

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
Loop 375 Transmountain Road Project  
I-10 to east of the Franklin Mountains State Park Entrance  
El Paso County, Texas



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 for the proposed improvements to Loop 375 (Woodrow Bean/Transmountain Road) from Interstate 10 (I-10) to east of the Franklin Mountains State Park entrance in the northwestern portion of the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas. The Public Hearing will be held at the Canutillo High School cafeteria. Canutillo High School is located at 6675 South Desert Blvd., El Paso Texas, 79912. The hearing will consist of an Open House followed by a formal presentation. The Open House will begin at 6:00 pm. to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. The formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by a public comment period. TxDOT and consultant personnel will be available at the public hearing to answer any project related questions.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide information about the proposed improvements to Loop 375 from I-10 to east of the Franklin Mountains State Park entrance, a distance that includes approximately 3.6 miles of mainlanes and approximately 2.10 miles of frontage roads (from Northwestern Drive to Paseo Del Norte Drive). The proposed improvements will consist of expanding the current two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway with two-lane frontage roads. The improvements also include grade separated intersections at Northwestern Drive, Resler Drive, Plexxar Drive and Paseo del Norte Drive as well as two direct connectors from Loop 375 west to I-10 east and from I-10 west to Loop 375 east. As part of this project shared hike-and-bike trail will be constructed separate from the roadways, near the Loop 375 right-of-way line, between the intersections of Northwestern Drive and Paseo del Norte Drive. Access to the LP 375 main lanes and frontage roads will be by means of entrance and exit ramps at various locations between intersections. The right-of-way (ROW) footprint and geometric design provides for expansion to six main lanes from Northwestern Drive to east of Paseo del Norte Drive. Due to the proposed expansion and grade separations, approximately 46.5 acres of ROW will be acquired. The existing ROW is approximately 200-ft and the proposed usual ROW width is approximately 370-ft. Although additional ROW is required, no residences or businesses will be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition can be obtained from the district office. A District representative will be available at the public hearing to assist with questions regarding right-of-way acquisition for affected property owners.

The proposed project will require fill in the floodplain, but will not increase the base flood elevation to a level that will violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances. The proposed construction at Drainage Areas 4 and 16 is expected to be authorized under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permit 14 Linear Transportation Projects, but will require a Pre-Construction Permit (PCN) because of impacts to waters of the U.S. will exceed 0.10 acres at each crossing. There will be no discharge into special aquatic sites.

Please join us to discuss the design, construction, and environmental aspects of the proposed project. The environmental document and maps showing the proposed project location and design will be displayed at the public hearing. A tentative construction schedule and project information are on file and available for inspection and copying at the TxDOT El Paso District Office, located at 13301 Gateway Boulevard West in El Paso, Texas. Maps and/or drawings showing the project location and geometric design are also on file with the City of El Paso at the offices of Ms. Jane Shang, Deputy City Manager for Mobility Services at 2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas 79901. The environmental document may also be accessed online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) click on Hearing & Meetings or at [www.elpasotexas.gov](http://www.elpasotexas.gov)

Those interested in attending who have special accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the District Public Information Officer, Blanca M. Del Valle, at (915) 790-4200 at least two working days prior to the date of the hearing. The public hearing will be conducted in English and Spanish interpretation will be provided. Requests for sign language interpreters or special communication needs should also be made at least two days prior to the date of the public hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal or written comments relevant to the proposed project may be presented at the hearing. Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing may be sent to the following address: Texas Department of Transportation-Loop 375 (Transmountain West) Public Hearing, Attn: Mr. Antonio Uribe, Jr., P.E., District Design, 13301 Gateway Blvd. West, El Paso, Texas 79928, e-mail: [ELP\\_Loop375West@txdot.gov](mailto:ELP_Loop375West@txdot.gov). Written comments may be hand delivered or postmarked on or before, **Friday, April 1, 2011 (10 DAYS AFTER THE HEARING)** to be included as part of the official public record.

