



Notice

Final Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review

I-10 CONNECT

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

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El Paso County, Texas

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, this notice advises the public that a final environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review for the proposed I-10 Connect project from Yandell Drive to Loop 375 (Cesar Chavez Border Highway) in El Paso County, Texas. 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 executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

The proposed I-10 Connect project would construct or modify six direct connectors between I-10 and various other highways and one direct connector from US 54 to I-110, and would reconfigure the I-110/US 62 (Paisano Drive) interchange.

The six I-10 direct connectors are:

- Eastbound I-10 to Southbound US 54 Direct Connector
- Eastbound Loop 375 (Cesar Chavez Border Highway) to Eastbound I-10 Direct Connector
- Westbound I-10 to Southbound US 54 Direct Connector
- Southbound US 54 to Westbound I-110 Direct Connector
- Eastbound I-10 to Westbound I-110 Direct Connector
- Westbound I-10 to Westbound I-110 Direct Connector

These improvements would provide users direct routes from I-10 to both Loop 375 (Cesar Chavez Border Highway) and the Bridge of the Americas Port of Entry (POE) that currently do not exist. In addition to these direct connectors, the proposed project would reconfigure the existing three-level interchange at I-110 and US 62 (Paisano Drive) by removing a level and removing all existing connections from US 62 (Paisano Drive) to I-110 and the POE. This reconfigured interchange would also include enhanced pedestrian facilities and improved accessibility for the Findley Avenue community. As part of the proposed project, access from Stevens Street to I-110 and the US 62 (Paisano Drive) interchange would also be removed. The removal of the US 62 (Paisano Drive) and Stevens Street access points is intended to relieve traffic congestion associated with the POE on local surface streets. Along with these improvements, the proposed project would also include reconfiguring some of the merging lanes along I-110 and US 54. The proposed improvements would require 0.14 acre of additional right-of-way and approximately 0.81 acre of temporary construction easements. The project would require the removal of some existing bridge columns, including some with murals. TxDOT has and will continue to coordinate with interested community members about potential impacts to murals and opportunities for additional murals in the future.

Copies of the approved final EA, certification of public involvement, and supporting documentation are available for public inspection at the TxDOT El Paso District, 13301 Gateway West, El Paso, TX 79928, (915) 790-4200. Pursuant to 23 CFR 771.119(h), TxDOT will issue a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for this project no sooner than 30 days after the issuance of this notice of availability. For further information, please contact Antonio Santana, P.E., TxDOT Project manager at (915) 790-4200.