



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: Borderland Expressway Project (formerly known as Northeast Parkway Project), El Paso District

Project Limits: On SL 375 East of Railroad Drive Overpass to FM 3255 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.) @ TX-NM

City: El Paso

County: El Paso County

State: Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 0924-06-136, 0924-06-320, 0665-02-002, 0665-02-003, 0665-02-004, and 0665-02-005

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that Borderland Expressway Project will not have a significant impact on the human or natural environment.

This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Preferred Alternative is based on the final Environmental Assessment (EA) dated December 2022 and the entire project record. This decision documents the selection of Alternative C, presented in the final EA as the Preferred Alternative, which is described as:

The Preferred Alternative is a 10.8-mile long, four-lane, limited access, new location facility within a 350-foot right-of-way. The proposed facility would consist of four 12-foot travel lanes, a depressed, unpaved median and a dedicated bicycle path. Grade separations would be provided at all cross streets and the Union Pacific (UP) Railroad track, and interchanges are planned for the following locations: SL 375 (southern terminus); Business US Highway 54 [Bus US 54] (Dyer Street) and Railroad Drive; US Highway 54 (US 54); FM 2529 (McCombs Street); and FM 3255 (MLK Jr. Blvd.). Frontage roads are not proposed, except between Railroad Drive and Dyer Street. A 70 mile-per-hour (mph) design speed is planned. The dedicated bicycle path would be a 10-foot-wide paved surface and would be accommodated along the southbound side of the roadway. Construction of the proposed project would require three phases. The El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) financially constrained Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) describe the three phases of the Preferred Alternative follows:

- [State Spur] SS320 Borderland Expressway Phase 1: BU 54 [Bus US 54 (Dyer Street)] to Railroad Drive: Construct two-lane frontage roads in each direction and intersections between Bus US 54 (Dyer Street) to Railroad Drive.
- Borderland Expressway, Phase 2: FM 3255 [MLK Jr. Blvd.] to Railroad Drive: Construct new divided four-lane facility (two-lanes each direction) with additional auxiliary lane in each direction from Bus US 54 (Dyer Street) to US 54.
- Borderland Expressway, Phase 3: Bus US 54 (Dyer Street) to SL 375: Borderland Expressway Phase 3 construct new divided four-lane facility from Railroad Drive to SL 375 and transitional work from Bus US 54 (Dyer Street) to Railroad Drive.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on May 25, 2022.

A virtual public hearing with an in-person option was held online on Thursday, June 9, 2022. through Friday, June 24, 2022. The in-person public hearing event was held on June 9, 2022.



Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Based on comments received during the public hearing process, the original 10-foot-wide bike path limits from Railroad Drive to Stan Roberts Sr. Avenue were extended to FM 3255 (MLK Jr. Blvd.) on the west and SL 375 on the east. The final extents and alignment of the bike path would be determined during final design. The design was updated to reflect the new proposed limits of the bike path, and included in Appendix C of the Final EA. The El Paso MPO financially constrained RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP were added to the Final EA and the updated demographic projection in the RMS 2050 was included in the Final EA. The EA was edited to state that TxDOT has coordinated with the following tribal nations: Comanche Nation of Oklahoma; Mescalero Apache Tribe; Apache Tribe of Oklahoma; Ysleta del Sur Pueblo; Kiowa Tribe; and Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma. At the recommendation of Fort Bliss subject matter experts, formal coordination letters were also sent to the Pueblo of Isleta and White Mountain Apache Tribes.

Public Hearing Documentation has been prepared and is available for review online and by request.

A Notice of Availability of the Final EA was issued on December 28, 2022. TxDOT was notified during the Final EA Notice of Availability process that one comment from the public hearing was not incorporated. The comment has been included in the Public Hearing Summary Report comment matrix in the Final EA.


The Final EA, supporting technical reports, and reports contained in the file of record have been independently evaluated by TxDOT and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, purpose, alternatives, environmental issues, impacts of the proposed project, and appropriate mitigation measures. These documents provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. These documents are incorporated by reference into this decisional document.

Based upon TxDOT's review and consideration of the analysis and evaluation contained in the EA for this project, and after careful consideration of all social, economic, and environmental factors, including input from the public involvement process, TxDOT hereby issues this Finding of No Significant Impact for the Borderland Expressway Project from SL 375 East of Railroad Drive Overpass to FM 3255 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.) @ TX-NM.

TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA December 2022, Section 8. TxDOT will ensure that any and all local, state, or federal permit requirements and conditions are met and otherwise complied with.

Mitigation required by the following environmental laws will be implemented for this project: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

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 the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT.

DocuSigned by:

 FF2EB9A2A91645A...

1/31/2023

TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

Date

STIP Portal



Logged in as Glendora Lopez

Log Out

Project Management

Reports

Support

Project Management > Area List > STIPs (M-EL PASO) > Revisions () > TIP Instances (Unassigned) > Highway Projects (Unassigned) > Project Details

Color Key: - Business rule violation - Value changed in current session - Different from DCIS or latest approved copy

Data

Statewide STIP Revision Phase Construction
 District County
 MPO Highway
 CSJ - - TIP FY

- Construction
- Engineering
 - Environmental
 - Engineering
- Right-of-Way
 - Acquisition
 - Utilities
- Transfer

Total Project Cost Information

Prelim Engineering	\$2,500,000
ROW Purchase	\$2,520,000
Construction Cost	\$20,479,532
Const Engineering	\$1,642,611
Contingencies	\$1,455,325
Indirect Costs	\$624,321
Bond Financing	\$0
Potential Chg Ord	\$363,831

Revision Date NOX (Kg /D):
 Project Sponsor VOC (Kg /D):
 MPO Proj Number PM10 (Kg /D):
 MTP Reference PM2.5 (Kg /D):
 City CO (Kg /D):

Total Project Cost
YOE Cost
 Toll
 TCM

Limits From

Limits To

Project Description SPUR 320 PH I (BU 54 TO RAILROAD DR): SS320 BORDERLAND EXPRESSWAY PHASE I: CONSTRUCT 2-LANE FRONTAGE ROADS IN EACH DIRECTION AND INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN BU54 (DYER) TO RAILROAD DRIVE

P7 Remarks

Project History Program in RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 23-26 TIP in FY 2023

Authorized Funding by Category/Share

Category	Federal	State	Regional	Local Match	Local Contributions	Total
11	\$8,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
2	\$8,398,026	\$2,099,506	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,497,532
Total	\$16,398,026	\$4,099,506	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,497,532

DISTRICT	MPO	COUNTY	CSJ	TIP FY	HWY	PHASE	CITY	YOE COST	
EL PASO	EL PASO	EL PASO	0665-02-002	2023	SS320	C	EL PASO	\$20,497,532	
LIMITS FROM: BU 54 (DYER STREET)				PROJECT SPONSOR: TXDOT					
LIMITS TO: RAILROAD DRIVE				REVISION DATE: 07/2022					
PROJECT SPUR 320 PH I (BU 54 TO RAILROAD DR): SS320 BORDERLAND EXPRESSWAY PHASE I: CONSTRUCT 2-LANE FRONTAGE ROADS IN EACH DIRECTION AND INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN BU54 (DYER) TO RAILROAD DRIVE								MPO PROJ NUM: P201B-CAP	
REMARKS P7:								FUNDING CAT(S): 11,2	
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION				PROJECT HISTORY: Program in RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 23-26 TIP in FY 2023					
PRELIM ENG: \$	2,500,000	COST OF APPROVED PHASES \$20,497,532	CATEGORY	FEDERAL	STATE	REGIONAL	LOCAL MATCH	LC	TOTAL
ROW PURCH: \$	2,520,000		11	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,000,000
CONST COST: \$	20,479,532		2	\$ 8,398,026	\$ 2,099,506	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,497,532
CONST ENG: \$	1,642,611		TOTAL	\$ 16,398,026	\$ 4,099,506	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,497,532
CONTING: \$	1,455,325								
INDIRECT: \$	624,321								
BOND FIN: \$	0								
POT CHG ORD: \$	363,831								
TOTAL COST: \$	29,585,620								

TIP History

2023-2026 STIP										07/2022 Revision: Approved 11/18/2022									
DISTRICT	MPO	COUNTY	CSJ	TIP FY	HWY	PHASE	CITY	YOE COST											
EL PASO	EL PASO	EL PASO	0665-02-002	2023	SS320	C	EL PASO	\$ 20,497,532											
LIMITS FROM: BU 54 (DYER STREET)							PROJECT SPONSOR: TXDOT			REVISION DATE: 07/2022									
LIMITS TO: RAILROAD DRIVE							MPO PROJ NUM: P201B-CAP			FUNDING CAT(S): 11,2									
PROJECT: SPUR 320 PH I (BU 54 TO RAILROAD DR.); SS320 BORDERLAND EXPRESSWAY PHASE I CONSTRUCT							DESCR: 2-LANE FRONTAGE ROADS IN EACH DIRECTION AND INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN BU54 (DYER) TO RAILROAD DRIVE			REMARKS P7: AMEND D2045MTP, AMENDED D2045MTP, D21-24 TIP TO PROGRAM IN FY 2023, Phase I of CSJ 0924-06-136									
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION							AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE			PROJECT HISTORY: Program in RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 23-26 TIP in FY 2023									
PRELIM ENG: \$	2,500,000	COST OF APPROVED PHASES \$ 20,497,532	CATEGORY	FEDERAL	STATE	REGIONAL	LOCAL MATCH	LC	TOTAL										
ROW PURCH: \$	2,520,000		1	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,000,000										
CONST COST: \$	20,479,532		2	\$ 8,398,026	\$ 2,099,506	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,497,532										
CONST ENG: \$	1,642,611		TOTAL	\$ 16,398,026	\$ 4,099,506	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,497,532										
CONTING: \$	1,455,325																		
INDIRECT: \$	624,321																		
BOND FIN: \$	0																		
POT CHG ORD: \$	363,831																		
TOTAL COST: \$	29,585,620																		

2021-2024 STIP										11/2021 Revision: Not Approved 12/21/2021									
DISTRICT	MPO	COUNTY	CSJ	TIP FY	HWY	PHASE	CITY	YOE COST											
EL PASO	EL PASO	EL PASO	0665-02-002	2023	SS 320	C	EL PASO	\$ 20,497,532											
LIMITS FROM: BU 54 (DYER STREET)							PROJECT SPONSOR: TXDOT			REVISION DATE: 11/2021									
LIMITS TO: RAILROAD DRIVE							MPO PROJ NUM: P201B-CAP			FUNDING CAT(S): 11ES,2									
PROJECT: SPUR 320 PH I (BU54 TO RAILROAD DR.); SS320 BORDERLAND EXPRESSWAY PHASE I CONSTRUCT							DESCR: FRONTAGE ROADS AND INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN BU54 (DYER) TO RAILROAD DRIVE			REMARKS P7: AMEND D2045MTP, AMENDED D2045MTP, D21-24 TIP TO PROGRAM IN FY 2023, Phase I of CSJ 0924-06-136									
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION							AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE			PROJECT HISTORY:									
PRELIM ENG: \$	2,500,000	COST OF APPROVED PHASES \$ 20,497,532	CATEGORY	FEDERAL	STATE	REGIONAL	LOCAL MATCH	LC	TOTAL										
ROW PURCH: \$	2,520,000		1	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,000,000										
CONST COST: \$	20,479,532		2	\$ 8,398,026	\$ 2,099,506	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,497,532										
CONST ENG: \$	0		TOTAL	\$ 16,398,026	\$ 4,099,506	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,497,532										
CONTING: \$	0																		
INDIRECT: \$	0																		
BOND FIN: \$	0																		
POT CHG ORD: \$	0																		
TOTAL COST: \$	25,499,532																		

Comment History

Time	User	Comment	Related Approval
2022/11/18 15:17:56	Genevieve Bales		07/2022: Approved
2021/12/21 12:20:59	Genevieve Bales	Not Approved. Appears to be inconsistent with conformity determination.	11/2021: Not Approved