



## NOTICE

# Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review And Public Hearing I-10 Connect



**From Yandell Drive to Loop 375 (Cesar Chavez Border Highway)**

**CSJ: 0167-01-113, 0167-01-116, 0167-01-118, 0167-01-119**

**El Paso County, Texas**

**Monday, July 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) El Paso District, as the lead agency, is proposing operational improvements as part of the Interstate Highway (I)-10 Connect project from Yandell Drive to Loop 375 (Cesar Chavez Border Highway) in El Paso, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Monday, July 30, 2018 at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Medical Education Building, 5001 El Paso Drive El Paso, TX 79905. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:00 p.m. with the formal presentation starting at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project consists of constructing direct connectors, ramps, and auxiliary lanes and widening existing ramps and direct connectors between I-10, I-110, United States Highway (US) 54, and Loop 375 (Cesar Chavez Border Highway). The proposed project would improve mobility and address congestion on the existing roadway network. The proposed improvements require acquisition of 0.14 acre of additional right-of-way and 0.81 acre of temporary construction easements. The right-of-way acquisition in the vicinity of Frutas Avenue would result in the potential displacement of one commercial property. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for potential displacees, and information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT El Paso District Office at the address mentioned below. Relocation assistance would be available if the commercial property is displaced.

A small portion of the project area is located within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 100-year floodplain. The facility would permit the conveyance of the 100-year flood, inundation of the roadway being acceptable, without causing significant damage to the facility or other property. The project is located within an area designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as air quality nonattainment for particulate matter 10 microns or larger (PM<sub>10</sub>) and attainment-maintenance for carbon monoxide (CO). Prior to a project decision being made, the air quality transportation conformity process shall determine the proposed project does not adversely impact air emissions for PM<sub>10</sub> or CO. Evaluation of potential impacts to historic resources under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is currently underway and will also be complete before an environmental project decision is made.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT El Paso District, 13301 Gateway West, El Paso, TX 79928, (915) 790-4200. This information will also be available for review at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are encouraged and may be presented at the hearing, sent by mail to: **Blanton & Associates, Inc., Attn: I-10 Connect, 5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78734**, or by email to: **I10Connect@hdrinc.com**. Comments must be received on or before **Tuesday, August 14, 2018** to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English, and a Spanish interpreter will be present. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT El Paso District Public Information Officer Jennifer Wright at (915) 790-4200. Requests should be made at least five (5) working days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Antonio Santana, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager (915) 790-4200.

*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 excuted by FHWA and TxDOT.*