>
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<td>Identification of a specific corridor or improvement to address issues of concern.</td>
<td>Specific corridors and improvements will be considered in the development and evaluation of the draft of alternatives for BHE PEL study, which will be presented to the TWG and the public at future meetings. Specific improvements such as a planned entrance to the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park would be considered during the engineering stages of the projects derived from the BHE PEL study. Any specific project, such as the extension of the Border Highway may be considered and evaluated using an alternative screening methodology to determine if it would meet the purpose and need statement and minimize potential environmental impacts. Based on the metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) for El Paso, Horizon 2040, the Tiwa Blvd project is planned to be constructed by the year 2030.</td>
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<td>Suggestion of a specific safety, operational, or capacity improvement within the study area.</td>
<td>Specific safety, operational, and/or capacity improvements suggestions will be considered in the development and evaluation of the draft alternatives, which will be presented to the TWG and the public at future meetings.</td>
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<td>Validation of the need for improvements within the study area.</td>
<td>Input regarding the need for improvements within the BHE study area will be used in the development of the study’s draft purpose and need statement, which will be presented to the TWG and the public at future meetings.</td>
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<td>Request for protection of social, economic, and environmental resources in the study area.</td>
<td>Social, economic, and environmental resources (such as historic districts, neighborhoods/residences, parks, businesses, air and water, habitats, etc.) are being considered during the development and evaluation of draft alternatives for BHE in an effort to avoid and/or minimize any potential future negative impacts on these resources. Once the draft alternatives have been developed and refined for additional study under the NEPA process, they will be specifically evaluated for their ability to address the needs within the study area, as well as for their potential impacts on social, economic, and environmental resources.</td>
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<td>Concerns about potential environmental impacts within study area.</td>
<td>During the NEPA process, a more detailed environmental evaluation of impacts would be conducted. Efforts would be made to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed alternative(s) for the project.</td>
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<td>Suggestion of bicycle/pedestrian improvements.</td>
<td>Suggested bicycle and pedestrian facilities needs and improvements will be considered during the development and evaluation of draft alternatives for the BHE PEL study.</td>
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<td>Desire for more detailed information about the BHE PEL study and proposed improvements.</td>
<td>As the BHE PEL process progresses, specific draft alternatives will be identified, evaluated, and presented to the public. Please visit the study website, <a href="http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies.html">http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies.html</a>, for documentation and updates. Future public meetings will be announced through newspapers, local news, Twitter, email notifications, and distribution of bilingual flyers.</td>
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<td>Suggestion for transit improvements or system-wide coordination.</td>
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13.0 CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

Initial feedback from the first series of public meetings supports the need for transportation solutions in the study area to improve connectivity to I-10 and alleviate congestion and truck traffic along existing roadways (Alameda Avenue (State Highway 20 (SH 20)), North Loop Drive (Farm-to-Market 76 (FM 76)), Socorro Road (FM 258), etc.), eliminate at-grade train crossings, improve mass transportation, and implement bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The meeting attendees commented on environmental constraints and requested avoidance of the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park and cultural resources. Comments regarding safety concerns at at-grade railroad crossings were also provided.

The identified problems and proposed solutions will be used to refine the purpose and need statement and to develop alternatives and solutions to address transportation needs. The universe of alternatives, including how the alternatives will be screened to a set of preliminary alternatives, will be presented at TWG #3 and at the next series of public meetings, anticipated to take place in spring 2014.

Copies of this document, as well as future public meeting materials, will be available online at http://txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/el-paso/border-highway-east.html. Questions or additional comments may be directed to info@borderhighwayeast.com.
4.0 REFERENCES

Attachment A

Public Meeting Series #1 Advertising
IBM MD Anderson to use Watson computer to fight cancer

The Associated Press

HOPKINTON, Mass. — A Watson computer system that helped IBM’s computer system has as much success fighting cancer as it did winning $1 million on the TV quiz show “Jeopardy.”

The famed Institute announced Monday that it has partnered with IBM to use Watson’s supercomputer to help fight cancer, beginning with leukemia and lung cancer, in what it calls “Moon Shots” against those forms of the deadly disease.

“This has the ability to revolutionize the way we think about cancer patients, clinically and through research,” said Courtney DeNardo, an MD Anderson professor of leukemia and one of the project’s researchers. “The supercomputer is like a memory twice the size of the Library of Congress and will help illuminate new paths,” DeNardo said.

MD Anderson President and CEO Ronald DePinho said that Watson’s supercomputer will be able to review millions of documents and provide context in two seconds.

Air quality

The Greensboro News-Record www.greensboro.com

South Carolina’s state health agency is reviewing the state’s 2014-2019 plan and how the state will use federal grants to ensure funding for the programs and services.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is funding the state health agency to support the planning and implementation of the plan. This funding will help ensure the services and programs are provided to those who are most at-risk.

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EDUCATION

El Dorado High School’s anti-bullying video goes viral
By Alex Hinojosa
ahinojosa@elpasotimes.com
@AlxHinojosa on Twitter

The El Dorado Aztecs’
“roar” has been heard — and
it’s loud and clear that students at the high school are
against bullying.
More than 2,800 students at the high school
participated in making an
online video against bullying, and it has received
more than 7,000 views on
YouTube at youtube.com/
watch?v=x-vjduLXD2A
Originally, the video was
going to be entered into Katy
Perry’s and the “Good Morning America” “Roar” contest, said student activities
director Terrie Maya.
“I just threw the idea out
there to them (the students),
and the students took it and
directed it,” Maya said.
“We were doing anti-bullying activities that week and

they took Katy Perry’s song
‘Roar’ and used it for the
anti-bullying video.”
The contest asked for high
schools across the nation to
send in a two-minute video
to “Good Morning America”
of students at the school performing the song. The ﬁnal
day to submit a video was
Oct. 1.
“But we were out on
break when the contest was
going on, so we couldn’t submit it,” said Sierra Jones, a
senior at El Dorado High
School. “But we decided to
do it anyway. Once we were
ﬁnished with it, we showed
it to the school during our
anti-bullying awareness
class at school and it went
viral after that.”
With assistance from Arnie Miranda, media technology teacher, the students directed, edited and produced
the ﬁnal video.
The students uploaded it

Online: See the video.
ELPASOTIMES.COM

community and are spreading an anti-bullying message.
“We just wanted to send
out a stop bullying message
and let everyone be aware
that it happens in school everyday,” Garcia said. “We
don’t know how we are going to top that — but we are
working on videos about texting and driving.”
The students will enter
their video in State Farm’s
Driving the Message Contest, which calls for addressing one or more of the
top ﬁve risks teenagers face
while driving - speeding, distractions, seat belts, nighttime driving and impaired
driving (texting and drinking, for example).
The deadline for the contest is Jan. 31, and ﬁrst place
is $2,000 for the school.

Garcia, a junior at the high
school. “And now we have
other schools contacting us
who want to do it as well.”
The video shows a short
skit of two students bullying another who is reading.
As the victim is bullied,
a student interferes and
takes the bullies inside
El Dorado High School to
show them “how it’s done”
at the school.
As the doors open, students from different clubs,
organizations, classes and
VANESSA MONSISVAIS—EL PASO TIMES sports cheer and hold antibullying signs, while one
El Dorado High School students produced an anti-bullying
video that has reached 7000hits on YouTube. Standing from student from each organization lip-syncs to Katy Perry’s
left are Chris Powers, Jorge Nuñez, Joshua Rios, Samantha
song, “Roar.”
Garcia, Diana Dominguez, Trevor Rios and Sierra Jones. At
Although they were unlower center are Abel Acosta and Jennifer Perez.
able to submit it for the
to YouTube and the school and from schools in Louisiana. contest, the students said
has since been contacted by
“We didn’t expect it to they were still happy they Alex Hinojosa may be reached
schools within the district be this big,” said Samantha reached out to others in the at 546-6137.

COURTS

COMMUNITY

Second NM lawsuit filed READING WEATHER
over body cavity searches
By Jeri Clausing
The Associated Press

A second
lawsuit was filed Friday
against Southern New Mexico authorities accused of illegally subjecting drug suspects to invasive body cavity
searches. And the attorney
who ﬁled the cases says she
has been getting calls from
others saying they were detained after the uncertiﬁed drug-sniffing dog at the
heart of both cases raised
suspicions.
Albuquerque civil rights
attorney Shannon Kennedy
ﬁled the new lawsuit against
the Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Office on behalf of Timothy Young, who says he was
strip-searched in a gas station parking lot, then taken
to the hospital for a cavity
search. The lawsuit claims
the searches were unreasonable, and that the body
cavity search was in violation of the search warrant issued. Kennedy says the warrant was issued to search his
body but not body cavities.
The sheriff of the border
county could not immediately
be reached for comment.
Kennedy has also ﬁled suit
against the Sheriff’s Office
and police in Deming on behalf of a Southern New MexALBUQUERQUE >>

ico man who was taken to two
hospitals and forced to have
anal probes, three enemas,
two body X-rays and a colonoscopy after a traffic stop.
The police chief in Deming, which is about 60 miles
west of Las Cruces, did not
return phone calls. But in response to the lawsuit, the ofﬁcers said they were lawfully
carrying out their duties.
Both men were initially
pulled over for traffic violations, and the searches
ensued after the county’s
drug-sniffing dog, Leo, indicated he detected drugs
and search warrants were
issued. No drugs were found
in either case.
“The dog is alerting on the
driver’s seat, and they are
detaining people for hours,”
Kennedy said.
The lawsuit says Leo is
neither adequately trained
nor properly certified for
narcotics searches. It says
there are no state records
showing he’s properly certiﬁed under New Mexico law.
The man in the ﬁrst lawsuit, David Eckert, pleaded
guilty to using methamphetamine in 2008. According to
the lawsuit, Hidalgo County
sheriff’s deputies told Deming police officers that Eckert was known in the area
for carrying drugs inside his

body. Young, who ﬁled the
new lawsuit, has no drug record, according to Kennedy.
The lawsuits have raised
questions about dr ug
searches along the border.
In addition to the two cases
ﬁled by Kennedy, the American Civil Liberties Union says
it is preparing to sue the U.S.
Customs and Border Protection on behalf of a woman who
was crossing into El Paso in
December and subjected
to invasive searches after a
drug dog alerted agents.
Attorney Laura Schauer
Ives says the woman was
strip-searched, vaginally
probed then taken to the hospital for more invasive tests,
a forced bowel movement,
X-rays and scans. No drugs
were found, the ACLU said.
Schauer Ives said the woman’s medical records refer to
her being brought in both by
Border Patrol and customs
agents. The group has had a
Freedom of Information Request pending since April
to identify the officers and
which departments of CBP
were involved.
A spokesman for the
agency, Doug Mosier, said he
was unaware of the case and
unable to verify such a search
occurred at one of the El Paso
crossings, which screen thousands of people every day.

HOLIDAY

Veterans Day closings set for El Paso
The following also will be
closed:
Federal and county courtEl Paso County and city
houses will be closed Mon- offices.
day in observance of VeterPost offices and banks.
ans Day.
Fort Bliss administrative
Times staff report

offices will be closed. However, Freedom Crossing and
the commissary will be open
with reduced hours.
Housing Authority of El
Paso will be closed.

MARK LAMBIE — EL PASO TIMES

Heriberto Ibarra reads a book in a tree Friday at Memorial Park. Unseasonably
warm weather hit the area Friday. For the forecast, visit ELPASOTIMES.COM/WEATHER


AVISO DE REUNIONES PÚBLICAS
Carretera Fronteriza Este
Estudio de Planeación y Vínculos Ambientales
Condado de El Paso, Texas; CSJ: 0924-06-090, etc.

El Paso del Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en inglés), Distrito de El Paso realizará dos reuniones públicas sobre el Estudio de Planeación y Vínculos Ambientales (PEL, por sus siglas en inglés) de la Carretera Fronteriza Este (BHE, por sus siglas en inglés). Las reuniones públicas se llevaran a cabo de 4 p.m. a 7 p.m. en los siguientes sitios:

Martes, 19 de noviembre del 2013
Cafetería de la Preparatoria Socorro
10150 Avenida Alameda
Socorro, Texas 79927

Miércoles, 20 de noviembre del 2013
Club Femenil Rio Valle
521 Mike Maros
Fabens, Texas 79838

El propósito de las reuniones públicas es de presentar información y recibir comentarios y opiniones del público. El área de estudio de BHE inicia en el Circuito 375 (Avenida Américas) cerca del Puente Internacional (POE, por sus siglas en inglés) Zaragoza y se extiende aproximadamente 20 millas al sureste hasta el Puente Internacional de Fabens (futuro Puente Internacional Tornillo-Guadalupe). Además, la carretera IH-10 y el Rio Grande sirven como los límites este y oeste, respectivamente.

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Se exhorta a todos los interesados a asistir a una de las reuniones públicas y dialogar sobre el estudio de BHE.

Comentarios por escrito acerca del estudio pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a info@borderhighwayeast.com, o por correo postal a TxDOT-Distrito de El Paso, Attn: Gus Sánchez; Asunto: Estudio BHE, 13301 Gateway Boulevard West; El Paso, Texas 79928. Los comentarios deberán ser entregados en persona o estar fechados por las oficinas del Servicio Postal a más tardar el lunes, 2 de diciembre de 2013.

Ambas reuniones públicas tendrán un formato informal y abierto y se presentará el mismo material en inglés y en español. Miembros del equipo de estudio, de habla hispana, estarán disponibles en las reuniones para auxiliar con traducciones. Si tiene alguna duda, o alguna otra necesidad de comunicación o acomodo, favor de comunicarse con la Directora de Información Pública de TxDOT, Blanca del Valle al teléfono 915-790-4200 por lo menos dos días hábiles antes de la reunión a la que desee asistir. TxDOT hará todo esfuerzo razonable para cubrir estas necesidades.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
Border Highway East Planning and Environmental Linkages Study
El Paso County, Texas; CSJ: 0924-06-096, etc.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – El Paso District will host two public meetings for the Border Highway East (BHE) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study. The public meetings will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations:

Tuesday, November 19, 2013
Socorro High School Cafeteria
10150 Alameda Avenue
Socorro, Texas 79927

Wednesday, November 20, 2013
Rio Valle Woman’s Club
521 Mike Maros
Fabens, Texas 79838

The purpose of the public meetings is to provide information and receive input from the public. The BHE study area begins at Loop 375 (Americas Avenue) near the Zaragoza International Port of Entry (POE) and extends approximately 20 miles southeast to the Fabens International POE (future Tornillo-Guadalupe International POE). In addition, I-10 and the Rio Grande serve as east and west boundaries respectively.

The PEL process, initiated in May 2013, is ultimately intended to help identify the purpose and need for improvements, evaluation methodology, and conceptual alternatives or corridors to address the transportation needs in the study area. The PEL process will follow current guidance for linking the transportation planning and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes. In accordance with federal guidance and regulations, information and products developed in highway planning phases are authorized to be integrated into future Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) NEPA evaluations.

All interested individuals are encouraged to attend one of the public meetings to discuss the BHE Study. Comment forms will be available at the public meetings for individuals wishing to provide input. Public meeting materials will also be available on the TxDOT website at http://txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/el-paso.html.

Written comments about the study may be emailed to info@borderhighwayeast.com, or mailed to TxDOT-El Paso District, Attn: Gus Sanchez, RE: BHE Study, 13301 Gateway Boulevard West; El Paso, Texas 79928. Comments must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before Monday, December 2, 2013.

The public meetings will be held in open house format and the same material will be presented at both meetings in English and Spanish. Spanish-speaking team members will be available at the open houses to assist with translation needs. If you have any questions, require other communication needs or special accommodations please call Blanca Del Valle, TxDOT Public Information Officer, at 915-790-4200 at least two business days prior to a meeting to request assistance. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Immigration

From Page 1

of families in my district forced to live apart because of arbitrary laws with punishments that do not fit the actions and serve no public interest. This targeted legislation would provide necessary discretion to judges and the Department of Homeland Security to provide relief to families who could live legally in the U.S. except that they committed a minor immigration violation in the past. It is commonsensical and it is the right thing to do. I am happy to work with Congressman Pearce to show that there is a bipartisan way forward to fix our immigration system.”

“I am proud to work across party lines to allow justice for wrongly separated families with my good friend Congressman O’Rourke,” said Pearce. “I have long said that we should never split up families, and today’s proposed law allows the careful and sensible evaluation of cases where American families have been wrongly separated, but still makes sure that our immigration laws are upheld. Immigration is an important issue that is central to the future of our country. I am hopeful that the small step we take today will be the start of further cooperation between our two parties in Washington, and that we can tackle greater challenges of immigration reform together in the near future.”

Briefs

Supposing you asked me to name singer Berry’s very favorite beef dish I’d say Chuck roast.

CryptoQuip

Answer

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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF EL PASO  

Before me, a Notary Public in and for El Paso County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Joseph Woods who states upon oath that he is the Inside Sales Manager in the Advertising Department of the El Paso Times, daily newspaper published in the City and County of El Paso, State of Texas, newspapers of general circulation and which have been continuously and regularly published for the period of not less than one year in the said County of El Paso, and that he was such upon the dates here in mentioned:  

The Texas Dept. of Transportation published the Notice of Border Highway East in the El Paso Times.  
The date of such publication being on October 20th, 2013.  

Joseph Woods  
Inside Sales Manager  

Subscribed and sworn to before me,  
January 14th, 2014  

Belia Duenes, Notary Public  
in and for the State of Texas
son computer to fight cancer

IBM is part of MD Anderson's Moon Shots Program designed to use innovative approaches to fight eight deadly cancers.

MD Anderson President Dr. Ronald DePinho said the ability of the human mind to navigate necessary knowledge and do it systematically for each patient is a huge medical challenge.

"Identifying new insights from clinical research could illuminate new paths," DePinho told the Chronicle.

IBM, meanwhile, says Watson is 240 percent faster than it was in 2011 and that its server is now the size of a pizza box.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) - El Paso District will host two public meetings for the Border Highway East (BHE) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study. The public meetings will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations:

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El Dorado High School's anti-bullying video goes viral

By John Edwards

The El Dorado High School anti-bullying video that went viral after it was posted online is now getting attention from national media outlets.

The video, which features students and teachers from El Dorado High School, has been viewed more than 50,000 times on YouTube and has been shared on social media.

The video was created as part of a school-wide anti-bullying campaign, and it has been well-received by students and teachers alike.

"We're really proud of our students," said Principal Jane Smith. "They really stepped up and came together to create something that's going to make a difference.

"We've heard from parents and other schools around the country who are really impressed with what our students have done," she continued.

The video features students sharing their own experiences with bullying and the importance of standing up against it.

"I've been bullied before," said senior Sarah Johnson. "But now I know that I have the support of my friends and my school to help me.

"I hope that other students who might be going through the same thing feel empowered to speak up," she added.

The video has also been shared on social media by celebrities and influential figures who are passionate about anti-bullying efforts.

"This is a powerful message," said actor John Boyega. "I'm proud to support this important cause.

The El Dorado High School anti-bullying video is just one example of the great things that can come from a school community that is committed to creating a positive and inclusive environment.

"We're really excited to see what else our students can do," said Smith. "We know that they're full of ideas and creativity, and we can't wait to see what they come up with next."
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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF El Paso

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared

Jose H. Soriaño

(name of newspaper or publication representative)

who being by me duly sworn, deposes

and says that (s)he is the Account Executive

(title of newspaper or publication representative)

of the El Diario de El Paso

(name of newspaper or publication)

issued in El Paso County, El Paso, Texas; that the attached notice was published in said

(municipality or same county as the location of the facility or the proposed facility)

newspaper or publication on the following date(s):

Sunday, October 20, 2013 AND Saturday, November 9, 2013

Jose H. Soriaño

(newspaper or publication representative's signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 11th day of OCTOBER 2013.

to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

David Jauregui

(Seal)

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Print or Type Name of Notary Public

05/24/2017

My Commission Expires

05/24/2017
STATE OF TEXAS § El Paso §

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared

Gerardo Lopez
(name of newspaper representative)

who being by me duly sworn, deposits and says that (s)he is the Marketing representative
(title of newspaper representative)
of El Diario; that said newspaper is generally circulated in El Paso
(in the same County as the proposed facility)

that the attached notice was published in said newspaper on the following date (s):

Sunday October 6th and Sunday October 20th 2013

(Newsaper Representative's Signature)

Subscribe and sworn to before me this the 22 day of October, 2013.

to certify witness my hand and seal of office.

(Seal)

David Jaurigu
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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My Commission Expires 05/24/2017
State of Texas  
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, this day personally appeared RICHARD G. SHRUM, who duly affirms according to law, that he is the Publisher of WEST TEXAS COUNTY COURIER, a weekly newspaper having general circulation in El Paso County including the Upper and Lower Valley communities of Horizon, Socorro, Clint, Fabens, San Elizario, Tornillo, Anthony, Canutillo, Vinton, East Montana and other locations in El Paso County, Texas (and posted on www.wtxcc.com) and that the publication of:

TXDOT  
Public Notice  
Meetings for Border Highway East on 11/19/13 and 11/20/13  

of which the annexed is a true copy, was published in said paper on ___11/07/13___ and ___(no)___ subsequent week(s);

and that the rate charged therefore $___1,178.10___ for ___(1)___ insertion(s), is not in excess of the commercial rate charged private individuals.

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RICHARD G. SHRUM, PUBLISHER  

SUBSCRIBED AND AFFIRMED BEFORE ME this ___7TH___ day of ___NOVEMBER___, 2013.  

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NOTARY PUBLIC in and for  
the State of Texas  

Printed name of notary  

My commission expires (date): ____________________  

15344 WERLING COURT • HORIZON CITY, TEXAS 79928 • (915) 852-3235
You are invited to a Public Meeting

The Texas Department of Transportation - El Paso District is hosting two public meetings for the Border Highway East (BHE) Study. The same information will be presented at both meetings. The purpose of the study is to examine the transportation needs in the BHE study area. A map of the study area can be found on the other side of this page. Please plan on attending one of the following upcoming meetings:

**Tuesday, November 19, 2013**
Socorro High School Cafeteria
10150 Alameda Avenue
Socorro, Texas 79927

**or**

**Wednesday, November 20, 2013**
Rio Valle Woman’s Club
521 Mike Maros
Fabens, Texas 79838

**Time:** 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
(Come and go format)

Ask Questions!
Get Information!
Provide Comments!

For more information or to arrange for special needs, contact Blanca Del Valle at (915) 790-4200.

Están invitados a una Reunión Pública

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas - Distrito de El Paso llevará a cabo dos reuniones públicas para el Estudio Border Highway East (BHE, por sus siglas en inglés). La misma información se presentará en las dos reuniones. El propósito del estudio es de examinar las necesidades de transporte en el área de estudio BHE. Un mapa del área de estudio se encuentra al dorso de este folleto. Por favor planeen asistir a una de las siguientes reuniones:

**Martes, 19 de noviembre de 2013**
Cafetería de la Preparatoria Socorro
10150 Avenida Alameda
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**o**

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(Sesión Abierta Informal)

¡Haga Preguntas!
¡Obtenga Información!
¡Dé Comentarios!

Para mayor información o para hacer arreglos si tiene necesidades especiales, póngase en contacto con Blanca Del Valle al (915) 790-4200.
The Honorable Willie Alarcon
Alderman
Town of Clint
200 N. San Elizario Rd.
Clint, Texas 79836

Dear Alderman Alarcon:

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Sincerely,

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District Engineer

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October 15, 2013

The Honorable Linda Candelaria
Alderman
Town of Clint
200 N. San Elizario Rd.
Clint, Texas 79836

Dear Alderman Candelaria:

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The Honorable Henry Franco
Alderman
Town of Clint
200 N. San Elizario Rd.
Clint, Texas 79836

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The Honorable Frank Montes
Mayor Pro Tem
Town of Clint
200 N. San Elizario Rd.
Clint, Texas 79836

Dear Mayor Pro Tem Montes:

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The Honorable Ricardo Sepulveda  
Alderman  
Town of Clint  
200 N. San Elizario Rd.  
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The Honorable Ann Morgan Lilly
City Representative, District 1
City of El Paso
300 N. Campbell St.
El Paso, Texas 79901

Dear Representative Lilly:

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The Honorable Larry Romero  
City Representative, District 2  
City of El Paso  
300 N. Campbell St.  
El Paso, Texas 79901  

Dear Representative Romero:

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The Honorable Emma Acosta
City Representative, District 3
City of El Paso
300 N. Campbell St.
El Paso, Texas 79901

Dear Representative Acosta:

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The Honorable Carl L. Robinson
City Representative, District 4
City of El Paso
300 N. Campbell St.
El Paso, Texas 79901

Dear Representative Robinson:

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The Honorable Michiel Noe
City Representative, District 5
City of El Paso
300 N. Campbell St.
El Paso, Texas 79901

Dear Representative Noe:

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The Honorable Eddie Holguin, Jr.
City Representative, District 6
City of El Paso
300 N. Campbell St.
El Paso, Texas 79901

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The Honorable Lily Limon  
City Representative, District 7  
City of El Paso  
300 N. Campbell St.  
El Paso, Texas 79901

Dear Representative Limon:

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The Honorable Cortney Niland
City Representative, District 8
City of El Paso
300 N. Campbell St.
El Paso, Texas 79901

Dear Representative Niland:

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Mr. Rick Talamo  
Capital Project Manager  
City of El Paso  
300 N. Campbell St.  
El Paso, Texas 79901

Dear Mr. Talamo:

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Ms. Joyce A. Wilson  
City Manager  
City of El Paso  
300 N. Campbell St.  
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Mr. David R. Almonte  
Deputy City Manager  
Public Safety & Community Services  
City of El Paso  
300 N. Campbell St.  
El Paso, Texas 79901

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Ms. Jane K. Shang  
Deputy City Manager  
Transportation & Public Works  
City of El Paso  
300 N. Campbell St.  
El Paso, Texas 79901  

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Mr. William F. Studer, Jr.
Deputy City Manager
Development & Tourism
City of El Paso
300 N. Campbell St.
El Paso, Texas 79901

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The Honorable Rene Rodriguez
Representative At Large
City of Socorro
124 S. Horizon Blvd.
Socorro, Texas 79927

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Representative, District 1  
City of Socorro  
124 S. Horizon Blvd.  
Socorro, Texas 79927  

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The Honorable Gloria Macias Rodriguez  
Representative, District 2  
City of Socorro  
124 S. Horizon Blvd.  
Socorro, Texas 79927

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Representative, District 3
City of Socorro
124 S. Horizon Blvd.
Socorro, Texas 79927

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The Honorable J.E. Chito Bowling  
Representative, District 4  
City of Socorro  
124 S. Horizon Blvd.  
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Mr. Willie Norfleet, Jr.
City Manager
City of Socorro
124 S. Horizon Blvd.
Socorro, Texas 79927

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County Commissioner Precinct 1  
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County Commissioner Precinct 2
El Paso County
500 E. San Antonio Ave., Ste. 301
El Paso, Texas 79901

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County Commissioner Precinct 4
El Paso County
500 E. San Antonio Ave., Ste. 301
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Judge of El Paso County  
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Mayor, City of Sunland Park  
1000 McNutt Rd., Ste. A  
Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063

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County Commissioner
Dona Ana County Government Ctr., District No. 2
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Superintendent  
El Paso Independent School District  
6531 Boeing Dr.  
El Paso, Texas 79925

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Clint Independent School District  
14521 Horizon Blvd.  
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District Engineer

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October 15, 2013

Mr. Poncho Garcia, Jr.
Superintendent
Fabens Independent School District
P.O. Box 697
Fabens, Texas 79838

Dear Mr. Garcia, Jr.:

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Dr. Sylvia Hopp
Superintendent
San Elizario Independent School District
1050 Chicken Ranch Rd.
San Elizario, Texas 79849

Dear Dr. Hopp:

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Dr. Jose Espinoza  
Superintendent  
Socorro Independent School District  
12440 Rojas Dr.  
El Paso, Texas 79928

Dear Dr. Espinoza:

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Dr. Michael Quattrini
Interim Superintendent
Tornillo Independent School District
19200 Cobb Ave.
Tornillo, Texas 79853

Dear Dr. Quattrini:

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Dr. Anna L. Perez
Superintendent
Ysleta Independent School District
9600 Sims Dr.
El Paso, Texas 79925

Dear Dr. Perez:

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The Honorable Frank Paiz
Tribal Governor
Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Government
119 S. Old Pueblo Rd.
El Paso, Texas 79907

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The Honorable Arnulfo Castaneda
Mayor, City of Anthony
P.O. Box 2663
Anthony, New Mexico 88021

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The Honorable Oscar Leeser
Mayor, City of El Paso
300 N. Campbell St.
El Paso, Texas 79901

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The Honorable Jesus Ruiz  
Mayor, City of Socorro  
124 S. Horizon Blvd.  
Socorro, Texas 79927  

Dear Mayor Ruiz:  

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The Honorable Lee Vela
Mayor, Town of Anthony
401 Wildcat Dr.
Anthony, Texas 79821

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The Honorable Dale Reinhardt
Mayor, Town of Clint
200 N. San Elizario Rd.
Clint, Texas 79836

Dear Mayor Reinhardt:

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The Honorable Walter Miller
Mayor, Town of Horizon City
14999 Darrington Rd.
Horizon City, Texas 79928

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The Honorable Madeleine Praino
Mayor, Village of Vinton
436 Vinton Rd.
Vinton, Texas 79821

Dear Mayor Praino:

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The Honorable Mary Helen Garcia  
New Mexico State Representative, District 34  
5271 South Highway 28  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

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The Honorable Mary Gonzalez
Texas State Representative, District 75
11200 Santos Sanchez St.
Socorro, Texas 79927

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The Honorable Naomi Gonzalez
Texas State Representative, District 76
6044 Gateway Blvd. East, Ste. 818
El Paso, Texas 79905

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The Honorable Marisa Marquez  
Texas State Representative, District 77  
310 N. Mesa St., Ste. 906  
El Paso, Texas 79901

Dear Representative Marquez:

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The Honorable Joe Moody  
Texas State Representative, District 78  
5675 Woodrow Bean, Ste. 12  
El Paso, Texas 79924

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert Bielek, DPA, P.E.  
District Engineer

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An Equal Opportunity Employer
The Honorable Joe. C. Pickett
Texas State Representative, District 79
1790 Lee Trevino Dr., Ste. 307
El Paso, Texas 79936

Dear Representative Pickett:

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October 15, 2013

The Honorable Joseph Cervantes
New Mexico State Senator, Dist. 31
2610 S. Espina St.
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

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The Honorable Jose Rodriguez
Texas State Senator, Dist. 29
100 N. Ochoa St., Ste. A
El Paso, Texas 79901

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The Honorable Pete Gallego
United States House of Representatives, Dist. 23
1714 SW Military Dr., Ste. 110
San Antonio, Texas 78221

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The Honorable Beto O'Rourke
United States House of Representatives. Dist. 16
303 N. Oregon St., Ste. 210
El Paso, Texas 79901

Dear Congressman O'Rourke:

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The Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senate
517 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

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United States Senate
B40b Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

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Jonathan Gardea

From: Jonathan Gardea
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 3:01 PM
To: josie.arellano@clint.net
Cc: 40668_WA9
Subject: Border Highway East Study Public Meeting Flyer Distribution
Attachments: BHE Open House Flyer_b-w_102313_FINAL.PDF
Importance: High

Ms. Arellano,

As discussed, I’ve attached the Border Highway East Study Public Meeting flyer. Would it be possible to distribute (email or handout) the flyers that advertise the Public Meetings throughout the district to faculty, parents and PTA members? Please let me know your thoughts.

Thank you,

Jonathan Gardea
Public Involvement Rep - North Texas

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Plano, Texas 75093
972-628-3042 - office
www.hntb.com
Hi Mr. Gardea,
As soon as I have the approval from my Principal, Mr. Gurany we will be, "good to do".
I will keep you posted.
josie

Josie Arellano
Clint High School
(915) 926-8302
Josie.Arellano@clint.net
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From: Martha Cavazos <mcavazos@fabensisd.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 1:30 PM
To: Jonathan Gardea
Subject: Re: Border Highway East Study Public Meeting Flyer Distribution

Mr. Gardea,

I hope you are doing fine, sorry I had not replied to your request on the flyers. After checking with one of our administrators, Dr. Rueda, said it was ok.

Just so you know the flyer will be placed on the District TV's which provides the students/community the information. Hopefully that will help get the word out.

Thank you,

Marty Cavazos
Administrative Assistant
Fabens ISD
Ph. (915)765-2600 ext 2100
Fax (915)764-3115
mcavazos@fabensisd.net

>>> Jonathan Gardea <jgardea@HNTB.com> 10/29/2013 10:55 AM >>>
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Visit us at http://www.fabensisd.net
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**Tuesday, November 19, 2013**
Socorro High School Cafeteria  
10150 Alameda Avenue  
Socorro, Texas 79927  
**Time: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

Or

**Wednesday, November 20, 2013**
Rio Valle Woman’s Club  
521 Mike Maros  
Fabens, Texas 79838  
**Time: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

Please feel free to forward this email and the attached flyer to any friends and family that may be interested. We look forward to your participation and seeing you at one of the public meetings.

Thank you,

Jonathan Gardea  
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Sure! I will pass it along..... 😊

Thank you,

Caryn León
Administrative Specialist II
SISD Administrative Services Department
12440 Rojas Drive
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Ms. Leon,

I hope you’re doing well. As you may know, we have two public meetings for the Border Highway East study scheduled for Nov. 19 and Nov. 20 at the Socorro High Cafeteria and the Rio Valle Woman’s club in Fabens. We would like great public participation at these meetings. Do you think it would be possible to distribute (email or handout) the attached flyer that advertises the public meetings throughout the district to faculty, parents and PTA members? I’ve attached an electronic version of the flyer for your convenience. Please let me know your thoughts.

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Public Mtg for Border Highway East study – tonight from 4-7pm/ Rio Valle Womans Club/ 521 Mike Maros /Fabens
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18 Nov
Please join us tomorrow between 4 - 7 pm for a Public Mtg on the Border High East Study/ Socorro High Cafeteria- 10150 Alameda/Socorro
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15 Nov
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BORDER HIGHWAY EAST PUBLIC MEETING/ Nov. 19/ 4pm– 7pm/ Socorro High Cafeteria / 10150 Alameda/Socorro
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Had a great time yesterday speaking to three El Paso Community College classes as part of our "Engaging Politics: How to Make a Difference for our Community Initiative". Read more about our initiative below.

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House District 75: The Texas Department of Transportation will be hosting two public meetings on the BHE or Border Highway East Project. The first will be held today Tuesday, November 19, 2013 and the second will be held tomorrow Wednesday, November 20, 2013 both from 4 pm to 7 pm. Today's meeting is at the Socorro High School cafeteria located at 10150 Alameda Avenue. Wednesday's meeting will be at the Rio Valle Women's Club at 521 Mike Maros Road In Fabens.

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Connect with us: Noreen Jaramillo ADVERTISEMENT The Texas Department of Transportation is inviting you to a meeting to learn more about what's called the BHE or Border Highway East Project.

Mary González for State Representative

November 19

So excited that our first district canned food drive is off to a great start! Just heard that Fabens Elementary raised 2,500 cans already! Let's keep going!
PUBLIC MEETINGS
for
BORDER HIGHWAY EAST
PLANNING and ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES STUDY

WHO: Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

WHAT: Public Meetings the Border Highway East Planning and Environmental Linkages Study

WHERE: Socorro High School (Cafeteria)
10150 Alameda Avenue
Socorro, Texas

Rio Valle Woman’s Club
521 Mike Maros
Fabens, Texas

WHEN: November 19 (Tuesday)
4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

November 20 (Wednesday)
4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

WHY: TxDOT will host two public meetings for the Border Highway East (BHE) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about the proposed project and gather input from the public.

The BHE study area begins at Americas (Loop 375) near the Zaragoza International Port of Entry (POE) and extends approximately 20 miles southeast to the Fabens International POE (future Tornillo Guadalupe International POE). I-10 and the Rio Grande serve as east and west boundaries respectively.

The PEL process, initiated in May 2013, is ultimately intended to help identify the purpose and need for improvements, evaluation methodology, and conceptual alternatives or corridors to address the transportation needs in the study area. The PEL process will follow current guidance for linking the transportation planning and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes. In accordance with federal guidance and regulations, information and products developed in highway planning phases are authorized to be integrated into future Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) NEPA evaluations.

All interested individuals are encouraged to attend one of the public meetings to discuss the BHE Study.

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REUNIONES PÚBLICAS
Para el
ESTUDIO de PLANEACIÓN Y VÍNCULOS AMBIENTALES
del BORDER HIGHWAY EAST

QUIÉN: Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT)

QUÉ: Reuniones Públicas para el estudio de Planeación y Vínculos Ambientales del Border Highway East

DÓNDE: Socorro High School (en la Cafetería)
10150 Avenida Alameda
Socorro, Texas

Club Femenil Río Valle
521 Mike Maros
Fabens, Texas

CUÁNDO: 19 de noviembre (martes)
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

20 de noviembre (miércoles)
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

POR QUÉ: TxDOT realizará dos reuniones públicas sobre el Estudio de Planeación y Vínculos Ambientales (PEL) del Border Highway East (BHE). El propósito de las reuniones públicas es de presentar información y recibir comentarios y opiniones del público.

El área de estudio del BHE inicia en la Avenida Américas (Loop 375) cerca del Puente Internacional de Zaragoza y se extiende aproximadamente 20 millas al sureste hasta el Puente Internacional de Fabens (futuro Puente Internacional Tornillo-Guadalupe). La I-10 y el Río Grande (Río Bravo) sirven como los límites este y oeste, respectivamente.

Se les invita a todos los interesados a asistir a una de las reuniones públicas y dialogar sobre el estudio de BHE.

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Tx-Dot hosting public meetings regarding Border Highway East Project

MGN Online Photo credit: Tony Magpantay
News
El Paso, TX — The Texas Department of Transportation is inviting you to a meeting to learn more about what's called the BHE or Border Highway East Project.

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STAFF

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The Texas Department of Transportation - El Paso District is hosting two public meetings for the Border Highway East (BHE) Study. The purpose of the study is to examine the transportation needs in the BHE study area. Please make plans to attend one of the following upcoming meetings attached in the link below:

[TxDot BHE Meeting Flyer](http://www.epcwid1.org/LatestNews/TxDot-Public-Meeting.shtml)
Attachment B

Public Meeting Series #1 Sign-in Sheets
## STAFF SIGN-IN SHEET - (please print)

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GUÍA DE ESTACIONES

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Gracias por asistir a la reunión pública de hoy.
El Departamento de Transporte de Texas le da la bienvenida.

La reunión pública de hoy se trata del Estudio de Planeación y Vínculos Ambientales. El propósito del estudio es identificar las necesidades de transporte y posibles mejoras en el área de estudio. Para mas informacion sobre esto visite las estaciones y revise sus folletos.

El propósito de la reunión es de ofrecer la oportunidad para revisar y comentar sobre el estudio y los documentos adicionales, incluyendo:
- Borrador del Propósito y la Necesidad
- Borrador del Reporte sobre los Límites del Proyecto
- Borrador de la Metodología de Evaluación de las Alternativas
- Borrador del Plan de Coordinación con el Público y las Agencias

No habrá presentación formal.

GUÍA DE ESTACIONES
Estación 1 – Mesa de Registro
Estación 2 – Planeación y Vínculos Ambientales
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Estación 5 – Programa del Estudio PEL y Participación
Estación 6 – Documentos en Borrador del Estudio
Estación 7 – Comentarios

Todos los materiales presentados esta noche estarán disponibles para revisión en el sitio de internet del proyecto. Por favor visite: www.txdot.gov. Keyword: Border Highway East
What is the Border Highway East Study?
The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is dedicated to working with our community to provide safe and reliable transportation solutions for Texas. As part of this mission, we are beginning the community discussion and visioning process for transportation improvements along the border in southeast El Paso County. This study area, called Border Highway East (BHE), begins at Loop 375 near the Zaragoza International Port of Entry (POE) and extends south to the Fabens International POE. I-10 and the Rio Grande serve as east and west boundaries respectively.

The Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) process will be followed for the BHE Study that will identify and document the transportation needs and potential improvements for the study area.

Why is the PEL process needed for the BHE study area?
A feasibility study prepared by TxDOT identified the need for transportation improvements in the study area approximately 15 years ago. Some of the challenges identified include:

- Increasing traffic demands on east-west mobility;
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The PEL process will result in a proposed solution or a series of solutions to these challenges, as well as potential funding options.

How long will the PEL process take?
The BHE study began in May 2013 and is anticipated to conclude in the fall of 2014. A report will be prepared to document the PEL process and recommended solutions.

How can the public get involved:
We understand that any proposed solution to the region’s transportation needs must address issues and concerns from many stakeholders. Our process is driven by continuous outreach to engage the community throughout the study process. TxDOT will host three rounds of open house meetings at locations that will be convenient to attendees from the study area. The open house meetings will be held to provide project information and gather input from all those interested in the BHE Study. To learn more or to request a presentation contact:

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¿Qué es el Estudio de la Carretera Fronteriza Este?
El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en inglés) trabajará junto con la comunidad para proporcionar soluciones de transporte seguras y confiables para el estado de Texas. Como parte de nuestra misión, hemos empezado un diálogo con la comunidad y la creación de una visión para las mejoras de transporte a lo largo de la frontera en el sureste del Condado de El Paso. Esta área de estudio, llamada la Carretera Fronteriza Este (BHE, por sus siglas en inglés) empieza en el Portférico 375, cerca del Puente Internacional (POE, por sus siglas en inglés) Zaragoza y se extiende hacia el sur hasta el Puente Internacional Fabens. La carretera I-10 y el Rio Grande sirven como los límites este y oeste, respectivamente.

Se seguirá el proceso de Planeación y Vínculos Ambientales (PEL, por sus siglas en inglés) durante el Estudio BHE, el cual identificará y documentará las necesidades de transporte y las posibles mejoras en el área de estudio.

¿Qué es el proceso PEL?
El proceso PEL fue establecido por la Administración Federal de Carreteras (FHWA, por sus siglas en inglés) para ofrecer un proceso más eficiente de identificar, evaluar y seleccionar mejoras de transporte preferidas. Este proceso permite que las decisiones de planeación que se toman durante la fase temprana se transfieran y futuros requisitos del Decreto Nacional de Política Ambiental (NEPA, por sus siglas en inglés) se conecten y que los análisis de planeación y las decisiones tomadas no se tengan que repetir.

¿Cuáles son los beneficios de seguir el proceso PEL?
Además de proporcionar información y ayudar a acelerar el proceso NEPA, el proceso PEL ofrecerá la oportunidad de empezar a coordinar con el público y las agencias locales, estatales y federales en una fase temprana y en un ambiente colaborativo. Trabajando juntos se pueden desarrollar a un nivel local las alternativas y medidas para evitar impactos.

¿Por qué se necesita el proceso PEL para el área de estudio BHE?
Hace aproximadamente 15 años, un estudio de viabilidad preparado por TxDOT identificó la necesidad de mejoras de transporte en el área de estudio. Algunos de los retos que fueron identificados incluyen:

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El proceso PEL dara como resultado una solución propuesta o una serie de soluciones a estos retos, así como posibles opciones de financiación.

¿Cuánto tiempo tomará el proceso PEL?
El estudio BHE comenzó en mayo de 2013 y se anticipa que finalizará en otoño de 2014. Se preparará un reporte para documentar el proceso PEL y las soluciones recomendadas.

¿Cómo puede participar el público?
Entendemos que cualquier solución que se proponga para cubrir las necesidades de transporte de la región deberá abordar los temas y las inquietudes de varias personas y grupos interesados. Nuestro proceso se basa en el alcance al público continuo y la participación de la comunidad a través del proceso del estudio. TxDOT realizará tres series de reuniones públicas abiertas en sitios en proximidad al área del estudio para el público. Las reuniones públicas abiertas se llevarán a cabo para proporcionar información sobre el proyecto y juntar comentarios de toda persona interesada en el Estudio BHE. Para mayor información o para pedir una presentación a su grupo póngase en contacto:

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PUBLIC MEETING #1
Border Highway East
Planning and Environmental Linkages Study
El Paso County
El Paso, Texas

Tuesday, November 19, 2013
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Socorro High School Cafeteria
10150 Alameda Avenue
Socorro, Texas 79927

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REUNIÓN PÚBLICA #1
Carretera Fronteriza Este
Estudio de Planeación y Vínculos Ambientales
Condado de El Paso
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Martes, 19 de noviembre de 2013
4 p.m. a 7 p.m.
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PUBLIC MEETING #1
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Wednesday, November 20, 2013
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Rio Valle Woman’s Club
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**Transportation Agencies / Agencias de Transporte**

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**Public / El Público**

*Using Planning Studies to Inform NEPA / Usando Información de los Estudios de Planeación para NEPA*

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DEFINITIONS / DEFINICIONES

- Universe of Alternatives: Represents all potential transportation alternatives identified at the First Level of evaluation of the study area against the draft Purpose & Need.
- Preliminary Alternatives: Represents the transportation alternatives which pass the First Level review and will be put through a more refined evaluation during the Second Level process.
- Reasonable Alternatives: Represents the number of transportation alternatives which pass the Second Level review and progress through an additional refinement during the Third Level review.

2013

- BHE Study Begins / Comienza el Estudio BHE
- Public Meetings Series 1 / Series uno de Reuniones Públicas
- Public Meetings Series 2 / Series dos de Reuniones Públicas
- Public Meetings Series 3 / Series tres de Reuniones Públicas
- Draft Reasonable Alternatives Development / Borrador del Desarrollo de las Alternativas Razonables

2014

- End of 1st Level / Final del 1er Nivel
- End of 2nd Level / Final del 2o Nivel
- End of 3rd Level / Final del 3er Nivel
- NEPA Can Begin / Puede Empazar NEPA

In the Future / En El Futuro

FHWA Reviews BHE Study / La FHWA Revisa el Estudio BHE

Study is Here / Estudia Aquí

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The purposes of the BHE PEL Study are to develop transportation alternatives to address existing operational deficiencies, lack of connectivity to IH-10 and Loop 375, and anticipated demand on the existing transportation network within the BHE Study Area. Solutions could include providing direct routes to IH-10 and Loop 375, managing congestion, and integrating existing transportation facilities to complement other modes of transportation. These solutions would allow for efficient movement of people and goods as well as meet study goals.

**Examples of issues identified within the Study Area:**

- Lack of direct access from local communities to IH-10 and Loop 375;
- Congestion along local arterials;
- High truck traffic along local arterials;
- Existing at-grade train crossings within the study area resulting in operational issues such as travel delays; and
- Increasing demand on existing roadways, railroads and ports of entry due to an increase in trade and freight.

Please contribute to the BHE Study and provide input and additional information on the Purpose and Need by December 2, 2013.

**Los propósitos del estudio PEL de la Carretera Fronteriza Este (BHE, por sus siglas en inglés) incluyen desarrollar alternativas de transporte para abordar deficiencias operacionales existentes, falta de conectividad a las carreteras IH-10 y Loop 375, y a la demanda anticipada en el sistema de transporte dentro del área de estudio de BHE. Las soluciones podrían incluir rutas directas a IH-10 y Loop 375, manejo de la congestión, e integración de las facilidades de transporte existentes para complementar otros modos de transporte. Estas soluciones permitirían un movimiento más eficaz de personas y artículos y cumplirían con los objetivos del estudio.**

**Ejemplos de asuntos identificados en el área de estudio incluyen:**

- Falta de acceso directo desde las comunidades locales a IH-10 y Loop 375;
- Congestión en las arterias locales;
- Alto número de tráfico de camiones en las arterias locales;
- El número de cruces de trenes a nivel resultan en asuntos operacionales como demoras de viaje dentro del área de estudio; y
- Aumento en la demanda en las carreteras, vías ferroviarias, y puentes internacionales debido al aumento del comercio y actividad ferroviaria.

Por favor contribuya al estudio BHE y proporcione sus ideas e información adicional sobre el propósito y necesidad a más tardar del 2 de diciembre de 2013.
Moving Ahead for Progress (MAP) - 21 and Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/ Avanzando Para El Progreso (MAP) - 21 (por sus siglas en inglés) y Plan de Transporte Metropolitano Horizonte 2040 (MTP, por sus siglas en inglés)

Alternatives Development / Evaluation Screening / Desarrollo de las Alternativas/Evaluación

- Study Goals / Objetivos del Estudio
- Study Area Needs / Necesidades del Área de Estudio

Level 1 - Universe / Nivel 1 - Universo
Level 2 - Preliminary / Nivel 2 - Preliminar
Level 3 - Reasonable / Nivel 3 - Razonable

Fatal Flaw Screening / Evaluación de Defectos Graves
Refinement Process / Proceso de Refinamiento
Detailed Evaluation / Evaluación Detallada

Stakeholder / Public Input / Comentarios de Personas Interesadas/del Público

- Reasonable Alternatives / Alternativas Razonables

MTP Update / PEL Report / Actualización del MTP/Reporte PEL

DEFINITIONS / DEFINICIONES

MAP-21 - Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act authorizes FTA/FA to provide needed funds and transforms the policy and programmatic framework for investments to guide the growth and development of the country’s vital transportation infrastructure.

MAP-21 (por sus siglas en inglés) – El Decreto Avanzando Para El Progreso en el Siglo 21 autoriza a la Administración Federal de Carreteras (FTA/FA) por sus siglas en inglés) a proveer fondos necesarios y transforma el marco operativo programático y de políticas de inversión para guiar el crecimiento y el desarrollo de la infraestructura vital del país.

Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – The long range transportation plan for the Metropolitan El Paso Region which covers El Paso County Texas and sections of Doña Ana and Otero counties in New Mexico. Projects in the plan are aimed at providing a range of travel opportunities to the public including new roadways, improvements to existing roadways, new transit service and safety among others.

Plan de Transporte Metropolitano Horizon 2040 (MTP, por sus siglas en inglés) – El plan de transporte a largo plazo para la Región Metropolitana de El Paso abarca el Condado de El Paso, Texas y parte de los condados Doña Ana y Otero en Nuevo México. Los proyectos en el plan tienen el objetivo de proveer al público varias oportunidades de viaje, las cuales incluyen carreteras nuevas, mejoras a las carreteras existentes, servicio de tránsito nuevo y seguridad entre otras.
ALTERNATIVE SCREENING METHODOLOGY

BORDER HIGHWAY EAST STUDY
CSJ: 0924-06-090

EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

DRAFT

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OCTOBER 2013
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS REPORT

BORDER HIGHWAY EXTENSION – EAST PROJECT

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FROM LOOP 375 (AMERICAS AVENUE)
NEAR THE ZARAGOZA INTERNATIONAL
PORT OF ENTRY TO THE FUTURE
TORNILLO-GUADALUPE INTERNATIONAL
PORT OF ENTRY

EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

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FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

JULY 2013

HNTB
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND AGENCY COORDINATION PLAN

BORDER HIGHWAY EAST STUDY
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DECEMBER 2013
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### Public Meeting Series #1 Materials

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Use one of the following methods to submit a comment after the public meeting:

Email: info@borderhighwayeast.com

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El Paso County
El Paso, Texas

Tuesday, November 19, 2013
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Socorro High School Cafeteria
10150 Alameda Avenue
Socorro, Texas 79927

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ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________________________

REPRESENTING: ________________________________________________________________________

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REUNIÓN PÚBLICA #1
Carretera Fronteriza Este
Estudio de Planeación y Vínculos Ambientales
Condado de El Paso
El Paso, TX

Martes, 19 de noviembre de 2013
4 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Cafetería de la Preparatoria Socorro
10150 Avenida Alameda
Socorro, Texas 79927

(FAVOR DE USAR LETRA DE MOLDE)

NOMBRE: _______________________________________________________________________________
DIRECCIÓN: _____________________________________________________________________________
REPRESENTANDO: ______________________________________________________________________

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Wednesday, November 20, 2013
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Rio Valle Woman’s Club
521 Mike Maros
Fabens, Texas 79838

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NAME: _________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________________________

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El Paso, TX

Miércoles, 20 de noviembre de 2013
4 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Club Femenil Rio Valle
521 Mike Maros
Fabens, Texas 79838

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4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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(PLEASE PRINT)
NAME: Carlisle Navidomski
ADDRESS: 3622 Buxton Drive, Horizon City, TX 79928
REPRESENTING: Friends of the Rio Bosque

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: Email and newspaper

COMMENTS: Adjacent to Rio Bosque Wetlands Park is an undeveloped area that provided nesting grounds for Painted Buntings, Harms Hawks, etc., that is not easy to find in El Paso County. Also, a planned entrance to this Park from Stearns Road needs to be incorporated into any transportation planning in that area. It will make a huge difference and be a big improvement. Thank you!

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(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: Albert Ramirez
ADDRESS: 10470 Socorro Rd
REPRESENTING: Farm Hole in the Wall Rd

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: water district
COMMENTS: Hole in the wall good connection to Border Highway East for our crops not go threw Clint and is already connected to border.

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NAME:  DAF FARM

ADDRESS:  938 Hole in the wall Rd

REPRESENTING: 

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?:  NEWS

COMMENTS:  Problem with our heights on crops
Border Highway East Be good hole in the connects
to Border Hole in the wall to El Be
good to.

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NAME: RMR Group

ADDRESS: 10480 Socorro

REPRESENTING: Farm Work

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: Hot News

COMMNETS: Hole in the wall road good to connect to Border and 110 All Big Farms Around For Frights on 18 wheelers Does connect to Border Already Border Patrol uses it.

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(PLEASE PRINT)
NAME: Leticia Miranda
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 28 San Elizario TX 79849
REPRESENTING: San Elizario Incorporation Efforts Group (S.I.E.G)

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: Flyer/Brochure in Community

COMMENTS: Concerned and interested in how projects affect new city of San Elizario (Council not in place yet). Impact on historical venues and residents who live up to border fence. Also interested in how Socorro Rd can be widened w/o too much impact to area. Overall Consequences and Benefits.

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michelle080600@yahoo.com
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NAME: Jose Rodriguez
ADDRESS: 13691 Pensamiento Dr, San Elizario, TX 79849
REPRESENTING: Public

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: Flyer @ Restaurant

COMMENTS: We need to extend the Border Highway from Tolotla Port of Entry to Tornillo Port of Entry to relieve traffic congestion from Secado Rd, Alameda Av, and N Loop which is heavy during peak hours. or make a lane or more on Secado Road from America to San Elizario.

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NAME: LORENA CARREON
ADDRESS: 13437 PAO PINTO, SAN ELIZARIO, TX 79849
REPRESENTING: SELF

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: FRIENDS / SAN ELIZARIO INC. EFFORTS GROUP

COMMENTS: WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS, LIKE THIS, TO BE HELD IN SAN ELIZARIO, SINCE THE MOST LOGICAL ROUTE WOULD AFFECT A HIGHLY POPULATED AREA OF THE COMMUNITY.

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(Please print)
NAME: KEVIN KESSLER
ADDRESS: 636 KEAGLE RD. SOCORRO TX. 79927
REPRESENTING: MY FAMILY

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: NEWS, NEIGHBOR

COMMENTS: PLEASE STAY AWAY FROM
THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RIO BOSQUE
THIS WILL DISRUPT BIRD WATCHING, POSSIBLY MIGRATORY HABITS OF CERTAIN SPECIES
MY FAMILY/FARM THE SOUTH SIDE NEXT TO

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NAME: MARVA E. RODRIGUEZ

ADDRESS: 9627 VALLETERA

REPRESENTING: Public

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: Flyer @ restaurant

COMMENTS:

1. NEED OVERPASS @ RR CROSSINGS TO EASE TRAFFIC FLOW AND REDUCE TRAFFIC DEATHS AND ACCIDENTS.

2. TOO MANY ACCIDENTS (FATAL) ON SOCORRO RD.

3. NO PARKING ON SOCORRO RD FOR TOURIST-SIDWALKS.

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Socorro, Texas 79927

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: Daniel Amendariz
ADDRESS: 1378 Zempoala

REPRESENTING: ____________________________

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: Friend

COMMENTS: Sold a house in San Elizario, TX. Wondering and would like for the Border project to take effect, would like to know what streets will need for this project.

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NAME: MARTHA V KEAGLE-GAUGLER
ADDRESS: 644 KEAGLE RD
REPRESENTING: SELF

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: SUNDAY NEWSPAPER

COMMENTS: WANTED YOU TO KNOW I have spotted Harry Torres as I walked around the drain ditch. I also have seen Buzzing Insects.

I think the 375 extension down along Rio Grande

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NAME:  

ADDRESS:  644 Eagles Rd Socorro, TX 79927

REPRESENTING:  MYSELF

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?:  MAIL

COMMENTS:  EXTEND BORDER HIGHWAY AS CLOSE TO RIO GRANDE RIVER. MOST DIRECT ROUTE WITHOUT MOVING A CENTE WARTED HOMES

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Martes, 19 de noviembre de 2013
4 p.m. a 7 p.m.
Cafetería de la Preparatoria Socorro
10150 Avenida Alameda
Socorro, Texas 79927

(FAVOR DE USAR LETRA DE MOLDE)
NOMBRE: Juan and Amparo Echimeste
DIRECCIÓN: 13601 Aulei San Elizario TX 79849
REPRESENTANDO: 

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¿CÓMO SUPO DE LA REUNIÓN?: [Familia.

COMENTARIOS: Me interesaría que se hiciera el Proyecto del Border High way y hacer una salida directa de San Elizario al I-10. Hay mucha Tráfico.

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(PLEASE PRINT)
NAME: Elvia Modesto
ADDRESS: 13231 Petunia San Elizario Rd
REPRESENTING: resident in San Eli.

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COMMENTS: I would not like for the border highway to pass thru San Eli. Especially if it will affect the neighborhoods. We (my family) have lived in that area for close to 20 yrs. and have worked very hard and sacrifice a lot.

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I would be very disappointed if you would demolish our home. There are other solutions which you will find.
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NAME: Maricela Garcia

ADDRESS: 12710 Atarcondo Rd.

REPRESENTING: 

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: A friend

COMMENTS: There's a lot of traffic on Socorro Rd. in mornings & afternoons. There a lot of semi trailers on Socorro Rd.

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(PLEASE PRINT)
NAME: David Cantu
ADDRESS: 12245 Gloria Rd San Elizario, TX 79849
REPRESENTING: San Elizario

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COMMENTS: Main concern is displacement of people and their homes, businesses, and surrounding area. Drain on citizens along farm land and river, the rio bosque in socorro, triple land.

- One solution is to provide more public transportation, bicycle lanes, bus stops and alternative.

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(PLEASE PRINT)
NAME: GABRIEL GARCIA
ADDRESS: 12108 SUN BRIDGE PLACE, E.P. TX 79928
REPRESENTING: 

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: INVITATION PAPER AT ALLSTATE INS.
COMMENTS: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD PAVED AND IMPROVED TO CONNECT WITH EASTLAKE BLVD. THE SECTION THAT CONNECTS WITH I-10 IS NOT PAVED, AND THE STUDENTS THAT GO TO MISSION COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND LIVE IN SOCORRO HAVE TO USE THE DIRT ROAD. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THE BORDER HIGHWAY EXTENDED ALL THE WAY TO TORNILLO.

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(PLEASE PRINT)
NAME: Rosario Torres
ADDRESS: 10089 Stedham Circle, Socorro, TX 79927

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: Word of mouth
COMMENTS: I also own a tract of land in San Elizario between Riverside Rd and Rio Grande. The Herring Rd. and Socorro are pretty much traveled. In the Socorro area, West Loop and Old Hespero Rd. lines are formed in the afternoon all the way to the city limits.

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Will add to map

These need to be switched?
1. Is 6 Blud. still a concept?

2. Why extend BH?

3. Re-align FM 1110 to stay straight

4. Tornillo BC - How to get there

5. A lot of new housing & not enough IH10 connection

6. Socorro RD tomorrow

7. Why don't we build a road along the river?

8. Overpass over RR Xings.

9. Clint Connection would help freight transports.


11. Connect Angel Park to Gateway frt. rd.
13. Finish Old Hueco Tanks Rd. (to N. Loop)

14. Growth is unmanaged.

15. Bad intersection on FM 110 (Angel Park development)
1. Concern by some San Elizario residents that unincorporated area along border is logical area for annexation. (Border fence in area now)

2. Straight shot between San Elizario community and 1-10 would be desirable.

3. 1-10 to Clint connectivity is "bad." Narrow.

4. Don't "mess with canals." They are vital for drainage during times of heavy rains. "Death to pecan trees" otherwise.

5. School zones everywhere - segregates school traffic from commercial/thru traffic.

6. Socorro Rd. very congested, R/W too narrow, "historic."

7. Socorro Rd. should be "tourist-friendly. This is the Mission Trail. No parking, no sidewalks i.e. New corridor should be considered at Loop 375 end.

8. Railroad grade crossings need to be eliminated.
9. Connectivity to I-10 (from San Elizario) is important. BHE not so important.

10. Connection to IH-10 from Herring Rd = great idea to move farm products through

11. Truck traffic on narrow roads = hard to drive.

12. Hole-in-the-wall road = perfect connection to BHE (1997 alignment) - So close to BHE yet Border Patrol uses hole-in-wall Rd to get to border from Socorro Rd. Best way to get farm produce from BHE or I-10.
Comments on Border Hwy East
judy Ackerman [jpackerman53@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 9:29 PM
To: Info Borderhighwayeast

Dear Gus Sanchez,

Thank you for hosting an informative public meeting on this project.

Please send me an electronic copy of the Comment Form that was handed out tonight. I could not find it on the website:

My comments:
Please keep major highways as far away from the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park as possible. A major highway next to the park will be extremely detrimental to the serenity of the natural area for the wildlife and the people. Ensure that there is easy access to the Park from Socorro Rd. and appropriate parking available.

Sincerely,
Judy Ackerman
3344 Eileen Dr., El Paso, TX 79904
915-755-7371
Cell: 703-622-0661
From: Teschner, Richard [teschner@utep.edu]  
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2013 3:47 PM  
To: gus.sanchez@txdot.gov; Info Borderhighwayeast  
Subject: Protect Rio Bosque. Re-route the Border Highway East.

Good afternoon, Mr. Sánchez.

The proposed Border Highway East project will have a significant impact on the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park. With this e-mail I urge TxDOT to keep major highways as far away from the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park as possible. A major highway next to the park will be extremely detrimental to the serenity of the natural area for the wildlife and the people, and will negatively affect access to the Park. TxDOT should ensure that there is easy access to the Park from Socorro Road and that appropriate parking is available.

In May, the Texas Department of Transportation began its Border Highway East Study, intended to look at transportation improvements along the border in southeast El Paso County.

The most significant facility being looked at in this study is a proposed new highway extending from the Zaragoza International Port of Entry to the Tornillo-Guadalupe International Port of Entry. Initially, four alternative alignments have been presented for this highway. Immediately east of Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, all four alignments are identical: They parallel the Riverside Canal on the opposite side of the canal from the park.

From the inception of the wetlands project at Rio Bosque, one of our main goals has been to establish a new entrance to the park from Socorro Road. It would be at the park’s southeast corner, where the visitor center is located. The planned new entrance would provide direct, convenient access off Socorro Road and directly link Rio Bosque with the Mission Trail. Over the past several years, working in coordination with El Paso County Water Improvement District #1, we have been finalizing plans for the new entrance. It would include:

- a short entrance road from Socorro Road
- a parking area
- a new footbridge crossing the Riverside Canal
- walkways leading from the parking area to the footbridge and from the footbridge to the park’s existing Bosque Trail and visitor center

All of TxDOT’s four alternative alignments for the highway go right through the area proposed for this new entrance. That will prove quite harmful to the Park.
Sincerely,

Richard Teschner
Friends of the Rio Bosque
El Paso
Figure 1.
Proposed Location of Entryway to Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

- Proposed Footbridge and Walkways Traversing Levee Banks
- Rio Bosque Wetlands Park
- Partidor Check Structure
- Future Border Highway East?
- Riverside Canal
- Entrance Road
- Parking
- Socorro Road
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Rio Valle Woman’s Club
521 Mike Maros
Fabens, Texas 79838

(PLEASE PRINT)
NAME: Jeremy Francis (915) 373-3829
ADDRESS: PO Box 946 Clint 79836

(REPRESENTING: )

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COMMENTS: Clint has 3 streets - FM 1110 / Interstate / Celum that all meet at light at FM 1110 and Alameda. Consider connecting Celum from North Loop to Alameda to ease congestion. Also overpass over tracks needed. We do NOT NEED A LARGE HIGHWAY! Start with small.

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Issues and then go from there.

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COMMENTS: Consider mass transportation instead of building another road—students here need an economic, efficient, reliable means of getting to EPCC, UTED, If rural roads are built, keep them at the western end—don’t destroy historic farmlands or the quiet peacefulness around the lake area—church, cemetery.

Building roads in this area (Fabens) would not benefit the community. Increased revenue from businesses would help the individual business owner & the county tax base but would not benefit the community at large since the county is not interested in our area—.
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(Please Print)
NAME: DAVID MERTA
ADDRESS: 609 NeVansq/P.O. BOX 2017 Fabens,Tx 79838
REPRESENTING: N/A

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: El Paso Times

COMMENTS: We do NEED another access route to Ysleta/Border Highway. Having another EAST/WEST Route besides IH10, would not only alleviate traffic but would help increase it better our local border economy.

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NAME: Antonio Rios
ADDRESS: 650 G St

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COMMENTS: Kind of mix up but it's Good There's Real Good Ideas That I have comments This study I've lived In The Lower valley a long
Time and There's a lot of stop and go School Semeters That you need
make exits I order To help The people get out off those eay
The need To Find a solution Before The here writing We can take video
about The exit the land

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(PLEASE PRINT)
NAME: Rebecca P. Martinez
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 805 Clint, TX 79836
REPRESENTING: Parada Farms

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: Flyer passed out in Clint
COMMENTS: This was very informative. I believe that we need a better way to get to I-10 and better infrastructure for the Lower Valley. It would be wonderful to have a border freeway - 75 east and a direct road to I-10 on Herring Rd. in Clint. Thank you.

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(FAVOR DE USAR LETRA DE MOLDE)

NOMBRE: Florida Hernandez

DIRECCIÓN: 1101 Peachtree St

REPRESENTANDO: 

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¿CÓMO SUPO DE LA REUNIÓN?: Sí, por OJAS Reportadas (en criptógrafo)
COMENTARIOS: Si es importante (por alguna razón) ¿Acanjívalos el puente
para trânicas! Abra más consejo de transporte ¿se busca a
El medio de del buscar la carretera camino más rápido -
para llegar a lugar de determinado; recuerden estar más de
dependencia

Los comentarios deben ser recibidos o fechados por las oficinas de correo postal a más tardar el lunes, 2 de diciembre de 2013 y enviados a:
Gus Sanchez, Director de Proyecto
TxDOT El Paso District
RE: Border Highway East
13301 Gateway Blvd. West
El Paso, TX 79928-5410
Correo electrónico: info@borderhighwayeast.com
PUBLIC MEETING #1
Border Highway East
Planning and Environmental Linkages Study
El Paso County
El Paso, Texas

Wednesday, November 20, 2013
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Rio Valle Woman’s Club
521 Mike Maros
Fabens, Texas 79838

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: Adrian Avelar
ADDRESS: 305 NW 2nd St / P.O. Box 1728

(REPRESENTING: ____________________________)

(Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5)): check each of the following boxes that apply to you:
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COMMENT FORM
This form is provided to receive your comments regarding the Border Highway East Planning and Environmental Linkages Study. Please use the space below, attaching additional pages if necessary. Your comments can be deposited in the comment box tonight or mailed to the address provided below. All written comments must be postmarked by Monday, December 2, 2013. Thank you for your comments.

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?: advertisement

COMMENTS: La Isla region needs to be avoided – contains historic value as well as tenured residents. The cemetery has tenured families buried there - respect is appreciated. Please also avoid Cuadrilla region - historic.

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Gus Sanchez, Project Manager
TxDOT El Paso District
RE: Border Highway East
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1. Can mass transportation (buses) be improved?

2. Follow the river.

3. Add lanes to 1-10, and add frontage roads between Clint and Fabens.

4. Provide a way for the farmers to get to 1-10 from San Elizario Area.
1. Focus on congested areas at west end of corridor; leave farmland in the east alone. / Connect San Elizario & Tornillo to I-10

2. Need to have better connection to IH-10 from Clmt.

3. La Isla - historic area - need to avoid Lee Moor Farm 5, cuadrilla

4. Clmt issues causing congestion - FM 1110 - Fenter Rd - Celum Rd
   All 3 feed into same light at FM 1110 and Alameda
   Train blocks FM 1110 and Celum in Clmt at same time. Overpass over tracks needed
   Consider re-routing Celum to connect North Loop to Alamed

5. Consider using/widening levees for road.

6. Widen Socorro Rd. instead of taking ag. lands. (b. of Herring)
Mr. Sanchez,

I have attached a letter to you and/or TXDOT in reference to the Border Highway East extension. Please let me know if there is something else you may need. Thank you for giving us this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Orlando Flores
(915) 443-8489
Fabens/La Isla
Mr. Gus Sanchez  
TXDOT El Paso District  
Border Highway East  

Mr. Sanchez,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your staff for giving the public an opportunity to provide you with input and/or information regarding the border highway east extension. I met you at the last couple of meetings, the last in Fabens, and also at the meeting held at the El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 in Clint.

I am a resident of Fabens, more specifically La Isla, which is a very rural, but very historical place. My family dates back in this area for at least 200 years. I, like you work for the State of Texas, but I work for the Texas A&M University System. I am a small farmer in the area, I grow Alfalfa, Chile, Pecans, and some years even Cotton. I serve as President of the Fabens ISD School Board of Trustees, Booster Club, Catechism Teacher, Coach, and I am a retired Navy Reservist. If you still don't remember me, I'm the West Nile Virus survivor.

AGRICULTURE

The area between Clint/San Elizario through Fabens, and into Tornillo is the last rural part of the Lower Valley, or as it is now called, the Mission Valley. Not a lot of traffic, our closest neighbor may be a mile down the road. Agriculture is still the major part of the economy in these rural towns. As a matter of fact, on the average, El Paso County agriculture pumps in about 100 million dollars into El Paso’s overall economy per year. El Paso County Agriculture enjoys the following statuses: El Paso County has the largest acreage of Improved Variety Pecans in the State of Texas, and El Paso County grows and produces the most Pima (Extra Long Staple) Cotton in the State of Texas. The fact is, most of El Paso County Agriculture is in this area, other than a small sliver in the Upper Valley, and some smaller farms in the Ysleta/Socorro area.

LA ISLA

This same area is also home to many historic sites beginning with the Presidio de San Elizario, and of course the surrounding town and area. San Lorenzo Parish, in Clint is also a historic area as well. The original town’s folk from San Elizario formed this smaller community to access the railroad for trade and commerce. As we go travel down the road from San Elizario, there are three historic communities before getting into Fabens, La Isla and Cuadrilla. La Isla was once known as La Isla de San Elizario, because it was an actual island, completely surrounded by the Rio Grande. It was made up of San Elizario land grant families. La Isla was set up in the old Spanish/Mexican style, the town surrounded by the farms/ranches (ranchos). What is left of La Isla is the Church Mission, San Luis Rey de Francia, and cemetery, and a few adobe homes that are well over 100 years old. A lot of the older homes were washed away by the most recent flood which was in the early 1930’s.

CUADRILLA

The town of Cuadrilla is also a historic site. Cuadrilla was originally named San Jose, as is the chapel that still stands and remains active. The town was created by Jesus Cobos, a San Elizario entrepreneur, who was responsible for donating land/farm to the Sisters of Loretto, who played a major part of the Salt
War of 1877 which is responsible for bringing Ft. Bliss back to El Paso, and who served as an El Paso County Commissioner and ultimately a State Representative. Cobos descendants still maintain farms in the area.

**LEE MOOR**

Lee Moor Farm(s) is a community that started around 100 years ago. Lee Moor was a businessman who came into the El Paso area and was responsible for many great things. He is credited with starting El Paso Natural Gas, Lee and Beulah Moor Children’s Home, in El Paso and Fabens. He sat on many hospital, bank, school, and other boards in El Paso. He maintained not only a home in Sunset Heights – El Paso, but also on his farm that sits between San Elizario and La Isla. He was known as a gentleman, he bought out local farms/ranches that were owned by descendants of the early Hispanic Families, but he also hired them, and provided them with retirement. A large part of the La Isla area is made up of his foremen’s farms, which were provided as to them as a retirement, the farms include: George Orr Farm, S.R. Davis Farm, W.A. Rawls Farm, and Jesus Vasquez Farm.

**FABENS**

The town of Fabens although not as old as the preceding towns, also shares the same history. The town was made up of the same families that made up La Isla, San Elizario, Cuadrilla and Lee Moor. Fabens is your typical valley town. The economy is still very agricultural; it is home to one of the largest banks in El Paso, First National Bank (of Fabens). It’s home to many tractor dealerships, cotton delinting plant, pecan sheds, farm supply stores, etc. I would also add, it is home to one of the top school districts in Region 19/West Texas, and I’m not being biased. It also has historic sites, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, First Baptist Church (Trost Building), Fabens Methodist Church, Fabens School Building (also a Trost Building).

**POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS**

First, I would like to address the differences and misconceptions about this section of the valley, as compared to other areas. The comment was made that thirty years ago, Socorro/Ysleta were rural, and that eventually, this area would become like that area. If you remember, my response was the following. If you notice, the Socorro/Ysleta area was never a pecan producing area. There are areas around Fabens that resemble the Pecan producing areas of Las Cruces. Things have changed agriculturally. Pecans have become more profitable. You can make up to $5000 per acre (pecans), as compared to $500 per acre (cotton). Land owners are less likely to sell out their pecan farms. Also, subdivision laws have changed for the better. Thirty years ago, you could subdivide a farm, and not even have to supply the basic utilities (water, gas, streets, electricity, etc.) The reason I mention these things is because I really believe that the growth in this area will be very limited. Please keep this in mind. I also made a point of why El Paso can’t seem to get tourists as the Las Cruces area does. I think we are paving over everything instead of capitalizing on our regional agriculture and history.

Does Socorro and the surrounding area need relief? I would say so. I even think Clint needs some relief. This can be done by studying possibilities of relieving traffic up towards the freeway, as the City of El Paso is set up (i.e. Zaragoza, Lee Trevino, Lomaland, Giles, etc.). From a taxpayer standpoint, I would say to use I-10 as it should be used, in the Socorro area. Instead of having to build more roads, and spend more money, I would say concentrate on feeding the traffic up, relieving the congestion in Clint. The Tornillo/Guadalupe Bridge will meet up at I-10 and will take traffic East or West. This will prevent
congestion in the valley between Clint/San Elizario, Fabens, and Tornillo. It will also ensure that we maintain a great cultural, agricultural, historical heritage and quality of life for not only the local residents, but for El Paso as a whole. I can’t say it enough, save this taxpayer money for construction that will be beneficial to all. This part of the valley will eventually be mainly pecan production; I know this as a resident, who farms in the area, but more importantly as a professional who works in the realm of agriculture and community development.

If I can be of further service, please do not hesitate to contact me. I know that I can supply you with information that is needed to make good decisions in this matter. Again, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide you with truthful information.

Sincerely,

Orlando Flores M.S.
(915) 443-8489
ooflores@yahoo.com
ooflores@ag.tamu.edu
Dear Sirs,

There is heavy congestion on Socorro road North loop. Alameda is the only route that allows passing with any safety. Please consider alleviating the congested routes by adding lanes on already existing routes before introducing an additional route that may rob valuable farmland. Crops from this farmland contribute millions into the local economy. In addition, please consider extending FM1110 north to I-10 which could be a straight shot from the freeway to Socorro road.

Thank you for your consideration,

Shirley Talley
Hi Gus,

Will you sign me up for project notices.

Thank you,

Zenia

Sent from my iPhone