



I-10 CONNECT PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, July 30, 2018

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



Public Hearing Agenda

1	Welcome & Introductions	Dr. Robert Bielek, P.E.
2	Project Overview	Mr. Brian Swindell, P.E.
3	Environmental Overview	Ms. Kim Johnson
4	Right of Way	Mr. Manuel Hernandez
5	15-minute Intermission	
6	Public Comments	Dr. Robert Bielek, P.E.
7	Adjournment	Dr. Robert Bielek, P.E.



Public Hearing Purpose



**Inform
the public
about the
project**



**Provide
a project
description**



**Provide an
opportunity
for
comments**



**Develop
a public
record**

How to Submit Comments



Verbal
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will
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after the
intermission



Written
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can be
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Mail comments to:
Blanton & Associates, Inc.
Attn: I-10 Connect
5 Lakeway Centre Court,
Suite 200
Austin, Texas 78734

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS THURSDAY AUGUST 14, 2018

Project Process



STEP 1

STEP 2

STEP 3

STEP 4

STEP 5

STEP 6

Identify regional needs

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

CURRENT STEP IN THE PROCESS

Planning Studies / Public Involvement

Obtain Environmental Clearance and Completed detailed construction plans

Acquire Right of Way

Construction

Project Overview



Project Goals and Objectives



Add connectivity – Provide needed connections from I-10 to Loop 375 (east to east and west to west)



Ease congestion and improve mobility in the study area



Improve queuing impacts approaching the Port of Entry



Minimize impacts to the environment

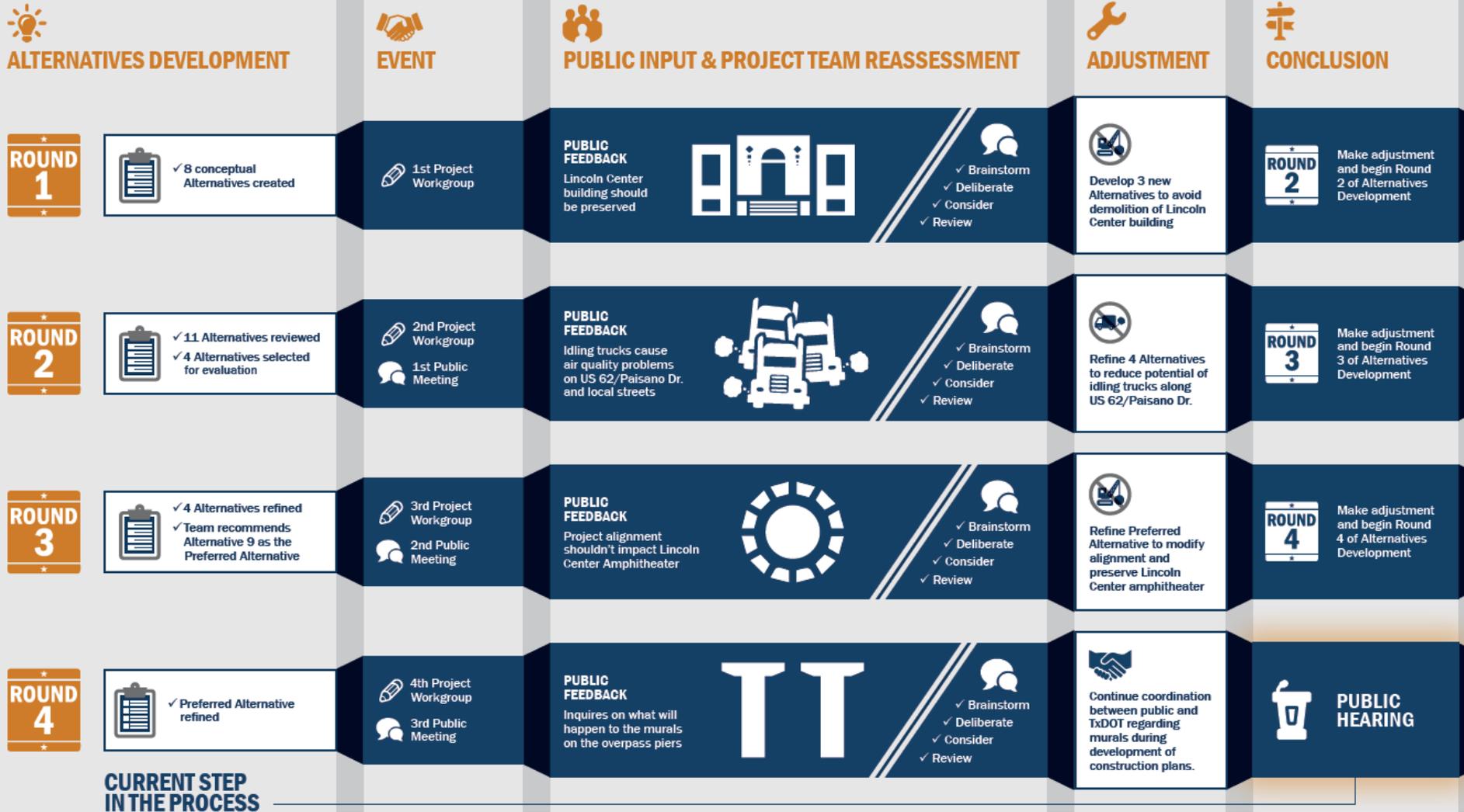


Improve mobility during planned I-10 reconstruction projects



Maximize existing assets (minimize reconstruction)

Project Development



CURRENT STEP IN THE PROCESS

Recommended Preferred Alternative



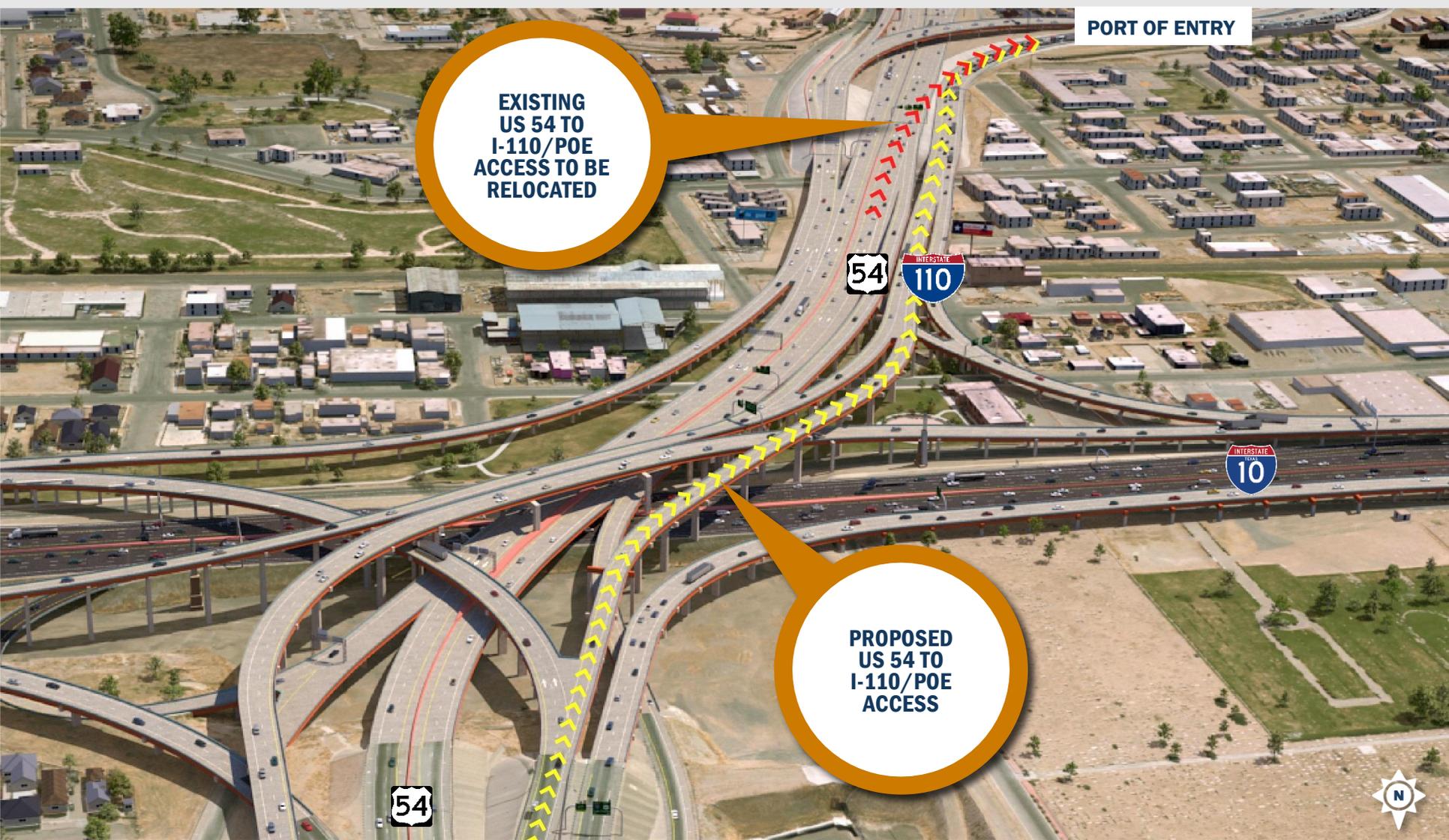
**I-10 / 1-110
US 54 / LOOP 375
CONNECTIONS**

PORT OF ENTRY

**US 62/I-110
INTERCHANGE
REDUCTION**



Recommended Preferred Alternative



**EXISTING
US 54 TO
I-110/POE
ACCESS TO BE
RELOCATED**

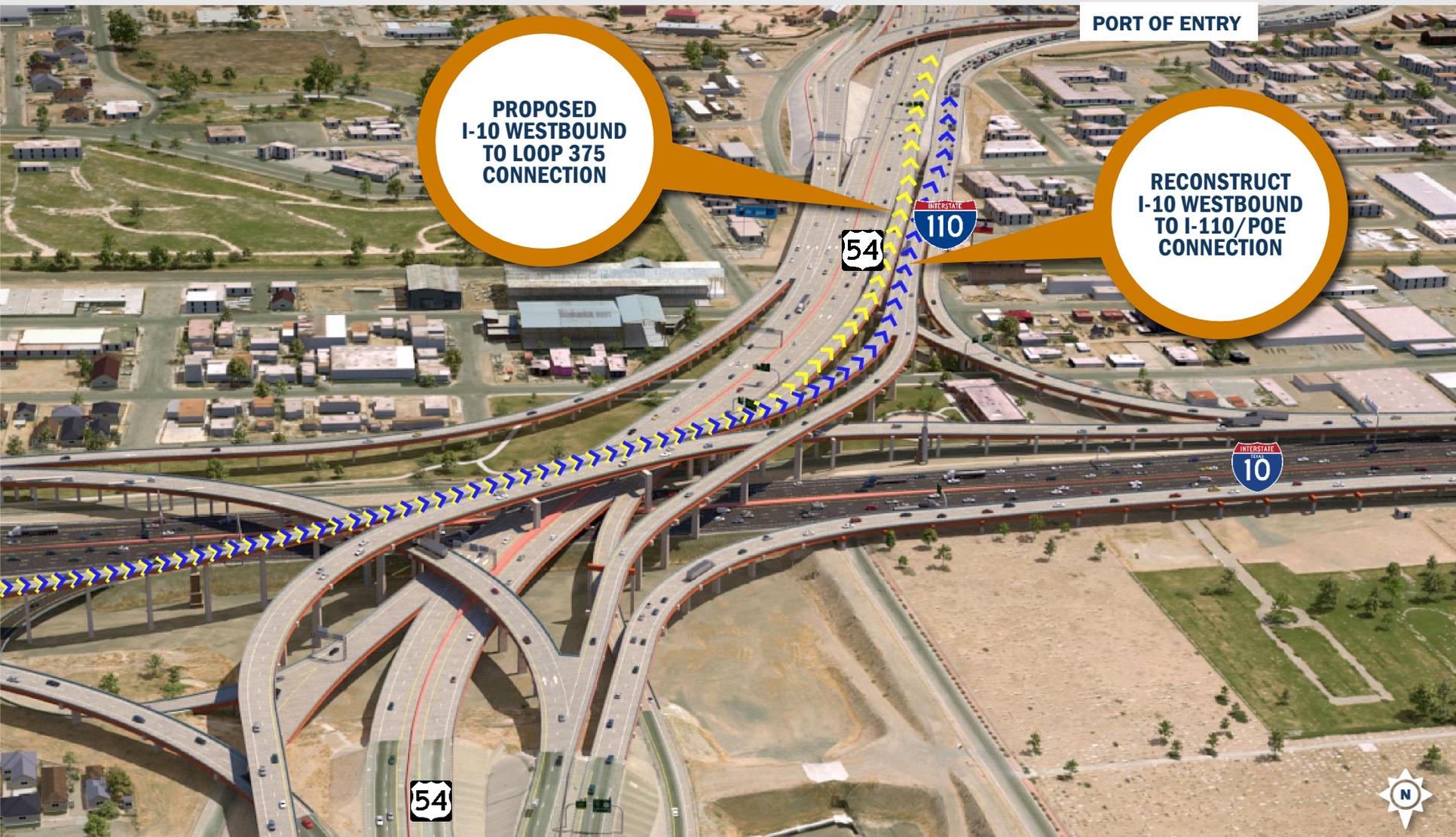
**PROPOSED
US 54 TO
I-110/POE
ACCESS**

PORT OF ENTRY

Recommended Preferred Alternative



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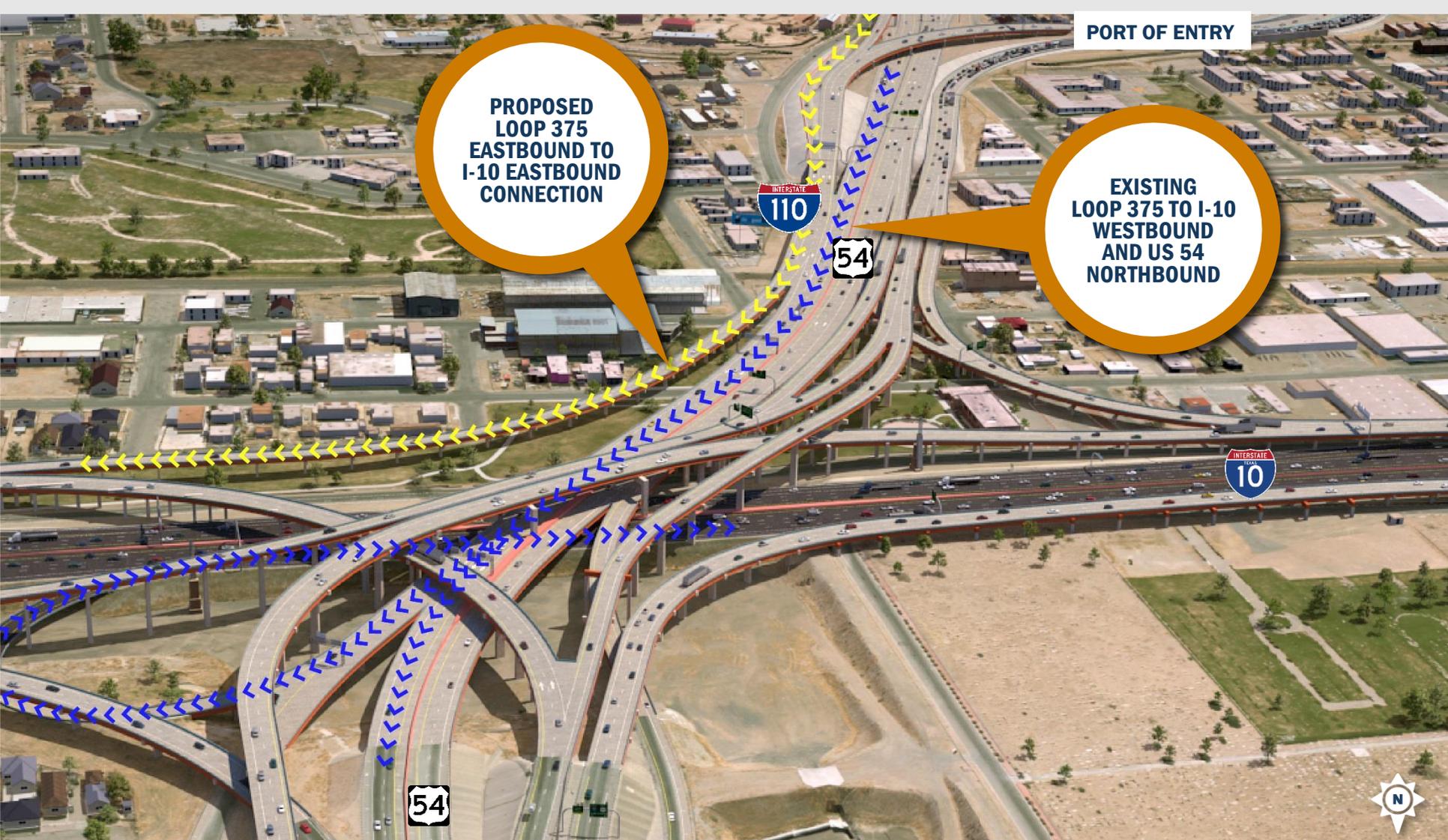
**PROPOSED
I-10 WESTBOUND
TO LOOP 375
CONNECTION**

PORT OF ENTRY

**RECONSTRUCT
I-10 WESTBOUND
TO I-110/POE
CONNECTION**



Recommended Preferred Alternative



**PROPOSED
LOOP 375
EASTBOUND TO
I-10 EASTBOUND
CONNECTION**

PORT OF ENTRY

**EXISTING
LOOP 375 TO I-10
WESTBOUND
AND US 54
NORTHBOUND**



Recommended Preferred Alternative



Recommended Preferred Alternative



RAILROAD COORDINATION

- ✓ This will be need for proposed direct connector crossing with Union Pacific Railroad.
- ✓ Total railroad aerial easement is estimated to be less than 0.1 acres.

UTILITIES

- ✓ Utilities such as water lines, sewer lines, gas lines, fiber optic, electrical lines, and other utilities may need to be adjusted.
- ✓ The adjustment and relocation of any utilities would be managed so that no substantial interruptions would occur while these adjustments are being made.

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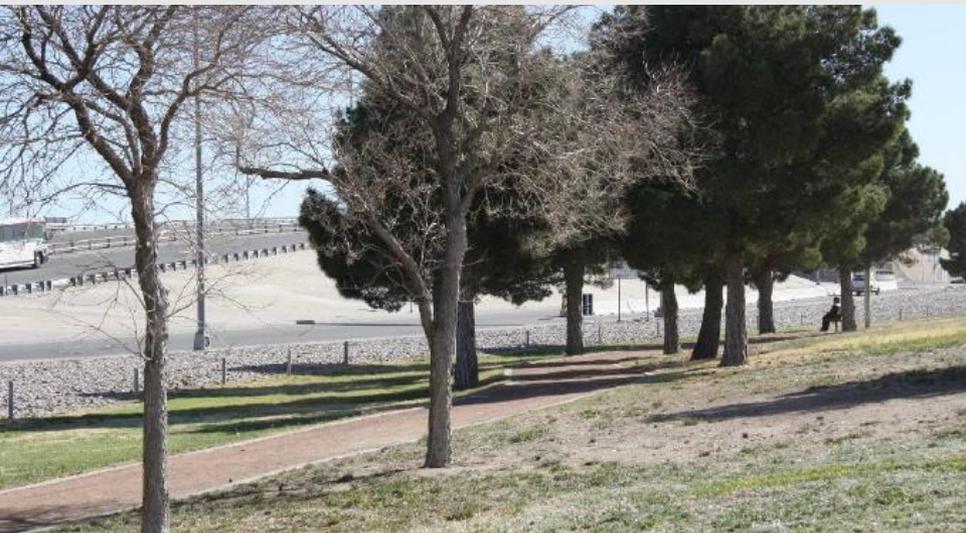
- ✓ Add connectivity
- ✓ Ease congestion
- ✓ Improve POE queuing impacts
- ✓ Minimize impacts to environment
- ✓ Improve mobility for I-10 reconstruction
- ✓ Maximize the existing assets



THE PROJECT WAS PROCESSED AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)

The EA evaluated impacts to the natural and human environment, including:

- Vegetation
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Water Resources
- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Hazardous Materials
- Utilities
- Environmental Justice and Limited English Proficiency
- Access and Travel Patterns
- Visual Impacts



NATURAL RESOURCES

- No impacts to Threatened and Endangered Species
- No USACE Permit required for impacts to Waters of the U.S.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

- **Historic Resources survey identified potential historic resources**
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- **No effect on Archeological Historic Properties anticipated**
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SECTION 106 OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT (NHPA)

- **Historic resources survey and report prepared in 2017 and 2018**
- **Consulted with stakeholders and local experts in Spring 2018**
- **Two properties in the project area were determined NRHP-eligible and NRHP-listed: NRHP-listed Franklin Canal and NRHP-eligible Lincoln Park School**
- **No adverse effect to the NRHP-listed Franklin Canal or NRHP-eligible Lincoln Park School**
- **Final report currently under review by SHPO, stakeholders, and local experts**

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- No Hazardous Materials concerns anticipated

TRAFFIC NOISE

- Traffic Noise impacts were identified and proposed noise walls will be presented to affected property owners at upcoming noise workshops

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT, CONTINUED

AIR QUALITY

- **Air Quality Consultation process determined that the project does not require a PM10 or CO hot-spot analysis due to reduction in congestion and improvements in traffic flow**
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COMMUNITY IMPACTS ANALYSIS

- **Construction would require some column/mural removal**
- **Temporary closures of recreational areas would be required during construction**
- **No disproportionately high or adverse impacts to minority or low-income (Environmental Justice) populations**

PROJECT PLANS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING TONIGHT

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

This can be viewed on the internet at:

txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/el-paso/i10-connect.html

PROJECT INFORMATION

This can be viewed Monday through Friday at the TxDOT El Paso District Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

TxDOT El Paso District Office
13301 Gateway West
El Paso, TX 79928

RIGHT-OF-WAY

This is needed for proposed direct connectors.

- Total Right-of-Way to be acquired is less than **0.14 acres**.
- One potential relocation of a commercial property located along Frutas Ave.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

This is needed to provided sufficient space to construct bridge structures.

- Total Temporary Construction Easement is estimated to be around **0.81 acres**.

State Resources Available Today:

- “State Purchase of Right-of-Way booklet”
- “Relocation Assistance”

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15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

Public Comment Period

1

Use the microphone

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State your name and address

3

State your interest in the project

4

Give your comments on the project

5

Please observe 3 minute rule



1 Minute

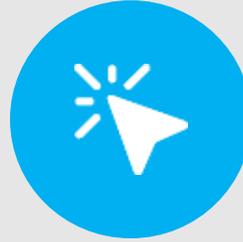
2 Minutes

3 Minutes

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