



PUBLIC HEARING
LOOP 375 FRONTAGE ROADS
RECONFIGURATION
FROM FM 76 (NORTH LOOP DRIVE)
TO ZARAGOZA PORT OF ENTRY
CSJ: 2552-03-058
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

Del Valle High School
July 25, 2018



Hearing Information

- **Purpose of the Public Hearing:** to solicit feedback from the community regarding proposed enhancements to Loop 375 from North Loop Drive to Zaragoza Port of Entry (POE)
 - **Options for Commenting:**
 - 1) Verbal comments for the official record will commence after the presentation
 - 2) Written comments can be placed in the comment box
 - 3) E-mail comments to: kjohnson@blantonassociates.com
 - 4) Mail comments to: Blanton & Associates
Attn: Loop 375 Frontage Roads
5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200
Austin, TX 78734
 - **Deadline for Comments:** Thursday, August 9, 2018
- ** Public Hearing Report will be posted at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/el-paso/072518.html> when analysis is complete.

Public Hearing Notice



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
July 25th, 2018 at 5 p.m.
Loop 375 Frontage Roads Reconfiguration
From FM 76 (North Loop Drive) to the Zaragoza Port of Entry
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) El Paso District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed improvements to Loop 375 from Farm-to-Market (FM) 76 (North Loop Drive) to the Zaragoza Port of Entry (POE) in El Paso, Texas. The hearing will take place on Wednesday July 25th, 2018, at Del Valle High School, 950 Bordeaux Drive, El Paso, Texas 79907. Displays will be available for viewing at 5 p.m. with the formal presentation commencing at 6 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to provide information about the proposed project and gather input from the public.



The project is intended to improve mobility and reduce congestion by extending frontage roads across the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and reconfiguring ramps. The existing Loop 375 frontage roads generally consist of three lanes in each direction, with two 14-foot-wide lanes and one 12-foot-wide lane. The proposed improvements would extend the frontage roads over the UPRR just north of the Alameda Avenue (State Highway [SH] 20) and Loop 375 intersection, and reconfigure ramps in both the north and southbound directions between FM 76 and the Zaragoza POE. The proposed project would be approximately 2.4 miles in length. The project would not require additional right-of-way, but would require approximately 6.03 acres of permanent drainage easements and approximately 2.51 acres of temporary construction easements. A portion of the drainage easements is located within the boundaries of the El Paso County Water Improvement District #1, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, the project is subject to Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act and Chapter 26 of the Parks and Wildlife Code. The project is not expected to result in an adverse impact to historic resources. Several small portions of the project area occur within FEMA 100-year floodplains associated with the Juan De Herrera Main Lateral Canal, Middle Drain Canal, Franklin Drain Canal, and Playa Intercepting Drain Canal. The facility would permit the conveyance of the 100-year flood, inundation of the roadway being acceptable, without causing significant damage to the facility, stream or other property. The project is located within a PM₁₀ air quality non-attainment area and the conformity consultation process was initiated. On June 11, 2018 the conformity Consultation Partners made the determination that, in accordance with 40 CFR 93.116(a) this is not of local air quality concern. Coordination with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is ongoing and will be complete by the time the hearing is held.

Maps showing the project location and design, environmental documents, and other information relative to 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: Loop 375 Frontage Roads, 5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78734, or by email to: blanton@blantonassociates.com. Comments must be received on or before Thursday, August 9, 2018 in order to become part of the official hearing record.

The public hearing will be conducted in English and a Spanish translator will be present. Persons interested in attending the hearing who require special accommodation are encouraged to contact TxDOT El Paso District Public Information Officer, Jennifer Wright, at (915) 790-2110. Requests should be made at least five (5) days prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have general questions regarding the proposed project, you may contact Ms. Dora Fernandez at (915) 790-4437 or Dora.Fernandez@txdot.gov.

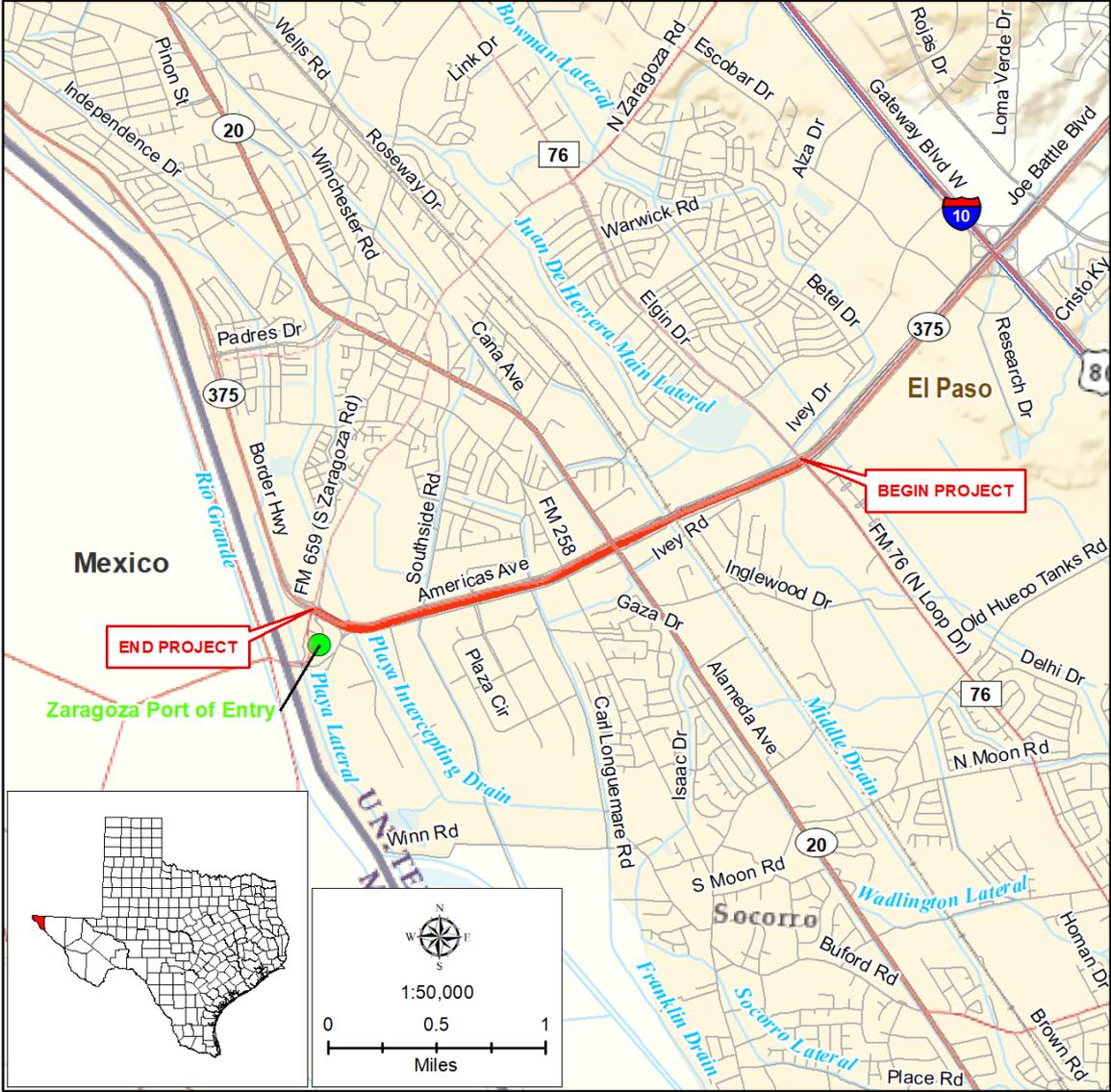
The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated Dec. 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

- Elected Officials
- Project Team Members

Agenda for Tonight's Public Hearing

- Welcome
- Project Overview
- Environmental Overview
- Intermission
- Public Comments
- Adjourn Public Hearing

Project Location Map



Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to improve mobility and reduce congestion on Loop 375 by extending frontage roads across the Union Pacific railroad and reconfiguring ramps.

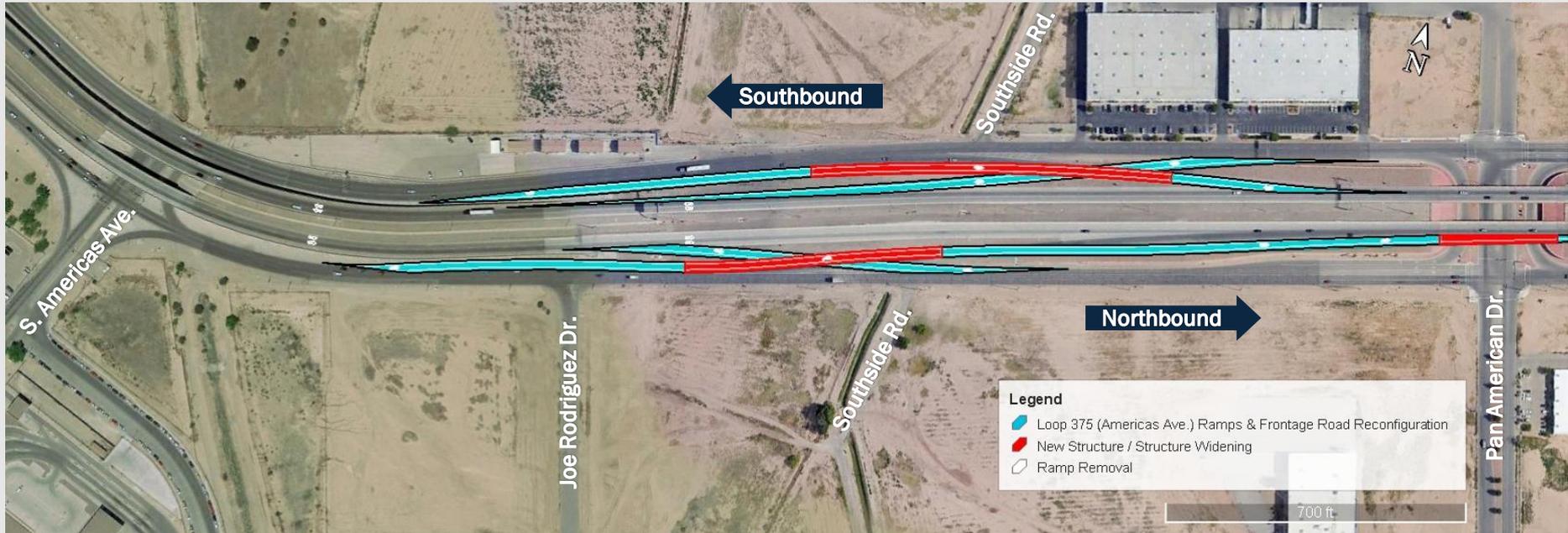
Need

The project is needed to address increased traffic congestion from current and anticipated growth in the project area.

Project Description

- Extend frontage roads over the Union Pacific railroad just north of SH 20 (Alameda Avenue) and Loop 375 intersection
- Reconfigure ramps in both the north and southbound directions
- Project Length: 2.4 miles
- Permanent Drainage Easements: 6.03 acres
- Temporary Construction Easements: 2.51 acres
- No displacements or relocations

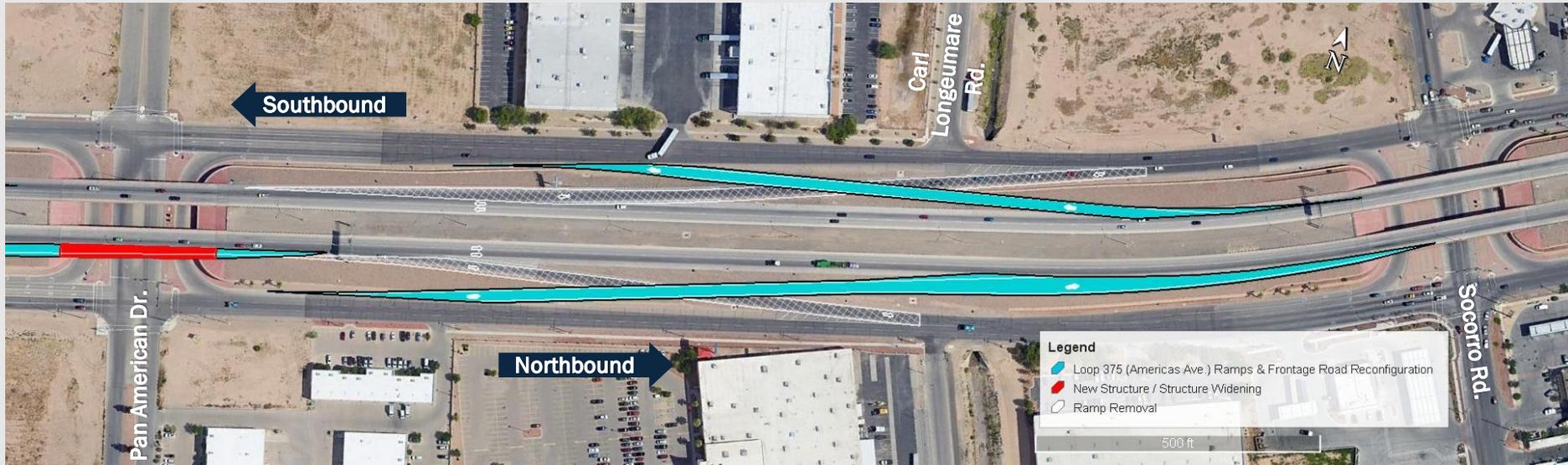
Ramp Layouts



Ramps between S. Americas Avenue and Pan American Drive

- Replace northbound entrance ramp from S. Americas Avenue with a new entrance ramp from S. Americas Avenue braided with an exit ramp to Pan American Drive
- Replace southbound exit ramp to S. Americas Avenue with a new exit ramp from S. Americas Ave braided with an entrance ramp from Pan American Drive

Ramp Layouts



Ramps between Pan American Drive and Socorro Road

- Remove northbound exit ramp to Socorro Road and place a new entrance ramp from Pan American Drive
- Remove southbound entrance ramp from Socorro Road and place a new exit ramp to Pan American Drive

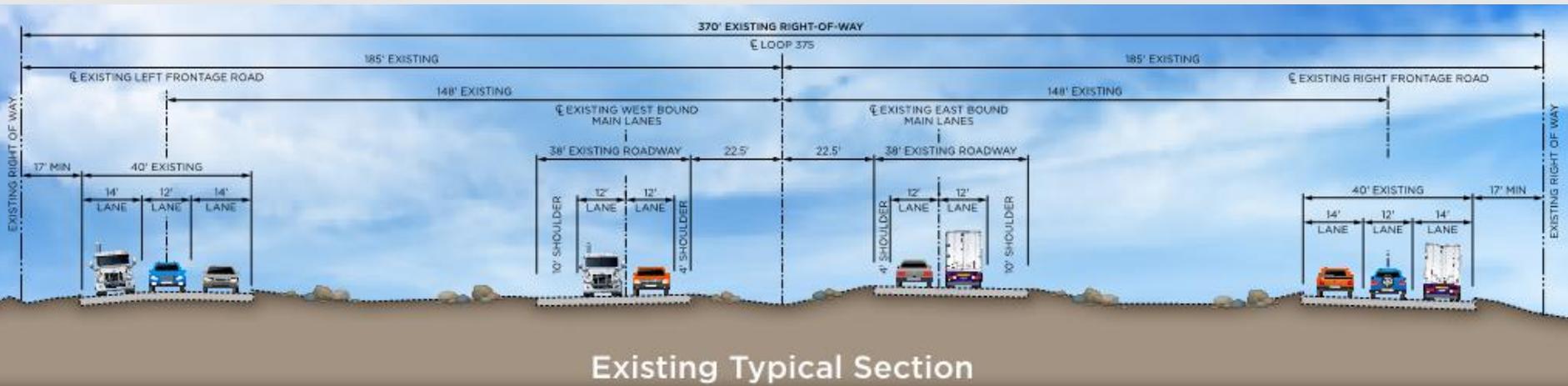
Ramp Layouts



Ramps between Alameda Avenue and North Loop Drive

- Replace northbound entrance ramp from Alameda Avenue and exit ramp to North Loop Drive with ramps from the frontage road extension
- Replace southbound exit ramp to Alameda Avenue with a ramp from the frontage road extension

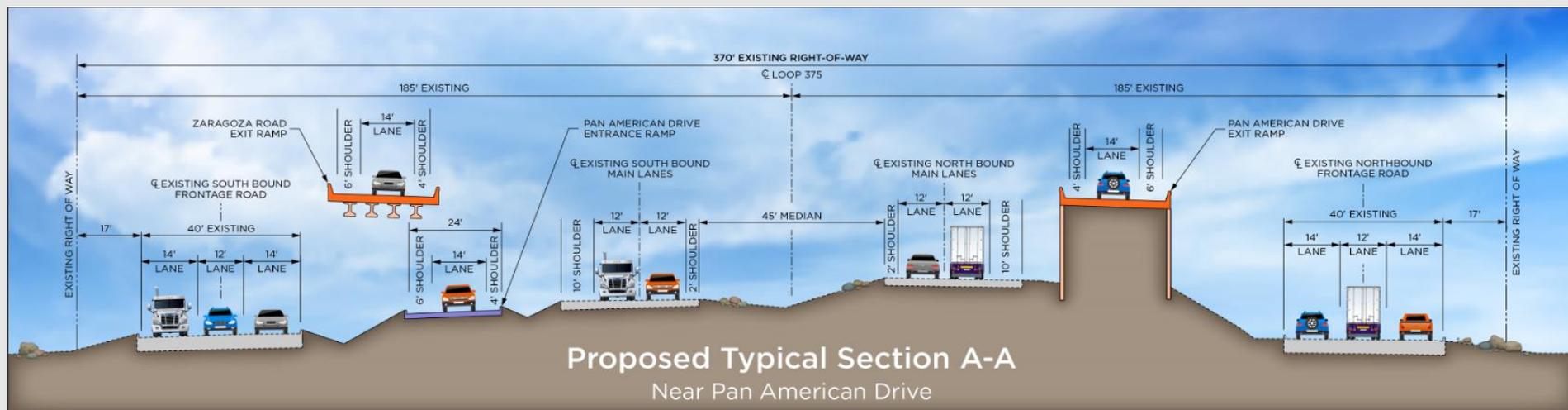
Existing Typical Sections



Loop 375 frontage roads from North Loop to Zaragoza POE

- Each frontage road consists of three travel lanes with two 14-foot-wide lanes and a 12-foot-wide lane

Proposed Typical Section – near Pan American Drive

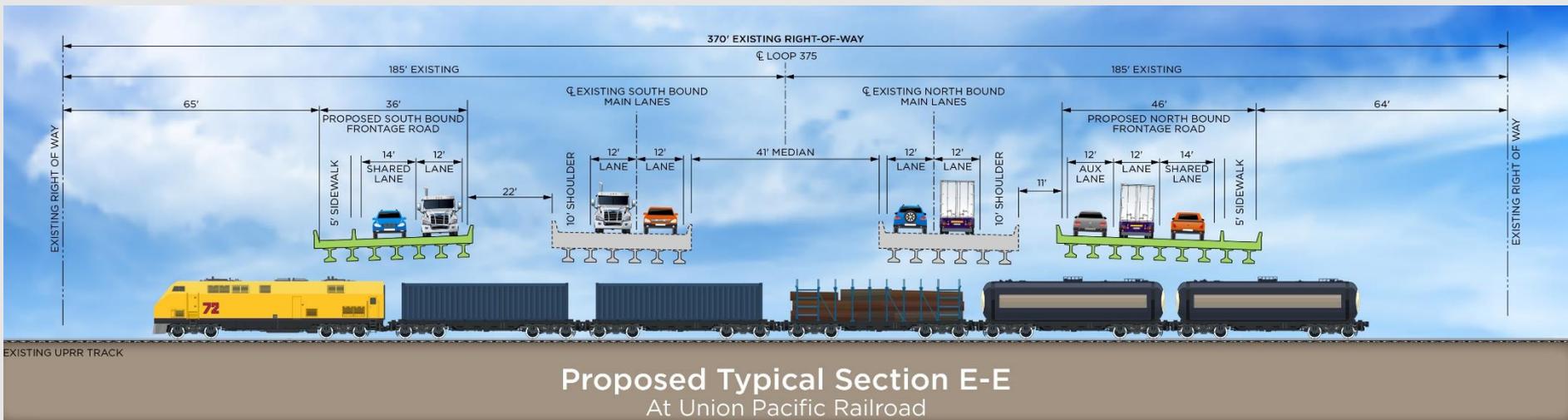


Proposed Typical Section A-A
Near Pan American Drive

Loop 375 frontage roads and ramps near Pan American Drive

- Each frontage road consists of three travel lanes with two 14-foot-wide lanes and a 12-foot-wide lane
- Ramps would consist of a 14-foot-wide travel lane with 4-foot-wide inside shoulders and 6-foot-wide outside shoulders

Proposed Typical Section – at Union Pacific Railroad



Loop 375 frontage roads at the Union Pacific Railroad

- Southbound: one 12-foot-wide travel lane, one 14-foot-wide shared lane, and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk
- Northbound: one 12-foot-wide auxiliary lane, one 12-foot-wide travel lane, one 14-foot-wide shared lane, and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk

- Total Estimated Construction Cost: approximately \$31.1 Million
- Funding Source: Federal and State funds

Environmental Overview

- The project was processed as a categorical exclusion (CE)
- Technical reports evaluated impacts to the human and natural environment
- Potential habitat for one state-threatened species and three species of greatest conservation need
 - Coordination with TPWD for New Mexico garter snake
- No anticipated impacts to archeological resources, community features, traffic noise, or water resources
- Access would be maintained to adjacent businesses throughout the project area

Section 4(f) and Chapter 26

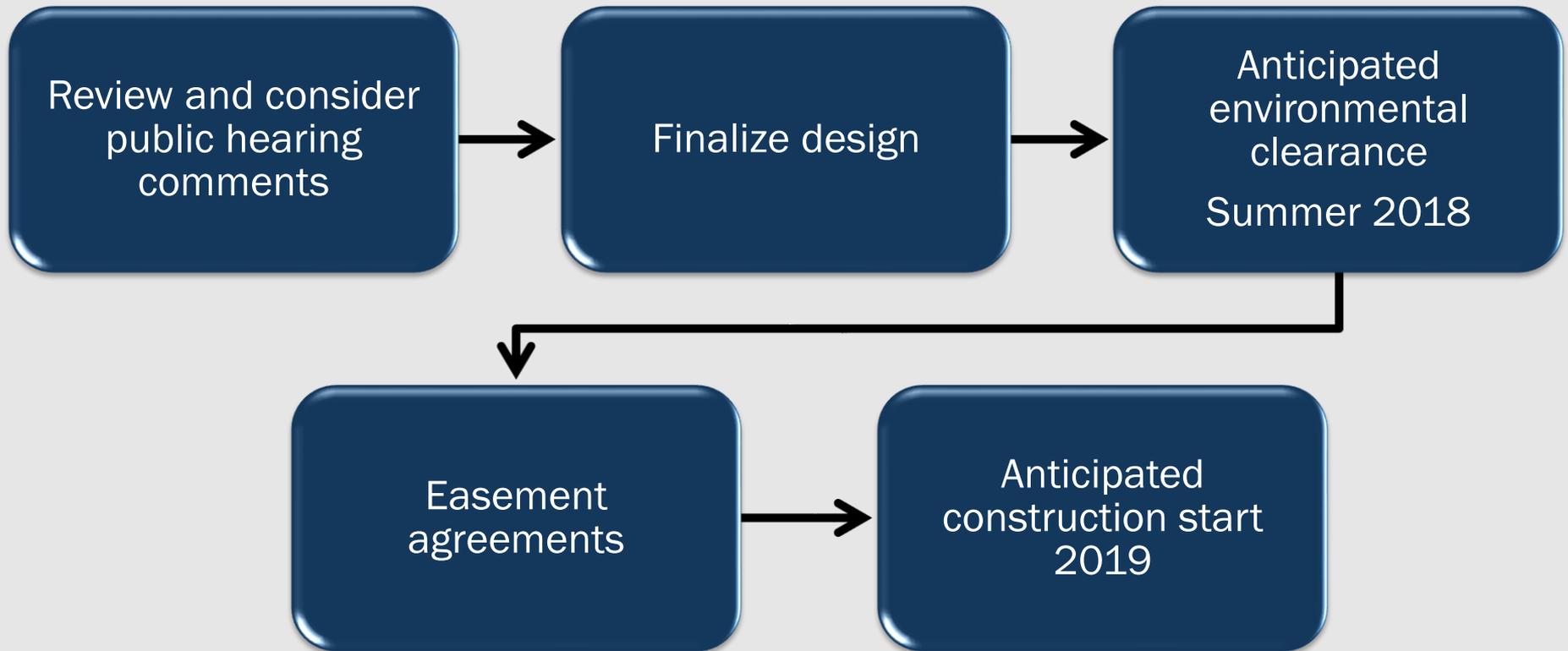
- Drainage easements and work adjacent to and above NRHP-listed Franklin Canal and other contributing features of the El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 (Water District)
- *De minimis 4(f)*: project activities would not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that make the properties eligible for Section 4(f) of the DOT Act
- Project would comply with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code
- No adverse effects to historic properties are anticipated

- Project located in a PM₁₀ air quality non-attainment area
- Air quality conformity consultation process was conducted
- On June 11, 2018, the Consultation Partners determined that the project is not of local air quality concern in accordance with 40 CFR 93.116(a)

Reviewing Project Information

- Project plans and the environmental documents are available for viewing tonight
- These documents can also be viewed at the TxDOT El Paso District Office at **13301 Gateway West, El Paso, TX 79928** until Thursday, August 9, 2018

Next Steps



Intermission

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Verbal Comments



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