

## Border Highway East Corridor Study

El Paso District



### Overview

The Border Highway East Corridor Study is an initiative by which the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) seeks to find a unified vision around improving mobility in the Border Highway East Corridor Study area. With the community at the center of the planning process, TxDOT expects to arrive at mobility concepts that are context sensitive at the neighborhood level.

### The Need

TxDOT recognized the need for transportation improvements in the Border Highway East area in the late 1990s. In 2013, TxDOT completed a report examining various mobility improvements, including extending Loop 375 (Cesar E. Chavez Border Highway). The report, titled the Border Highway East Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study, identified some challenges including:

- Lack of connectivity to Interstate 10 and Loop 375 (Americas Avenue)
- Increasing traffic demands on east-west streets
- At-grade train crossings that cause delay and impede traffic movement
- Anticipated future demand on the existing transportation network associated with increasing trade and freight rail movements

### Background

The El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization adopted the PEL as part of its 2015 long-range plan. The PEL presented various scenarios for extending the border highway; however, no definitive alignment was identified for advancement. The PEL also gave suggestions for widening the area's existing roads.

### The Approach

As TxDOT resumes the Border Highway East Study, the agency will build upon its previous studies in the area with a focus on stakeholder collaboration. In the spirit of cooperation, TxDOT sets out on a path to understand the community, its values, and cultures, and find commonalities and solutions in pursuit of a unified vision for the Border Highway East.

### Your Participation

Stakeholder input could help shape the future of the study area for generations. TxDOT will leverage the voice of stakeholders to curate highway scenarios that could resolve mobility challenges in the area. As these scenarios develop, the hope is to arrive at a Border Highway East solution that reflects a community-vetted approach to mobility development.

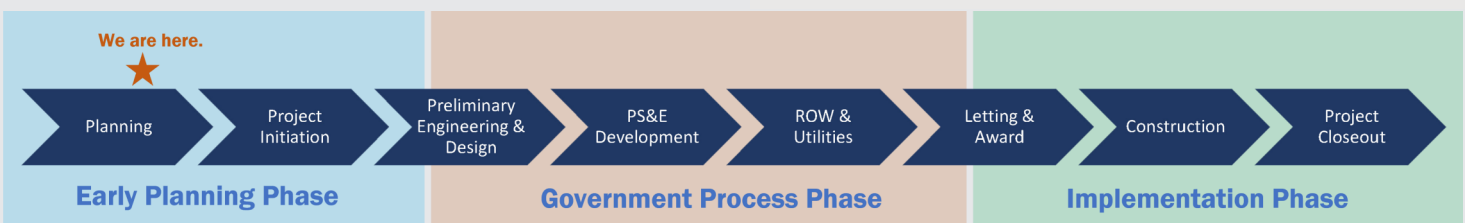


### Scope and Size

The Border Highway East could be an 20-mile-long extension of the Cesar E. Chavez Border Highway to Tornillo. It would traverse areas densely populated, rich with farmlands, and home to historically, culturally, and environmentally valuable sites.

New roadways of this magnitude take years to plan and construct. Before construction can start, several steps must occur, as illustrated below. Completion of a full 20-mile-long Border Highway East is not anticipated for another 40-50 years.

### Life of a Project



The chart illustrates the steps and phases for how a TxDOT project typically starts and ends. The sequencing and timing of the steps can vary from project to project.

# FACT SHEET



### STUDY AREA MAP

**Border Highway East**

- Study Area
- Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribal Land
- Airports
- Exits
- Railroad
- Roads
- El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail
- Rio Grande
- Parks
- Port of Entry
- \*Formerly Tornillo-Guadalupe Port of Entry

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