

**Notice**  
**Draft Environmental Assessment and Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option**  
**BORDERLAND EXPRESSWAY PROJECT**  
**(Formerly Known as the Northeast Parkway Project)**  
**From on Loop 375 East of Railroad Drive Overpass**  
**to FM 3255 (Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard) @ TX-NM**  
**CSJs: 0924-06-136, 0924-06-320, 0665-02-002, 0665-02-004, and 0665-02-005**  
**El Paso County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to construct Borderland Expressway Project (formerly known as Northeast Parkway Project) on Loop 375 (SL 375) East of Railroad Drive Overpass to Farm to Market Road (FM) 3255 (Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard) at TX-NM state line, in El Paso County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 12 p.m. Mountain Daylight Savings Time (MDT).** To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov), keyword search "Borderland Expressway." Following the virtual public hearing, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Friday, June 24, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. MDT. If you do not have internet access, you may call (915) 790-4340 or (915) 790-4341 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. MDT, Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process. If you have any technical questions regarding accessing the virtual public hearing room, please contact our consultant, Karen Coopersmith, at [karen.coopersmith@jacobs.com](mailto:karen.coopersmith@jacobs.com).

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public hearing, which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. MDT at the TxDOT District offices located at 13301 Gateway Blvd W, El Paso, TX 79928.**

For both the virtual public hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call (915) 400-1150 to provide verbal testimony at 12 p.m. MDT on Thursday, June 9, 2022, through 11:59 p.m. MDT on Friday, June 24, 2022. Formal written comments may also be provided by mail or email as explained below. All verbally provided testimony and timely written comments will be considered by TxDOT and included as part of the official record. Responses to verbally provided testimony and comments will be prepared by TxDOT, included as part of the hearing and project record, and made available online at [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov), keyword search "Borderland Expressway."

The proposed Borderland Expressway Project within Texas would be a new location roadway on Loop 375 East of the Railroad Drive Overpass to FM 3255 (Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard) at TX-NM state line in El Paso County, Texas. The project length is approximately 10.8 miles. Construction would be done in three phases. Construction phases are proposed as follows: Phase 1- frontage roads between Railroad Drive to Business US 54 (Dyer Street); Phase 2- main lanes from Railroad Drive to FM 3255

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(MLK Jr. Boulevard); and Phase 3- mainlines from Business US 54 (Dyer Street) to Loop 375. The project corridor is within El Paso County and will affect the City of El Paso.

Although 544 acres of right of way would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (915) 790-4340 or (915) 790-4341.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain. The Proposed Project would impact archeological resources subject to Section 106. Texas Historical Commission (THC) coordination is ongoing to determine appropriate mitigation for potential impacts to these resources.

The draft EA, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. MDT at the TxDOT El Paso District Office, by calling (915) 790-4233 [Gus Sanchez] or (915) 478-3367 [Dora Fernandez, PE]. Project materials are also available online at [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov), keyword search "Borderland Expressway." These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public hearing and in-person option will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public hearing or in-person option, please contact the Public Information Office, El Paso District, at (915) 790-4340 or (915) 790-4341 no later than 4 p.m. MDT, on June 1, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT El Paso District Office, Attn: Gus Sanchez - BLE, 13301 Gateway West El Paso, TX 79928-5410. Written comments may also be submitted by email to [Gus.Sanchez@txdot.gov](mailto:Gus.Sanchez@txdot.gov). **All written comments must be received on or before Friday, June 24, 2022.** Additionally, as stated above, members of the public may call (915) 400-1150 and verbally provide testimony from 12 p.m. MDT on Thursday, June 9, 2022, until 11:59 p.m. MDT on Friday, June 24, 2022. Responses to written comments received and public testimony provided will be available online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact Gus Sanchez, TxDOT Project Manager, at (915) 790-4233 or via email at [gus.sanchez@txdot.gov](mailto:gus.sanchez@txdot.gov), or Dora Fernandez, PE at (915) 478-3367.

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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.