



Project I-10 Connect // El Paso

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Project location

I-10 Connect is at the convergence of US-54 and I-10 in El Paso County and extends from I-10 to Loop 375 (César Chávez Border Highway). It will provide access to the Bridge of the Americas (BOTA) Port of Entry.

Why is the project needed?

Improvements are necessary to enhance vehicle safety and improve mobility. Currently, the only high speed roadway connection between I-10 and Loop 375 is a northbound to westbound ramp on US-54 and delays in the project area are expected to increase more than 1.6 million hours per year by 2042.

The project will:



Provide needed connections between I-10 and Loop 375



Ease congestion and improve mobility



Improve queuing approaching Bridge of the Americas Port of Entry



Enhance pedestrian facilities



Improve mobility for future I-10 reconstruction projects



Maximize existing assets & minimize reconstruction



Minimize impacts to the environment

For additional information about the I-10 Connect improvements

- Email I10Connect@txdot.gov
- Visit website at: www.txdot.gov, keywords "I-10 Connect."
- Call (915) 790-4200 and ask for the I-10 Connect project team.

Quick Access

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Project Timeline

Construction Starts:
Early 2019

Construction Ends:
Mid-2022



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Lincoln Park Conservation Committee: The Partnership Matters

TxDOT and the Lincoln Park Conservation Committee's (LPCC) exemplary approach to an important roadway improvement project while honoring valued community resources can be attributed to communication, collaboration, and listening to the community. Lincoln Park and the Lincoln Center are treasured resources in the I-10 Connect project area. The park features:

- Fifty-one murals on existing highway columns that were painted by talented artists since the early 1980s;
- The Lincoln Center, which was built in 1916 as Lincoln Park Elementary School near the Village of Concordia, one of the first Mexican communities north of the Rio Grande;
- An amphitheater.

The annual Lincoln Park Day has been held at the park since 2005 and has grown to be the premier cultural event in El Paso.

At the onset of environmental studies for the project in 2015, community stakeholders voiced concerns about impacts to Lincoln Center. TxDOT listened to their concerns and made design modifications to incorporate the community's input where possible. These modifications include avoiding the demolition of the Lincoln Center.

“The Lincoln Center has been saved,” stated LPCC Member, Miguel Juárez, PhD. “Now we can continue to work towards reopening it and begin working on a plan to recreate or replace the affected murals with new murals.”

The TxDOT team and LPCC members met and together visited the park this past spring to evaluate the best approach for the roadway improvements while minimizing impacts to the park, including the murals, Lincoln Center, and amphitheater.

As a result of our collaboration with Lincoln Park Conservation Committee TxDOT will:

- Visually record the impacted murals for the LPCC to document and potentially repaint in the future.
- Use the following protective measures during construction:
 - A chain link fence to protect the Lincoln Center and amphitheater.
 - Place an additional orange colored protective fence around the Lincoln Center.
 - Safeguard the Virgen de Guadalupe mural during construction so it can remain as a memorial to El Calvario Catholic Church.
 - Use a chain link fence to protect the remaining murals in the construction area.
- Provide new highway columns for the LPCC to paint new murals since 16 of the existing murals will be permanently impacted by construction.
- Install bird netting to help protect the murals.



The Virgen de Guadalupe, the park's first mural, was painted by the late Felipe Adame in 1981 and will be covered and protected during construction. The mural will remain an important park feature when construction is completed.