



# Documentation of Public Hearing

## Project Location

El Paso County

Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)

CSJs: 2552-02-028, 1046-03-005 and 1046-03-096

## Project Limits

From Spur 601 (Liberty Expressway) to US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)

## Hearing Location

REL Washington Elementary School, 3505 Lee Trevino Drive, El Paso, TX 79936

## Hearing Date and Time

August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

## Translation Services

Spanish

## Presenters

Dr. Robert Bielek, District Engineer, TxDOT

Robert Robbins, P.E., RTG

Kim Johnson, Environmental Manager, Blanton & Associates, Inc.

Manuel Hernandez, TxDOT

## Elected Officials in Attendance

N/A

## Total Number of Attendees (approx.)

18

## Total Number of Commenters

1

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**Comment / Response Matrix**

**Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway) – August 28, 2018 – Public Hearing  
Comment / Response Matrix**

<b>Comment Number</b>	<b>Commenter Name</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>COMMENTS SUBMITTED AT PUBLIC HEARING</b>					
1	Anonymous	8/28/2018	Written comment submitted during Public Hearing	EPFD Administration - No comments, all questions answered for myself	Comment noted.

**Attachment B**  
**Public Hearing Officer Certification**



# Public Hearing Certification

**Project Name:** Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)

**County Name:** El Paso

**Control Section Job Numbers (CSJ):** 2552-02-028, 1046-03-005, and 1046-03-096

**Project Limits From:** Spur 601 (Liberty Expressway)

**Project Limits To:** US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)

I certify that the following statements are true and apply to the project identified above.

- A. A public hearing was held on August 28, 2018 at REL Washington Elementary School in El Paso, Texas.
- B. The economic and social effects of the project location and design and its impacts on the environment have been considered.
- C. In determining economic, social, and environmental effects, the statutory provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 have been considered.
- D. The project consistency with the goals and objectives of urban planning, as dictated by the community has been considered.
- E. Requirements of Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, Section 2.107 have been met.

Select if assigned under NEPA Assignment MOU.

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.

  
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TxDOT Representative Name

10/4/18  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Attachment C**

### **Notices**

#### **Legal Notices**

**Published in the *El Paso Times* on Tuesday, August 14, 2018**

**Published in *El Diario* on Tuesday, August 14, 2018**

**Mailed to 7 Adjacent Property Owners on Thursday, August 9, 2018**

**Mailed to 33 Elected Officials on Thursday, August 9, 2018**

### **Contents**

1. Public Notice
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## NOTICE

### Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review and Public Hearing

#### Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)

From Spur 601 (Liberty Expressway) to US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)

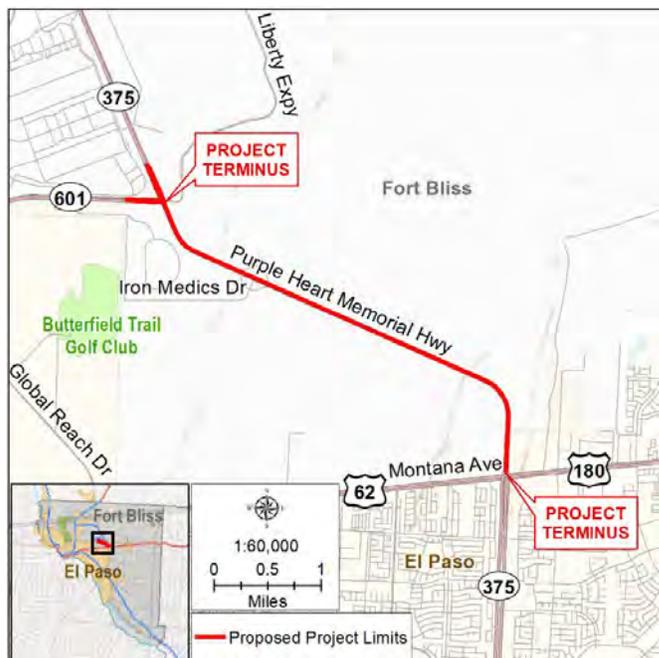
CSJs: 2552-02-028, 1046-03-005 and 1046-03-096

El Paso County, Texas

Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.



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2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the 2017-2020 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) were initially found to conform to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) State Implementation Plan by Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Authority on June 5, 2014 and December 19, 2016, respectively; however, the proposed project is not consistent with this conformity determination, because the project would require the addition of a third direct connector. TxDOT will not take final action on this environmental document until the proposed project is consistent with a currently conforming MTP and STIP. No impacts to threatened and endangered species are anticipated. One NRHP-eligible archeological site was documented in the project limits. Mitigation to resolve the adverse effects of the proposed project are currently being conducted.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding 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, and online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), search keywords: **Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)**. 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 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway), 5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78734**, or by email to: [kjohnson@blantonassociates.com](mailto:kjohnson@blantonassociates.com). Comments must be postmarked or received on or before **Wednesday, September 12, 2018** to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English, and a Spanish interpreter will be present. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT El Paso District Public Information Officer Jennifer Wright at (915) 790-4200. Requests should be made at least five (5) working days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Godwin Ubanyionwu, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager at (915) 790-4359 or [Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov](mailto:Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov).

## AVISO

### Borrador de Evaluación Ambiental Disponible para Revisión Pública y Audiencia Pública

#### Circuito (Loop) 375 (Purple Memorial Highway)

Desde Spur 601 (Autopista Liberty) hasta US 62/180 (Avenida Montana)

CSJs: 2552-02-028, 1046-03-005 y 1046-03-096

Condado de El Paso, Texas

martes, 28 de agosto de 2018 a las 6:00 p.m.



El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en inglés) Distrito de El Paso, agencia principal, propone mejoras para el Circuito 375 desde Spur 601 (Autopista Liberty) hasta US 62/180 (Avenida Montana) en El Paso, Texas. Este aviso informa al público que un borrador de Evaluación Ambiental (EA, por sus siglas en inglés) estará disponible para la revisión del público y TxDOT estará llevando a cabo a su vez una audiencia pública acerca del proyecto propuesto. La audiencia se llevará a cabo **el martes, 28 de agosto de 2018**, en **REL Washington Elementary School, 3505 Lee Trevino Drive, El Paso, TX 79936**. Exhibiciones estarán disponibles para su revisión a las 6:00 p.m. y la presentación formal iniciará a las 7:00 p.m. El propósito de la audiencia es de presentarles las mejoras propuestas y recopilar comentarios del público.



La intención del proyecto propuesto es mejorar la movilidad y reducir la congestión vehicular expandiendo el Circuito 375 de cuatro carriles a uno de seis carriles (tres carriles en ambas direcciones), con tres caminos laterales a cada lado del Circuito 375 y un camino para ciclistas y senderos peatonales a lo largo del sur del Circuito 375, que serán construidas en la primera fase del proyecto. El proyecto propuesto también hará mejoras a las intersecciones del Circuito 375 y la Autopista Spur 601, construyendo tres rampas de conexión directa, las cuales serán construidas en la siguiente fase. El proyecto propuesto recorre aproximadamente 5.3 millas a lo largo del Circuito 375 y 1.0 millas a lo largo de la autopista Spur 601. Las mejoras propuestas requieren la adquisición de aproximadamente 109.9 acres de derecho de vía y servidumbre permanente es requerido. No habrá desplazamiento residencial o comercial. El proyecto se encuentra dentro de un área de incumplimiento de calidad de aire PM<sub>10</sub> por lo tanto, se llevó a cabo el proceso de consulta de conformidad. El 9 de julio de 2018, los socios de la consulta de conformidad determinaron que el proyecto cumple con los estatutos de conformidad ambiental 40 CFR 93.116 (a), y que el proyecto no posa ningún tipo de riesgo a la calidad del aire. Ambos el 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) enmendado y 2017-2020 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) fueron inicialmente encontrados en conformidad con los estatutos ambientales de la Comisión Estatal de Calidad

Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ), Plan de Implementación del Estado por la Administración Federal de Carreteras y la Autoridad Federal de Tránsito, el 5 de junio de 2014 y 19 de diciembre de 2016, respectivamente, sin embargo, el proyecto propuesto no es consistente con esta determinación de conformidad, porque el proyecto requiere la adición de una tercera rampa de conexión directa. TxDOT no tomará acción final sobre el documento ambiental hasta que el proyecto propuesto sea consistente con el actual MTP y STIP. No se anticipan impactos a especies en peligro de extinción. Un lugar arqueológico elegible para NRHP fue documentado dentro de los límites del proyecto. Actualmente la mitigación para resolver los efectos adversos del proyecto propuesto se está llevando a cabo.

Borrador del EA, mapas exponiendo la ubicación del proyecto y diseño, horario tentativo de construcción e información adicional relacionada al proyecto están en archivadas y disponibles para su revisión de lunes a viernes entre las 8:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m. en la oficina de TxDOT Distrito de El Paso, 13301 Gateway West, El Paso, TX 79928, (915) 790-4200, y en línea accediendo [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), haciendo la búsqueda de: **Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)**. Esta información también estará disponible para su revisión durante la audiencia. Se solicitan comentarios del público acerca del proyecto durante la audiencia en forma escrita o verbal, o también enviados por correo postal a: **Blanton & Associates, Inc., Attn: Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway), 5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78734**, o por correo electrónico a: [kjohnson@blantonassociates.com](mailto:kjohnson@blantonassociates.com). Los comentarios deben recibirse a más tardar el **miércoles, 12 de septiembre de 2018** para poder ser incluidos en el registro oficial de la audiencia.

La audiencia pública se llevará a cabo en inglés y habrá traducción simultánea al español. Personas interesadas en asistir a la audiencia que tengan necesidades especiales de comunicación o acomodo se les recomienda que se comuniquen con la Oficial de Información Pública de TxDOT, distrito de El Paso, Jennifer Wright llamando al (915) 790-4200. Se requiere un aviso de al menos cinco (5) días hábiles antes de la audiencia pública. Se hará todo esfuerzo razonable para satisfacer estas necesidades.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud acerca del proyecto propuesto, puede comunicarse con Godwin Ubanyionwu, P.E., al (915) 790-4359 o [Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov](mailto:Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov)

*La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto, han sido, llevado a cabo por TxDOT, en virtud a 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento fechado 16 de diciembre del 2014, y ejecutado por la FHWA y el TxDOT.*

August 9, 2018

«GREETING» «FIRST\_NAME» «LAST\_NAME»  
«TITLE» «TITLE\_2», «ORGANIZATION\_»  
«ADDRESS»  
«CITY», «STATE» «ZIP\_CODE»

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County: El Paso

**RE: Public Hearing for Loop 375**

Dear «SALUTATION» «LAST\_NAME»:

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The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project. We invite you or a representative from your office to attend the public hearing. The enclosed **Public Hearing Notice** will be published in the *El Paso Times* and *El Diario de El Paso* at least 15 days prior to the public hearing. A copy of the notice is enclosed so you will have the same information as your constituents. You can also view the project information by visiting [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and entering **Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)** into the search area. Verbal and written comments regarding this project are encouraged and may be presented at the hearing, sent by mail to **Blanton & Associates, Inc., Attn: Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway), 5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78734**, or by email to: [kjohnson@blantonassociates.com](mailto:kjohnson@blantonassociates.com). Comments must be postmarked or received on or before Wednesday, September 12, 2018 to be part of the official hearing record. Please let TxDOT know if any other officials should be contacted about the project. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Mr. Godwin Ubanyionwu, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, at (915) 790-4359 or [Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov](mailto:Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov).

Sincerely,

Robert Bielek, DPA, P.E.  
District Engineer

Enclosure

# WEATHER

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

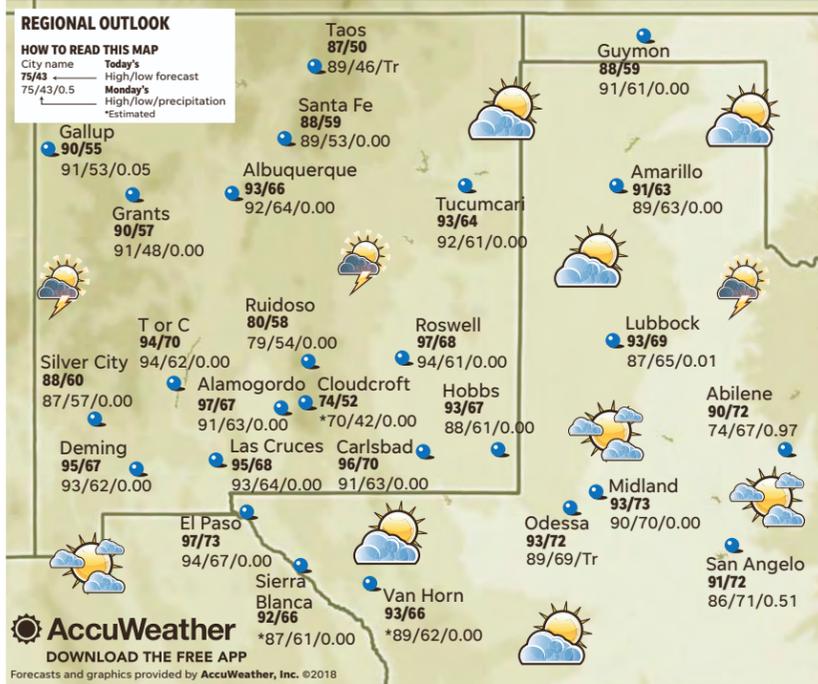
**TODAY**  
**97°**  
**73°**  
 Sunshine mixing with some clouds

**WEDNESDAY**  
**95°**  
**72°**  
 Partly sunny

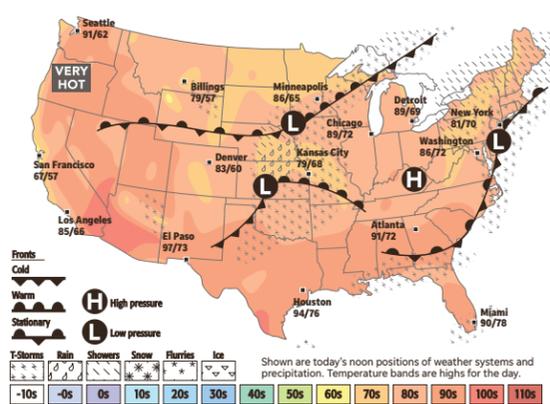
**THURSDAY**  
**95°**  
**73°**  
 Rather cloudy

**FRIDAY**  
**93°**  
**73°**  
 Sun and some clouds

**SATURDAY**  
**92°**  
**72°**  
 A thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon



## NATIONAL FORECAST



## CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Wednesday HI/Lo/W	City	Today HI/Lo/W	Wednesday HI/Lo/W
Anchorage	59/51/sh	59/51/sh	Los Angeles	85/66/pc	85/67/pc
Atlanta	91/72/pc	91/73/pc	Louisville	90/72/s	87/74/c
Baltimore	84/68/pc	90/70/pc	Miami	90/78/t	91/79/t
Billings	79/57/s	89/59/s	Milwaukee	87/70/s	78/67/t
Bismarck	81/54/s	86/58/s	Minneapolis	86/65/t	82/63/pc
Boise	96/54/pc	97/69/s	Nashville	91/71/pc	93/75/pc
Boston	81/69/pc	86/71/pc	New Orleans	84/77/pc	92/76/pc
Burlington	82/68/t	84/62/pc	New York City	91/70/t	90/74/pc
Charlotte	90/67/s	92/69/pc	Oklahoma City	83/69/r	87/69/t
Chicago	89/72/s	80/71/t	Omaha	79/66/r	85/66/pc
Cincinnati	86/68/s	82/70/c	Orlando	90/74/t	90/73/t
Cleveland	85/68/pc	89/70/pc	Philadelphia	83/69/t	91/74/pc
Dallas	91/76/pc	95/77/pc	Phoenix	105/84/pc	99/79/pc
Denver	83/60/s	90/60/pc	Pittsburgh	78/65/sh	85/67/pc
Des Moines	83/68/t	83/67/t	Portland, ME	77/67/sh	84/65/pc
Detroit	89/69/s	87/70/pc	Portland, OR	98/66/s	93/60/s
El Paso	97/73/s	95/72/pc	St. Louis	84/71/t	81/71/t
Honolulu	88/75/pc	90/77/pc	Salt Lake City	94/69/s	93/71/s
Houston	94/76/pc	93/77/t	San Diego	82/72/pc	81/72/pc
Indianapolis	87/69/s	82/70/t	San Francisco	67/52/pc	67/56/pc
Kansas City	79/68/r	83/68/t	Seattle	91/62/s	91/58/s
Las Vegas	105/82/s	101/82/s	Washington, DC	86/72/t	92/75/pc

## INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Wednesday HI/Lo/W	City	Today HI/Lo/W	Wednesday HI/Lo/W
Bogota	65/49/pc	68/47/t	Athens	92/73/s	92/74/s
Buenos Aires	61/38/pc	59/45/pc	Belgrade	92/67/pc	82/65/t
Caracas	85/74/t	88/74/t	Berlin	76/60/sh	77/62/pc
Montreal	83/69/sh	78/59/t	Dublin	71/59/sh	70/50/r
Rio de Janeiro	77/63/s	78/66/pc	London	78/60/pc	78/61/pc
Toronto	84/68/pc	87/67/pc	Madrid	95/65/s	95/68/s
Vancouver	79/62/s	79/60/s	Moscow	74/59/pc	82/60/pc
Paris	79/57/pc	83/60/s	Rome	85/67/t	82/68/pc
Stockholm	68/54/c	71/55/pc			
Beijing	86/74/c	90/73/t			
Hong Kong	88/82/t	86/81/t			
Jerusalem	82/66/s	85/67/s			
Kabul	98/61/s	99/62/s			
Manila	86/79/sh	87/79/t			
Melbourne	62/54/s	60/46/r			
New Delhi	94/82/t	92/81/t			
Singapore	90/81/t	90/80/t			
Sydney	71/51/s	77/55/s			
Tokyo	88/80/pc	88/79/c			
Weather(W):	s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, ice				

**ALLERGY REPORT**  
 Monday's pollen reading: 222  
 Main pollens: trees, grasses, weeds, molds

Source: Western Sky Medical Research

**AIR QUALITY FORECAST**  
 City Today's air quality  
 Albuquerque Moderate  
 Farmington Unhealthy Sens. Grp.  
 Las Cruces Moderate  
 El Paso Unhealthy Sensitive Groups  
 Midland Moderate

What it means: 0-50: Good; 51-100: Moderate; 101-150: Unhealthy for sensitive people; 151+: Unhealthy for all. Source: EPA and TCEQ

**TODAY'S UV INDEX**  
**11**  
 (The higher the number, the faster skin damage will occur.)

- 11+: Extreme
- 8-10: Very high
- 6-7: High
- 3-5: Moderate
- <2: Low

**SUN SETTINGS, MOON PHASES**  
 Sunrise 6:30 a.m. Moonrise 10:01 a.m.  
 Sunset 7:50 p.m. Moonset 10:27 p.m.

Hours of sunlight 13 hr., 20 min. Aug 18 Aug 26 Sep 2 Sep 9

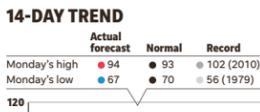
**WINDS**  
 Carlsbad SSE 6-12 mph  
 El Paso SSW 6-12 mph  
 Ruidoso S 4-8 mph  
 Silver City NW 6-12 mph  
 Truth or Consequences ESE 4-8 mph

**24-HOUR PRECIPITATION**  
 El Paso  
 24 hours through 3 p.m. Monday 0.00"  
 Month to date 1.05"  
 Normal month to date 0.97"  
 Year to date 4.17"  
 Normal year to date 5.28"

Las Cruces  
 24 hours through 3 p.m. Monday 0.00"  
 Month to date 0.23"  
 Normal month to date 0.87"  
 Year to date 4.28"  
 Normal year to date 4.37"

**MONDAY'S EXTREMES**  
 National extremes are for the 48 contiguous states.

Texas high	103 at Laredo
Texas low	54 at Muleshoe
New Mexico high	95 at Alamogordo
New Mexico low	32 at Angel Fire
National high	117 at Death Valley, CA
National low	32 at Angel Fire, NM



**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Wednesday HI/Lo/W
Austin	95/74/pc	97/73/pc
Brownsville	95/78/pc	96/78/pc
Chihuahua	83/65/pc	86/63/pc
Corpus Christi	93/77/pc	94/76/s
Dallas	91/76/pc	95/77/t
Houston	94/76/pc	93/77/t
Los Alamos	83/59/pc	80/58/pc
San Antonio	94/76/pc	95/76/pc

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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) El Paso District, as the lead agency, is proposing to improve Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway) from Spur 601 (Liberty Expressway) to US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) in El Paso, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at REL Washington Elementary School, 3505 Lee Trevino Drive, El Paso, TX 79936**. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comments on the proposed project.

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The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding 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, and online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), search keywords: **Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)**. 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 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway), 5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78734**, or by email to: [kjohnson@blantonassociates.com](mailto:kjohnson@blantonassociates.com). Comments must be postmarked or received on or before **Wednesday, September 12, 2018** to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English, and a Spanish interpreter will be present. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT El Paso District Public Information Officer Jennifer Wright at (915) 790-4200. Requests should be made at least five (5) working days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Godwin Ubanyionwu, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager at (915) 790-4359 or [Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov](mailto:Godwin.Ubanyionwu@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 December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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# Acusan a albergue de drogar a menor separado

Michael E. Miller / The Washington Post

**M**oultrie, Georgia— El niño estaba parado frente a la ventana con sus puños cerrados, mirando hacia afuera mientras la lluvia caía sobre el mal cuidado jardín. Tres meses antes, el pequeño de cinco años y su padre habían huido de las amenazas de muerte en Guatemala, para buscar asilo político en Estados Unidos. Pero en lugar de ello, agentes de la Patrulla Fronteriza enviaron a su papá a una cárcel de inmigración y a Adonias a un albergue para menores en Chicago.

Ahora, seis días después de su reunión el 24 de julio, su padre estaba

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sentado al otro lado de la habitación frente a él en la deslucida y pequeña vivienda que compartían con cuatro de sus familiares, preguntándole a Adonias sobre lo que había pasado en las 10 semanas que estuvieron separados.

Sabía que había acusaciones de que Adonias había sido inyectado con algo que le ocasionaba sueño cuando se portaba mal —acusaciones que las autoridades federales y estatales están investigando, pero que podrían resultar difíciles de resolver de manera



ADONIAS, DE cinco años, "exhibe señales de trauma, particularmente en presencia de jeringas"

definitiva.

El albergue, el cual realizó su propia investigación, niega con firmeza cualquier acusación de delito, y los archivos médicos del menor —proporcionados por su abogada con el permiso de sus padres— muestran que no se le aplicó ningún tipo de inyección, a excepción de las vacunas. Pero una evaluación psicológica independiente, realizada antes de que fuera liberado del albergue Casa Guadalupe encontró que el niño "exhibía señales de trauma, particularmente cuando se manifestaban en presencia de

una jeringa de juguete".

En medio de la controversia, los archivos ofrecen un austero retrato de la dolorosa odisea de un menor al tener que soportar el proceso de la separación de su familia.

El caso de Adonias se ha tornado emblemático de las inquietudes en torno al trato de miles de menores migrantes, especialmente aquellos que fueron arrebatados de sus padres en la frontera entre Estados Unidos y México durante la corta vida de la política aplicada por la administración de Trump,

la cual provocó la separación de las familias.

En semanas recientes, se han presentado cargos de abuso sexual de un menor de seis años y otro de 14 en dos albergues de Arizona, y un juez federal ordenó a un albergue de Texas para menores problemáticos que dejara de administrarles medicamentos psicotrópicos a los niños sin una orden de la Corte o el consentimiento de los padres.

¿Acaso Adonias fue drogado? Se pregunta su padre, un albañil de 30 años que pidió no ser identificado por temor a represalias en caso de que él y su hijo sean deportados.

Pero el niño de 43 libras de peso, con el nombre bíblico y el pelo a rapa no quería hablar sobre el tiempo que pasó en Casa Guadalupe.

Mientras miraba hacia afuera, las lágrimas brotaron y colgaron de sus largas y oscuras pestañas.

De pronto levantó uno de sus pequeños puños y golpeó el vidrio de la ventana con fuerza. "Adonias, no", dijo su padre.

Pero el niño volvió a golpear el vidrio.

"Adonias, no", le repitió.

"Aún sigo triste", dijo el niño entre sollozos. "Quiero estar solo".

Adonias gritó y dio puñetazos a los agentes de la Patrulla Fronteriza, según recuerda su padre, cuando fueron separados dentro del centro de detención en Arizona.

Para el anoecer, cuando Adonias arribó a Casa Guadalupe, al niño y su padre los separaba una distancia de 2 mil millas (más de 3 mil 200 kilómetros).

El albergue en Chicago es uno de más de 100 albergues que hay por todo el país con contratos federales para hacerse cargo de los menores migrantes. Muchos de estos centros, como Casa Guadalupe, fueron fundados hace años para albergar a miles de menores que viajaban solos hacia la frontera cada año, hasta que pudieran reunirse con sus familiares. Pero bajo la política de "cero tolerancia" de la administración de Trump, estos albergues de pronto se ensancharon para albergar a más de 2 mil 500 menores que fueron separados de sus padres.

Algunos de estos albergues, los cuales son administrados de manera privada pero están bajo la supervisión de la Oficina de Reasentamiento para Refugiados (ORR) del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos (HHS), se han visto por mucho tiempo plagados de acusaciones de abuso sexual y físico.

El HHS dijo que tiene una "política de cero tolerancia" en contra de todo tipo de abuso en los albergues. "Nosotros siempre nos enfocamos en la seguridad y el mejor interés de cada uno de los menores", según dijo la dependencia en un comunicado. "Cualquier acusación de abuso o negligencia es tomada muy en serio, investigada por la ORR, y se toman las acciones

apropiadas".

Pero la controversia en torno a las separaciones de las familias ha hecho resaltar una serie de nuevas acusaciones, incluyendo quejas sobre los medicamentos recetados a los menores detenidos en estos albergues.

El 16 de abril, unos días después de la implementación de la política de "cero tolerancia", una coalición de organizaciones a favor de los derechos civiles y clínicas legales le pidieron a un juez federal que tomara acción en contra del Centro de Tratamiento Shiloh, aseverando que el albergue, ubicado cerca de Houston, les daba a los menores migrantes "camisas de fuerza químicas" de píldoras psicotrópicas y sedantes en inyecciones para controlar su comportamiento.

Después de que más de una docena de menores en el albergue Shiloh dijeran que les fueron dados medicamentos que les provocaban sueño, mareos y náuseas, la juez federal de distrito, Dolly Gee, ordenó la semana pasada a la ORR que obtuviera el consentimiento de los padres o una orden de la Corte antes de recetar estos psicotrópicos a los menores a excepción en casos de alguna emergencia.

"Mientras intentamos contactar a los padres de familia o tutores para realizar los procedimientos de tratamiento, por definición estos menores están bajo la custodia de la ORR, y es la ORR la autoridad legal que toma toda decisión médica", según dijo una vocera del HHS.

Neha Desai, directora de inmigración del Centro Nacional para la Ley del Menor, una de las organizaciones involucradas en el caso, dijo que ella ha estado enterada de que algunos menores en Centroamérica experimentan síntomas de abandono ocasionados aparentemente por los medicamentos psicotrópicos que les fueron dados no sólo en el albergue Shiloh, sino en otros albergues, también. Los niños fueron deportados, dijo Desai, sin ninguna "advertencia sobre cómo debían ser atendidos para que pudieran hacer la transición hacia otro tipo de cuidados médicos".

En el caso de Adonias, los archivos proporcionados por su abogada con el permiso de sus padres ofrecen una mirada poco común del cuidado médico que recibió en los albergues de la ORR.

Arribó a Casa Guadalupe un lunes por la noche a finales de mayo: solo, asustado y confundido. "El padre está bajo custodia del ICE", según dice el formulario inicial de ingreso. "El menor no cuenta con ningún número de contacto".

"El participante reporta que no se siente seguro sin sus padres", según se lee en la evaluación de seguridad. "El menor reporta que necesita reunirse con su padre", según lo estipula un resumen del caso.

## AVISO

**Borrador de Evaluación Ambiental Disponible para Revisión Pública y Audiencia Pública**

**Circuito (Loop) 375 (Purple Memorial Highway)**

Desde Spur 601 (Autopista Liberty) hasta US 62/180 (Avenida Montana)

CSJs: 2552-02-028, 1046-03-005 y 1046-03-096

Condado de El Paso, Texas

martes, 28 de agosto de 2018 a las 6:00 p.m.



El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en inglés) Distrito de El Paso, agencia principal, propone mejoras para el Circuito 375 desde Spur 601 (Autopista Liberty) hasta US 62/180 (Avenida Montana) en El Paso, Texas. Este aviso informa al público que un borrador de Evaluación Ambiental (EA, por sus siglas en inglés) estará disponible para la revisión del público y TxDOT estará llevando a cabo a su vez una audiencia pública acerca del proyecto propuesto. La audiencia se llevará a cabo el **martes, 28 de agosto de 2018, en REL Washington Elementary School, 3505 Lee Trevino Drive, El Paso, TX 79936**. Exhibiciones estarán disponibles para su revisión a las 6:00 p.m. y la presentación formal iniciará a las 7:00 p.m. El propósito de la audiencia es de presentarles las mejores propuestas y recopilar comentarios del público.



La intención del proyecto propuesto es mejorar la movilidad y reducir la congestión vehicular expandiendo el Circuito 375 de cuatro carriles a uno de seis carriles (tres carriles en ambas direcciones), con tres caminos laterales a cada lado del Circuito 375 y un camino para ciclistas y senderos peatonales a lo largo del sur del Circuito 375, que serán construidas en la primera fase del proyecto. El proyecto propuesto también hará mejoras a las intersecciones del Circuito 375 y la Autopista Spur 601, construyendo tres rampas de conexión directa, las cuales serán construidas en la siguiente fase. El proyecto propuesto recorre aproximadamente 5.3 millas a lo largo del Circuito 375 y 1.0 millas a lo largo de la autopista Spur 601. Las mejoras propuestas requieren la adquisición de aproximadamente 109.9 acres de derecho de vía y servidumbre permanente es requerido. No habrá desplazamiento residencial o comercial. El proyecto se encuentra dentro de un área de incumplimiento de calidad de aire PM<sub>10</sub> por lo tanto, se llevó a cabo el proceso de consulta de conformidad. El 9 de julio de 2018, los socios de la consulta de conformidad determinaron que el proyecto cumple con los estatutos de conformidad ambiental 40 CFR 93.116 (a), y que el proyecto no posa ningún tipo de riesgo a la calidad del aire. Ambos el 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) enmendado y 2017-2020 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) fueron inicialmente encontrados en conformidad con los estatutos ambientales de la Comisión Estatal de Calidad

Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ), Plan de Implementación del Estado por la Administración Federal de Carreteras y la Autoridad Federal de Tránsito, el 5 de junio de 2014 y 19 de diciembre de 2016, respectivamente, sin embargo, el proyecto propuesto no es consistente con esta determinación de conformidad, porque el proyecto requiere la adición de una tercera rampa de conexión directa. TxDOT no tomará acción final sobre el documento ambiental hasta que el proyecto propuesto sea consistente con el actual MTP y STIP. No se anticipan impactos a especies en peligro de extinción. Un lugar arqueológico elegible para NRHP fue documentado dentro de los límites del proyecto. Actualmente la mitigación para resolver los efectos adversos del proyecto propuesto se está llevando a cabo.

Borrador del EA, mapas exponiendo la ubicación del proyecto y diseño, horario tentativo de construcción e información adicional relacionada al proyecto están en archivadas y disponibles para su revisión de lunes a viernes entre las 8:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m. en la oficina de TxDOT Distrito de El Paso, 13301 Gateway West, El Paso, TX 79928, (915) 790-4200, y en línea accediendo [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), haciendo la búsqueda de: **Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)**. Esta información también estará disponible para su revisión durante la audiencia. Se solicitan comentarios del público acerca del proyecto durante la audiencia en forma escrita o verbal, o también enviados por correo postal a: **Blanton & Associates, Inc., Attn: Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway), 5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78734**, o por correo electrónico a: [kjohnson@blantonassociates.com](mailto:kjohnson@blantonassociates.com). Los comentarios deben recibirse a más tardar el **miércoles, 12 de septiembre de 2018** para poder ser incluidos en el registro oficial de la audiencia.

La audiencia pública se llevará a cabo en inglés y habrá traducción simultánea al español. Personas interesadas en asistir a la audiencia que tengan necesidades especiales de comunicación o acomodo se les recomienda que se comuniquen con la Oficina de Información Pública de TxDOT, distrito de El Paso, Jennifer Wright llamando al (915) 790-4200. Se requiere un aviso de al menos cinco (5) días hábiles antes de la audiencia pública. Se hará todo esfuerzo razonable para satisfacer estas necesidades.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud acerca del proyecto propuesto, puede comunicarse con Godwin Ubanyionwu, P.E., al (915) 790-4359 o [Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov](mailto:Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov)

La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto, han sido, llevados a cabo por TxDOT, en virtud a 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento fechado 16 de diciembre del 2014, y ejecutado por la FHWA y el TxDOT.



EL PADRE, un albañil de 30 años, intentaba huir de la violencia de su natal Guatemala

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The Honorable	Judge	Ruben John	Vogt	County Judge		Judge of El Paso County	500 E. San Antonio Ave., Ste. 301	El Paso	TX	79901	(915) 546-2098
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The Honorable	Representative	Joe C.	Pickett	Representative	District 79	Texas House of Representatives	1790 Lee Trevino Dr., Ste. 307	El Paso	TX	79936	(915) 590-4349
The Honorable	Representative	Joe C.	Pickett	Representative	District 79	Texas House of Representatives	P.O. Box 2910 Room 1W.5	Austin	TX	78768	(512) 463-0596
The Honorable	Senator	Jose	Rodriguez	Senator	District 29	Texas State Senate	100 N. Ochoa, Suite A	El Paso	TX	79901	(915) 351-3500
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## **Attachment D**

### **Sign-in Sheets**

#### **Attendance**

Total Attendance: 42

Members of the Public: 18

Elected Officials: 0

Media: 1

TxDOT Personnel: 16

Project Consultants: 7



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## PUBLIC SIGN-IN SHEET (please print)

NAME / NOMBRE	DO YOU WISH TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT? / ¿USTED DESEA HACER UN COMENTARIO PÚBLICO?
Fred Hernandez	No
MIKE BREITNGER - REP. PICKETT	No
Dionicio (Don) Flores	No
Dra. Alfaro	✓
Roger Williams	—
Blake Coashy	
Eduardo Galco	No
Kelvin Kroeker	No
Jose L. Reyes	No
Don Dock	No



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Amy Chaffee	No
Arlene Chaffee	NO
Felipe Gonzalez	NO
Vicente Lopez	NO
Jerry Heras	NO
Jesse Center	No
Rick Flores	NO
Brad St. Myers	NO



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NAME / NOMBRE	OUTLET / CANAL
Josue Esquivel	Telemundo 48



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**Attachment E**  
**Verbatim Transcript**

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE FOR  
PUBLIC REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING  
LOOP 375 (PURPLE HEART MEMORIAL HIGHWAY) FROM SPUR 601  
(LIBERTY EXPRESSWAY) TO U.S. 62/180 (MONTANA AVENUE)  
CSJs 2552-02-028, 1046-03-005, and 1046-03-096

AUGUST 28, 2018

7:00 p.m. - 7:35 p.m.

REL Washington Elementary School  
3505 Lee Trevino Drive  
El Paso, Texas 79936

SPEAKERS:

Mr. Bob Bielek  
Mr. Robert Robbins  
Ms. Kim Johnson  
Mr. Manuel Hernandez

1 MR. BIELEK: Tonight's hearing is now  
2 called to order. The time is 7:00 p.m. TxDOT is  
3 conducting this public hearing for the Loop 375 project.  
4 The hearing is being held in order to present the  
5 proposed improvements and to receive public feedback.

6 As you arrived, you were given the  
7 opportunity to express your interest in this project and  
8 indicate whether you would like to register to make a  
9 verbal comment during tonight's public comment portion  
10 of the hearing for the official record. In the event  
11 you did not register and would like to do so, please do  
12 so during our upcoming intermission. The public hearing  
13 will adjourn after all verbal public comment has been  
14 heard.

15 When your name is announced, please come to  
16 the microphone and state your name and who you  
17 represent, if applicable. Each speaker will be limited  
18 to a period of three minutes. It is standard protocol  
19 at a public hearing for us not to answer questions  
20 during the formal presentation or comment period.  
21 However, project team members will be available to  
22 answer project-related questions during the intermission  
23 or following the verbal comment period.

24 If you would like to present comments, but  
25 do not wish to make them verbally, you may submit them

1 in written form. There are comment forms available in  
2 English and Spanish at the sign-in table, and they may  
3 be placed in any of the comment boxes available,  
4 emailed, or mailed to the address on the form. All  
5 written comments must be postmarked or emailed no later  
6 than Wednesday, September 12, 2018, in order to be  
7 included in the public record.

8           Legal notices for tonight's public hearing  
9 were published in English in the El Paso Times and in  
10 Spanish in the El Diario de El Paso on Tuesday,  
11 August 14th, 2018. Invitations to elected officials and  
12 notices to adjacent property owners were mailed on  
13 Thursday, August 9th, 2018.

14           This public hearing is being recorded by a  
15 certified court reporter for the formal public record.

16           Before proceeding further, I would like to  
17 acknowledge the elected officials, but I don't believe  
18 we have any elected officials in here. If I missed you,  
19 please stand up and introduce yourself.

20           Now, I would like to ask the members of the  
21 project team to please stand. Most of them are  
22 standing, but the folks that have these badges. These  
23 individuals are here to assist you and will be available  
24 during the intermission to answer your particular  
25 questions regarding the proposed improvements. If you

1 have not done so already, please take the opportunity at  
2 this time to view the exhibits and the environmental  
3 documents and bring forward questions you might have to  
4 the project team.

5                   Tonight's public hearing will present the  
6 proposed project improvements, followed by a discussion  
7 of the proposed project schedule and the environmental  
8 investigations that have been completed for the project.  
9 Afterwards, we will have a 15-minute intermission.  
10 After the intermission, the formal public comment period  
11 will begin.

12                   I will now pass the presentation to  
13 Mr. Robbins with Rodriguez Transportation Group, who  
14 will discuss the project in more detail.

15                   MR. ROBBINS: Thank you, Mr. Bielek.

16                   Is that a little louder?

17                   As Mr. Bielek mentioned, I'm with Rodriguez  
18 Transportation Group and am the project manager for this  
19 project. I want to remind everyone that we have  
20 provided roll plots of the schematic on the tables in  
21 the middle of the room. This map illustrates the  
22 location and limits of the proposed improvements to  
23 Loop 375 from Spur 601 to Montana.

24                   The purpose of the proposed project is to  
25 improve mobility and reduce congestion. The proposed

1 improvements would construct frontage roads and widen  
2 the Loop 375 roadway throughout the project limits,  
3 which would improve mobility and reduce the existing and  
4 anticipated congestion within the community as a result  
5 of travel demands.

6           The proposed project will also relieve  
7 congestion by adding the direct connectors at the  
8 Loop 375/Spur 601 intersection. The proposed  
9 improvements would provide improved access for  
10 pedestrians and bicyclists through the area and to the  
11 future William Beaumont Medical Center by utilizing the  
12 proposed hike and bike trail along the southbound  
13 Loop 375 frontage road.

14           The proposed project is needed because the  
15 existing Loop 375 lacks sufficient capacity to  
16 adequately support the projected increased traffic and  
17 population growth within the city of El Paso. This lack  
18 of capacity results in congestion and reduced mobility.

19           The proposed improvements at the Loop 375  
20 and Spur 601 intersection would include the construction  
21 of three direct connectors. These include a direct  
22 connector from northbound Loop 375 to westbound  
23 Spur 601, a direct connector from eastbound Spur 601 to  
24 southbound Loop 375, and a third direct connector from  
25 eastbound Spur 601 to northbound Loop 375.

1                   The proposed project would widen the  
2 Loop 375 roadway from two lanes to three lanes in each  
3 direction. The proposed project would also construct  
4 the northbound and southbound frontage roads throughout  
5 the project length, as well as a hike and bike trail  
6 along the southbound frontage road.

7                   An entrance to the Loop 375 main lanes  
8 would be added between Iron Medics Drive and Tank  
9 Crossing number 5, and an exit ramp to the frontage  
10 roads would be added south of Tank Crossing number 5.  
11 The main-lane bridge over Tank Crossing number 5 would  
12 be widened to accommodate a third travel lane and an  
13 auxiliary lane in each direction, as well as northbound  
14 and southbound frontage roads. In addition, U-turn  
15 lanes would be added on both north and south sides of  
16 Tank Crossing number 5.

17                   The proposed project would construct seven  
18 proposed retention ponds totaling approximately 7.9  
19 acres throughout the project area.

20                   The length of the proposed project is  
21 approximately 5.3 miles along Loop 375 and approximately  
22 0.1 mile along Spur 601. The project is currently  
23 located within approximately 230.3 acres of permanent  
24 easement and right-of-way which is part of Fort Bliss.  
25 In order to accommodate the proposed improvements, the

1 project would require approximately 109.9 acres of  
2 additional right-of-way and permanent easement. For  
3 reference purposes, the easement will be referred to as  
4 "right-of-way" throughout this presentation.

5 The project would not require residential  
6 or nonresidential displacements or relocations.

7 As you can see in the bottom typical  
8 section, Loop 375 function -- functions currently as a  
9 controlled-access facility with two 12-foot-wide travel  
10 lanes in each direction.

11 Congestion occurs during the a.m. and p.m.  
12 peak period at the Loop 375/Spur 601 interchange, where  
13 TxDOT constructed a diverging diamond interchange, or  
14 DDI, in 2016. The DDI has improved traffic operations  
15 since it opened, but traffic projections indicate that  
16 the DDI will not be able to adequately handle  
17 future-year traffic volumes. The current traffic  
18 volumes are at capacity for what the DDI can handle, and  
19 the proposed direct connectors would be necessary in the  
20 future as traffic along this corridor increases.

21 There is a curve on the Loop 375 main lines  
22 between Iron Medics Drive and Montana that was  
23 previously designed at a less than safe speed and not  
24 consistent with the remainder of Loop 375. Drivers are  
25 exceeding 70 miles per hour and are not expecting to

1 slow down. Therefore, driver expectancy is not met, and  
2 it can lead to safety issues.

3 The immediate improvements made to Loop 375  
4 will consist of adding one main lane in each direction  
5 with northbound and southbound frontage roads, as well  
6 as a ten-foot-wide hike and bike trail along the  
7 proposed Loop 375 southbound frontage road.

8 As funding becomes available, the proposed  
9 improvements would include the construction of three  
10 direct connectors. These include a direct connector  
11 from northbound Loop 375 to westbound Spur 601 and a  
12 direct connector from eastbound Spur 601 to southbound  
13 Loop 375.

14 These direct connectors would consist of  
15 two 12-foot lanes with a four-foot-wide inside shoulder  
16 and an eight-foot-wide outside shoulder. A third direct  
17 connector from eastbound Spur 601 to northbound Loop 375  
18 would consist of one 14-foot-wide travel lane with a  
19 10-foot-wide inside shoulder and four-foot-wide outside  
20 shoulder.

21 A traffic analysis indicated that with the  
22 additional lane in each direction and the direct  
23 connection ramps, Loop 375 would operate at a  
24 satisfactory level of service in the future.

25 This slide shows the typical section on

1 Spur 601. We're showing this because changes had to be  
2 made on Spur 601 to allow for construction of the  
3 proposed direct-connection ramps, along with providing  
4 frontage road access from Constitution Avenue to  
5 Fort Bliss. As you can see, an additional lane is  
6 proposed so that the direct-connection ramp could tie  
7 into its own lane.

8 This is an overall view of the proposed  
9 Loop 375/Spur 601 interchange looking southeast from the  
10 northwest. This rendering shows the three proposed  
11 direct connectors, the proposed main lane and frontage  
12 road improvements, and the proposed hike and bike trail  
13 along southbound Loop 375 frontage road.

14 This is an overall view of the proposed  
15 Loop 375/Spur 601 interchange looking northwest from  
16 southeast. This rendering shows the three proposed  
17 direct connectors in relation to the existing  
18 interchange and one of the proposed retention ponds  
19 adjacent to northbound frontage road.

20 Again, this is an overall view of the  
21 Loop 375/Spur 601 interchange. This is looking from the  
22 southwest to the northeast. This rendering shows the  
23 three proposed direct connectors in relation to the  
24 existing interchange.

25 This is an overall view of the

1 Loop 375/Spur 601 interchange looking west from the east  
2 along Spur 601. This rendering shows the three proposed  
3 direct connectors in relation to the existing  
4 interchange.

5 This is an overall view of Loop 375/Iron  
6 Medics Drive intersection looking north from the south.  
7 This rendering shows the proposed main lane and frontage  
8 road improvements. The existing ramps of Iron Medics  
9 are to remain, but they will be reconfigured to tie into  
10 the proposed frontage roads.

11 We wanted to show you the 3D animation of  
12 what the roadway would look like if you were driving it.  
13 The animation starts at the southern limit of the  
14 project north of Montana, continues north along Loop 375  
15 past Iron Medics Drive to Loop 375/Spur 601  
16 interchange.

17 Yeah, it's working.

18 The proposed project would be funded with  
19 state and federal funds totaling approximately  
20 \$144 million.

21 I will now pass the presentation to  
22 Ms. Johnson with Blanton & Associates to provide an  
23 overview of the environmental investigations conducted  
24 for this project.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Can you hear me?

1 Thank you, Mr. Robbins.

2 An environmental assessment, or EA, was  
3 prepared for the proposed project and is available here  
4 for your review tonight. The EA sets out to accomplish  
5 four objectives: it compares the build and no-build  
6 alternatives, presents existing conditions, evaluates  
7 potential impacts, and summarizes coordination with the  
8 public and resource agencies.

9 A series of technical reports in support of  
10 the EA were prepared to assess potential impacts to the  
11 natural and human environment, including vegetation,  
12 threatened and endangered species, water resources, air  
13 quality, cultural resources, hazardous materials,  
14 environmental justice, limited English proficiency,  
15 utilities, and visual impacts.

16 It was determined there is potential  
17 habitat for one state-threatened species and five rare  
18 species within the project area. Best management  
19 practices will be implemented where possible to avoid  
20 impacts to these species.

21 According to the memorandum of  
22 understanding, or MOU, between TxDOT and the Texas Parks  
23 & Wildlife Department, the proposed project would also  
24 exceed the impact coordination threshold for Warm Desert  
25 Dunes MOU Vegetation. Therefore, TxDOT conducted

1 coordination with Parks & Wildlife. No additional  
2 comments were provided by that agency. It is  
3 anticipated that the proposed project would have no  
4 adverse impacts to state-listed or rare species.

5 The project would also not result in  
6 impacts to waters of the U.S. Therefore, no permit  
7 would be required from the U.S. Army Corps of  
8 Engineers.

9 The proposed project construction would  
10 adversely affect a portion of one archaeological site  
11 that is eligible for the National Register of Historic  
12 Places. Mitigation to resolve the adverse effects of  
13 the undertaking are currently being conducted. The  
14 project is expected to have no adverse effects to  
15 historic properties.

16 There is a low probability of encountering  
17 hazardous materials concerns during project  
18 construction.

19 A traffic noise analysis determined that  
20 the project would not result in traffic noise impacts.  
21 Therefore, no abatement measures are proposed for the  
22 project.

23 Potential community impacts were analyzed.  
24 Fort Bliss restricted access and public access would be  
25 maintained to adjacent properties throughout the project

1 area. The project area contains minority and low-income  
2 populations. Although the project would permanently  
3 alter some travel patterns for the surrounding  
4 community, these changes are not expected to result in  
5 disproportionately high or adverse impacts to these  
6 populations.

7 The project is located in an area  
8 designated by the Environmental Protection Agency as a  
9 nonattainment for particulate matter, or PM, 10.

10 The air quality conformity consultation  
11 process was conducted. On July 9, 2018, the  
12 consultation partners determined that in accordance with  
13 40 CFR 93.116(a), the project is not of local air  
14 quality concern. Therefore, no additional air quality  
15 analysis is required.

16 Both the Amended Horizon 2040 Metropolitan  
17 Transportation Plan, or MTP, and the 2017 to 2020  
18 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan, or STIP, were  
19 initially found to conform to the Texas Commission on  
20 Environmental Quality State Implementation Plan by the  
21 Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit  
22 Administration on June 5th and June -- June 5th, 2014,  
23 and December 19th, 2016, respectfully.

24 However, the proposed project is not  
25 consistent with this conformity determination because

1 one of the direct connectors does not currently appear  
2 to be included in the plan. The project appears to be  
3 consistent with the pending Destino 2045 MTP. TxDOT  
4 will not take final action on this environmental  
5 document until the proposed project is consistent with a  
6 currently conforming MTP and STIP.

7 In the next steps of the environmental  
8 process, all comments received tonight as well as  
9 written comments received during the comment period will  
10 be analyzed, addressed, and included in the official  
11 public hearing record. Public comments will be  
12 considered as the project design is finalized before  
13 environmental clearance is issued. Environmental  
14 clearance is anticipated in fall of 2018.

15 Construction is anticipated to begin in  
16 spring 2019 and would be completed in winter 2020. The  
17 proposed project plans and environmental reports are  
18 available for review tonight. The project plans and  
19 documents can also be reviewed at the TxDOT El Paso  
20 District office at 13301 Gateway West, El Paso, Texas  
21 79928, until Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

22 I will now turn the hearing over to  
23 Mr. Hernandez to discuss the right-of-way and utility  
24 adjustments.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ms. Johnson.

1 Good evening.

2 Right-of-way -- right-of-way and permanent  
3 easement will be required for the preferred alternative.  
4 It is estimated that 109.9 acres will be needed. All  
5 acquisitions must be conducted in accordance with the  
6 Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property  
7 Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

8 There are three booklets available for you  
9 at the right-of-way table here tonight. They are titled  
10 "State Purchase of Right-of-Way," "Relocation  
11 Assistance," and "Texas Landowners' Bill of Rights."  
12 The booklets are provided in English and Spanish. If  
13 there is a possibility that some of your property may be  
14 acquired and you did not pick up the booklets, you may  
15 secure copies at the right-of-way table during a break  
16 over to your right. These booklets contain helpful  
17 information.

18 Several utilities, including gas, water,  
19 overhead and underground electrical, and fiber optics,  
20 may require relocation adjacent to the project within  
21 existing easements or right-of-way. Adjustment or  
22 relocation of these and other utilities would be  
23 conducted so that no substantial interruption in service  
24 would occur.

25 This concludes my presentation, and I will

1 now hand the hearing back to Mr. Bielek to discuss the  
2 intermission and commenting process.

3 MR. BIELEK: Thank you, Mr. Hernandez.

4 This concludes tonight's presentation. If  
5 you would like to make a verbal comment tonight and have  
6 not registered, please take a moment to do so now. Once  
7 again, we will not address your questions while you have  
8 the floor during the comment period. This procedure  
9 will give everyone an opportunity to speak and is  
10 standard protocol for public hearings. All verbal and  
11 written comments and questions presented tonight will be  
12 addressed in and made part of the public hearing summary  
13 report.

14 Please remember, if you choose to submit  
15 your comments later by mail, they must be postmarked or  
16 emailed no later than Wednesday, September 12th, 2018.  
17 All of your statements, comments, and questions will be  
18 given careful consideration before final design features  
19 are determined.

20 We will now take a 15-minute intermission.  
21 During the intermission, please feel free to review the  
22 exhibits. If you have any questions, ask one of the  
23 project team members during this time. These  
24 individuals will address your questions. We are now in  
25 recess for 15 minutes.

1 (Break taken from 7:21 p.m. 7:34 a.m.)

2 MR. BIELEK: Okay. I'd like to have your  
3 attention, please. I started our intermission at 7:22.  
4 It's about 7:37. We've ended our 15-minute  
5 intermission. At this time, I have no one signed up to  
6 speak. So do we have anyone who wants to give a verbal  
7 comment at this time?

8 I don't see anyone. Therefore, this  
9 concludes this evening's public hearing. As a reminder,  
10 here are the options for commenting on the project. All  
11 comments must be submitted or postmarked by Wednesday,  
12 September 12, 2018, to be included in the project  
13 record.

14 Thank you for attending. The time is now  
15 7:38. Thank you.

16 (Hearing concluded at 7:35 p.m.)

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COUNTY OF EL PASO )

I, Ginger G. Zachary, Registered Professional Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter, and Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for the State of Texas, hereby Certify that this transcript is a true record of the said proceedings, and that said transcription is done to the best of my ability.

Given under my hand and seal of office on September 10, 2018.



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# **Attachment F**

## **Comments Received**

**Deadline for public comments**  
Wednesday, September 12, 2018

**Comments submitted in writing at the hearing**

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**PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT FORM**

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)

From Spur 601 (Liberty Expressway) to US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)

El Paso County, Texas

CSJ: 2552-02-028, 1046-03-005 and 1046-03-096

Welcome to the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Public Hearing for the proposed improvements to Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway) from Spur 601 (Liberty Expressway) to US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) in El Paso, Texas. The proposed improvements would consist of widening Loop 375 from a four-lane facility to a six-lane facility, with frontage roads on either side of Loop 375 and a hike and bike trail along the southbound Loop 375 frontage road. The project would also include improvements to the Loop 375 and Spur 601 intersection by constructing three direct connectors. The project would require approximately 109.9 acres of additional right-of-way and permanent easements. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal presentation commencing at 7:00 p.m. Please provide any comments you may have regarding the proposed project and return them to:

**Blanton & Associates, Inc.,  
Attn. Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)  
5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200  
Austin, TX 78734**

Comments may also be emailed to **kjohnson@blantonassociates.com**. Comments must be submitted/postmarked on or before **Wednesday, September 12, 2018** to be included as part of the public record.

1. How did you hear about this hearing?  
 Newspaper     Told by Friend or Neighbor     Received Notice in Mail     Other (please explain)

2. Do you want to be included on the mailing list for future meetings regarding this project?  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please provide any comments about the project.

EPFD Administration  
-no comments, all questions answered for myself

Comment forms MUST be submitted/postmarked no later than **Wednesday, September 12, 2018**



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PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT FORM – August 28, 2018  
Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)  
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# **Attachment G**

## **Public Hearing Materials**

### **Handouts at the Public Hearing**

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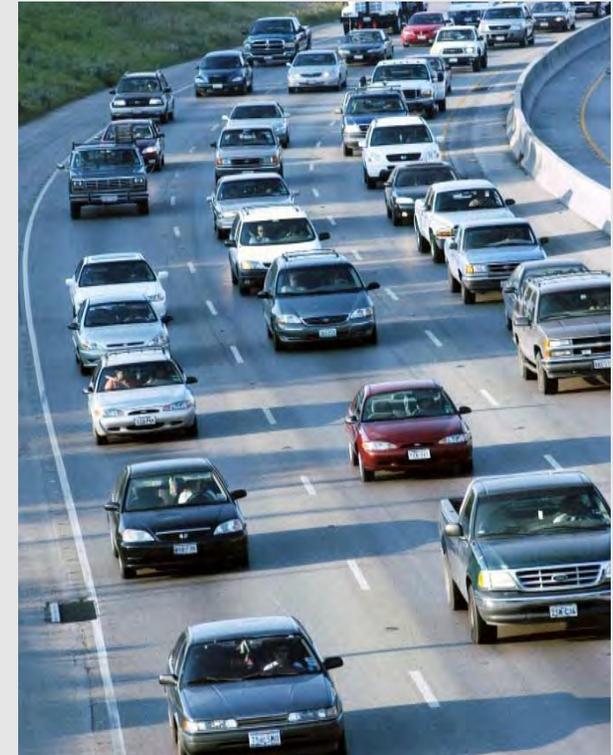


# PUBLIC HEARING LOOP 375 (PURPLE HEART MEMORIAL HIGHWAY)

FROM SPUR 601 (LIBERTY EXPRESSWAY)  
TO US 62/180 (MONTANA AVENUE)

CSJ: 2552-02-028, 1046-03-005, 1046-03-906  
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

REL Washington Elementary School  
Tuesday, August 28, 2018



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.

# Hearing Information

- **Purpose of the Public Hearing:** to solicit feedback from the community regarding proposed enhancements to Loop 375 from Spur 601 to US 62/180
  - **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 tonight
    - 3) E-mail comments to: [kjohnson@blantonassociates.com](mailto:kjohnson@blantonassociates.com)
    - 4) Mail comments to: Blanton & Associates  
Attn: Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)  
5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200  
Austin, TX 78734
  - **Deadline for Comments:** Wednesday, September 12, 2018
- \*\* Public Hearing Summary will be posted when analysis is complete at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), search keywords: Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)

# Public Hearing Notice

## NOTICE

### Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review and Public Hearing Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)

From Spur 601 (Liberty Expressway) to US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)

CSJs: 2552-02-028, 1046-03-005 and 1046-03-096

El Paso County, Texas

Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) El Paso District, as the lead agency, is proposing to improve Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway) from Spur 601 (Liberty Expressway) to US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) in El Paso, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at REL Washington Elementary School, 3505 Lee Trevino Drive, El Paso, TX 79936. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comments on the proposed project.



The proposed project is intended to improve mobility and reduce congestion by widening Loop 375 from the existing four-lane facility to a six-lane facility (three lanes in each direction), with three-lane frontage roads on either side of Loop 375 and a hike and bike trail along the southbound Loop 375 frontage road, which would be constructed in the first phase. The proposed project would also provide improvements to the Loop 375 and Spur 601 intersections by constructing three direct connectors, which would be constructed in a subsequent phase(s). The length of the proposed project is approximately 5.3 miles along Loop 375 and 0.1 mile along Spur 601. Approximately 109.9 acres of new right-of-way and permanent easement would be required for the proposed improvements. No residential or non-residential structures would be displaced. The project is located within a PM<sub>10</sub> air quality non-attainment area; therefore, the conformity consultation process was conducted. On July 9, 2018, the conformity Consultation Partners made the determination that, in accordance with 40 CFR 93.116(a), the proposed project is not of local air quality concern. Both the Amended

2014 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the 2017-2020 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) were initially found to conform to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) State Implementation Plan by Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Authority on June 5, 2014 and December 19, 2016, respectively; however, the proposed project is not consistent with this conformity determination, because the project would require the addition of a third direct connector. TxDOT will not take final action on this environmental document until the proposed project is consistent with a currently conforming MTP and STIP. No impacts to threatened and endangered species are anticipated. One NRHP-eligible archeological site was documented in the project limits. Mitigation to resolve the adverse effects of the proposed project are currently being conducted.

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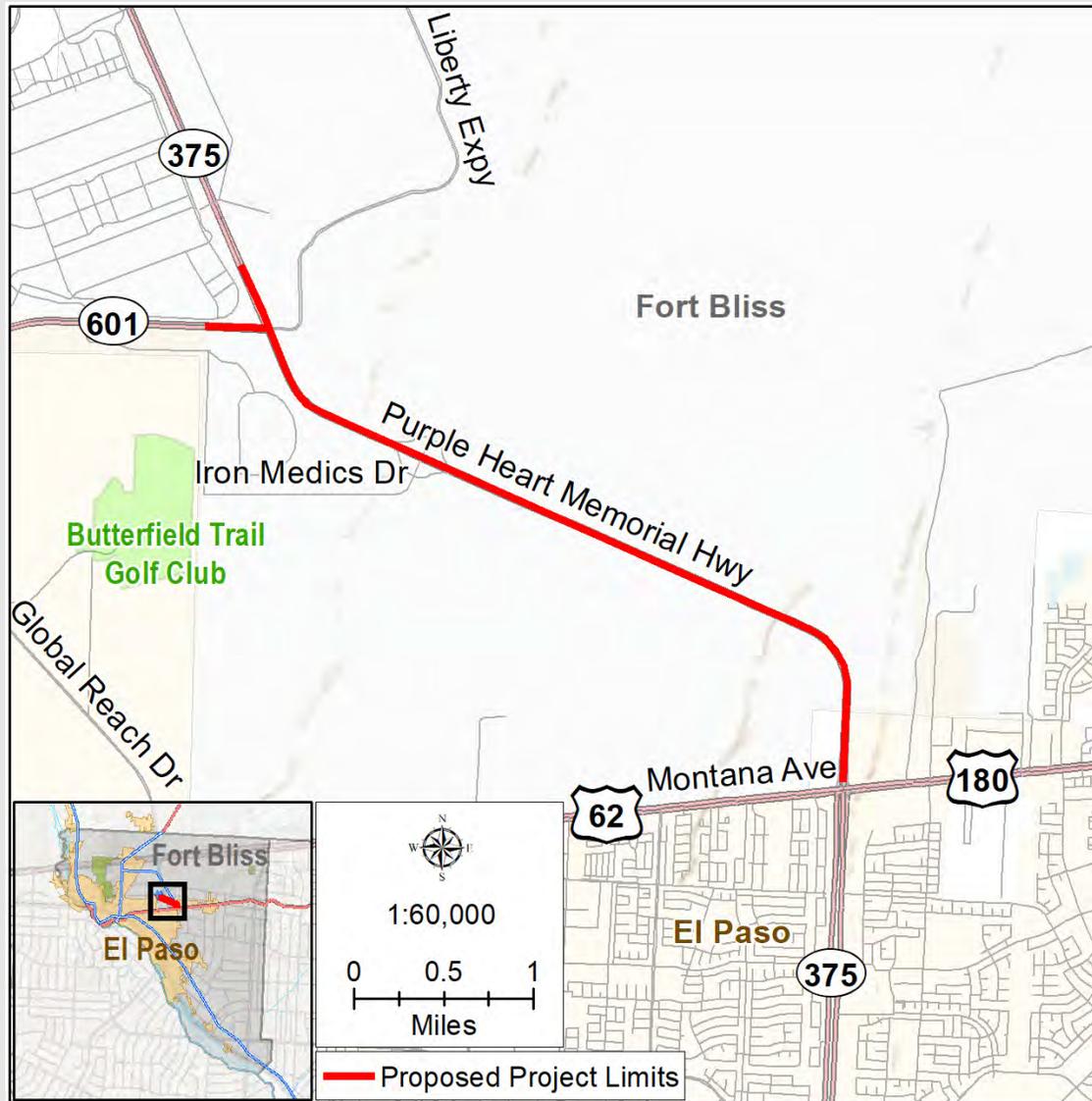
# Introductions

- 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



## Purpose and Need

### ➤ Project Purpose

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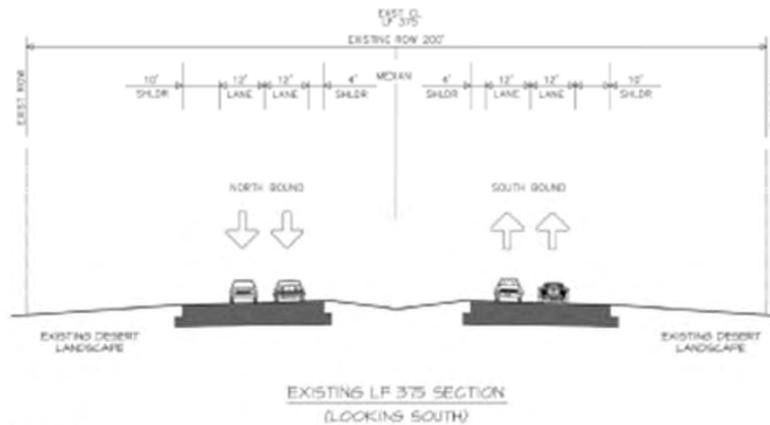
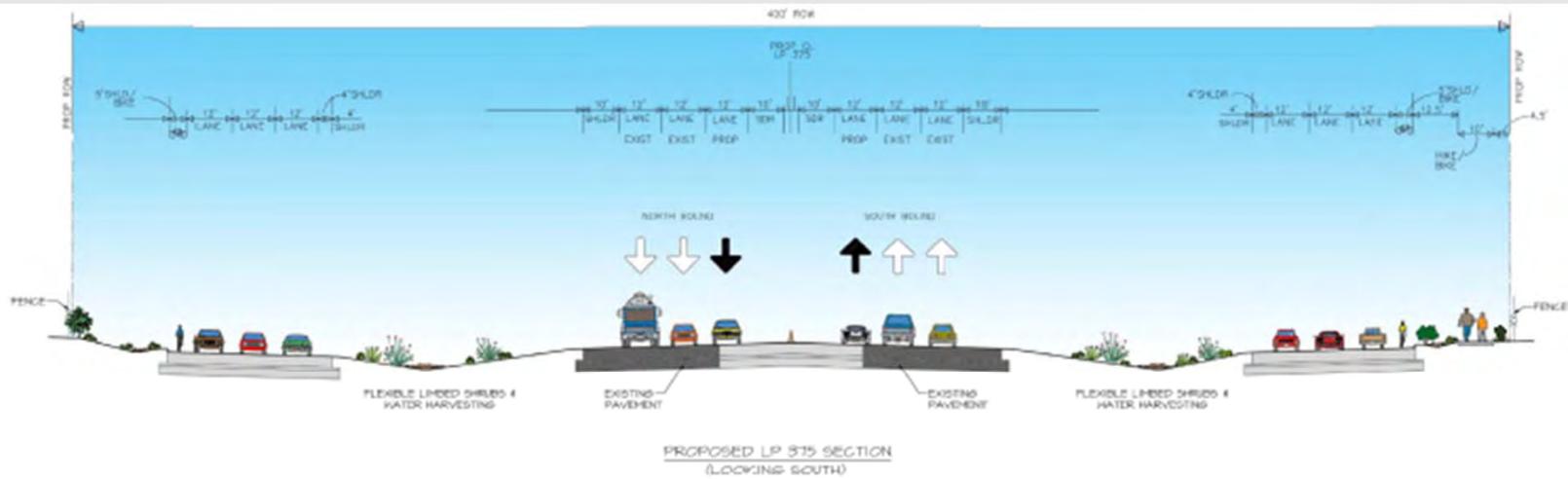
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## Project Description

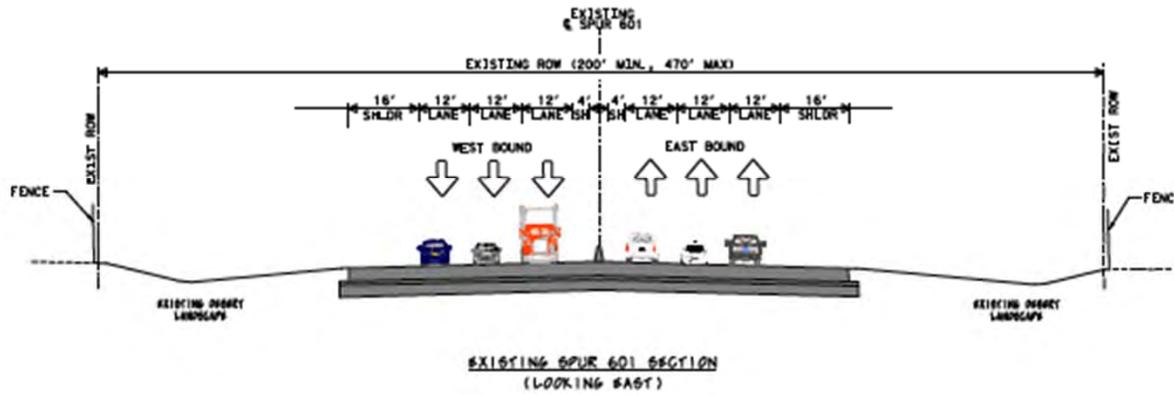
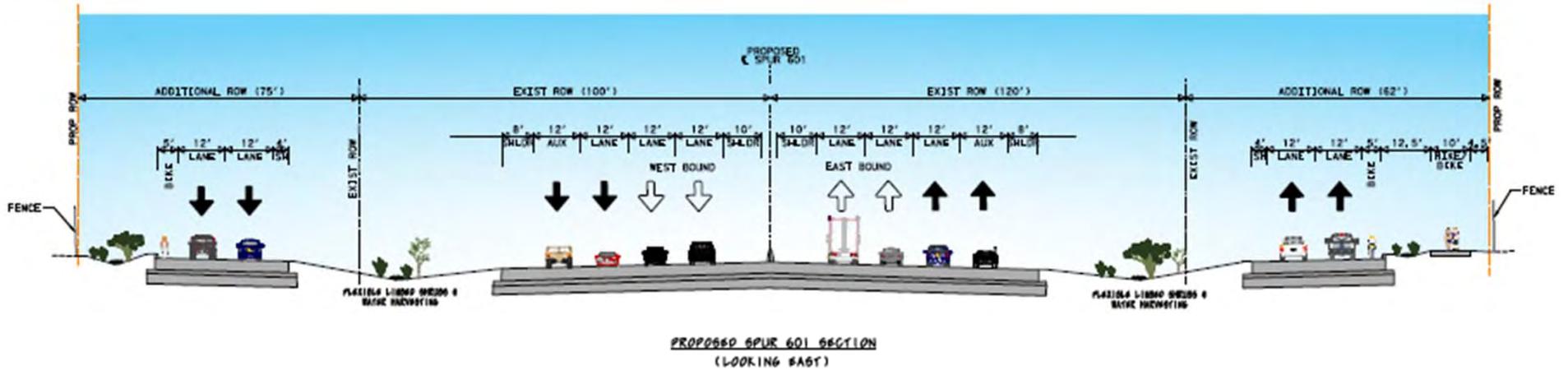
- Widen Loop 375 mainlanes from 2 to 3 lanes in each direction
- Construct northbound & southbound frontage roads
- Construct hike & bike trail along southbound frontage road
- Length: 5.3 miles along Loop 375 & 0.1 mile along Spur 601
- Construct seven proposed retention ponds, totaling 7.9 acres
- Acquire Permanent Easements & New Right-of-Way: 109.9 acres
- No displacements or relocations

# Loop 375 Proposed and Existing Typical Section



**LOOP 375 (PURPLE HEART MEMORIAL FREEWAY) TYPICAL SECTIONS FROM SPUR 601 TO MONTANA AVE. (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

# Spur 601 Proposed and Existing Typical Section



SPUR 601 TYPICAL SECTIONS  
FROM CONSTITUTION AVE. TO LOOP 375  
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



FORM #587



# Loop 375 / Spur 601 Interchange (NW)



# Loop 375/Spur 601 Interchange (SE)



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# Loop 375/Spur 601 Interchange (NE)

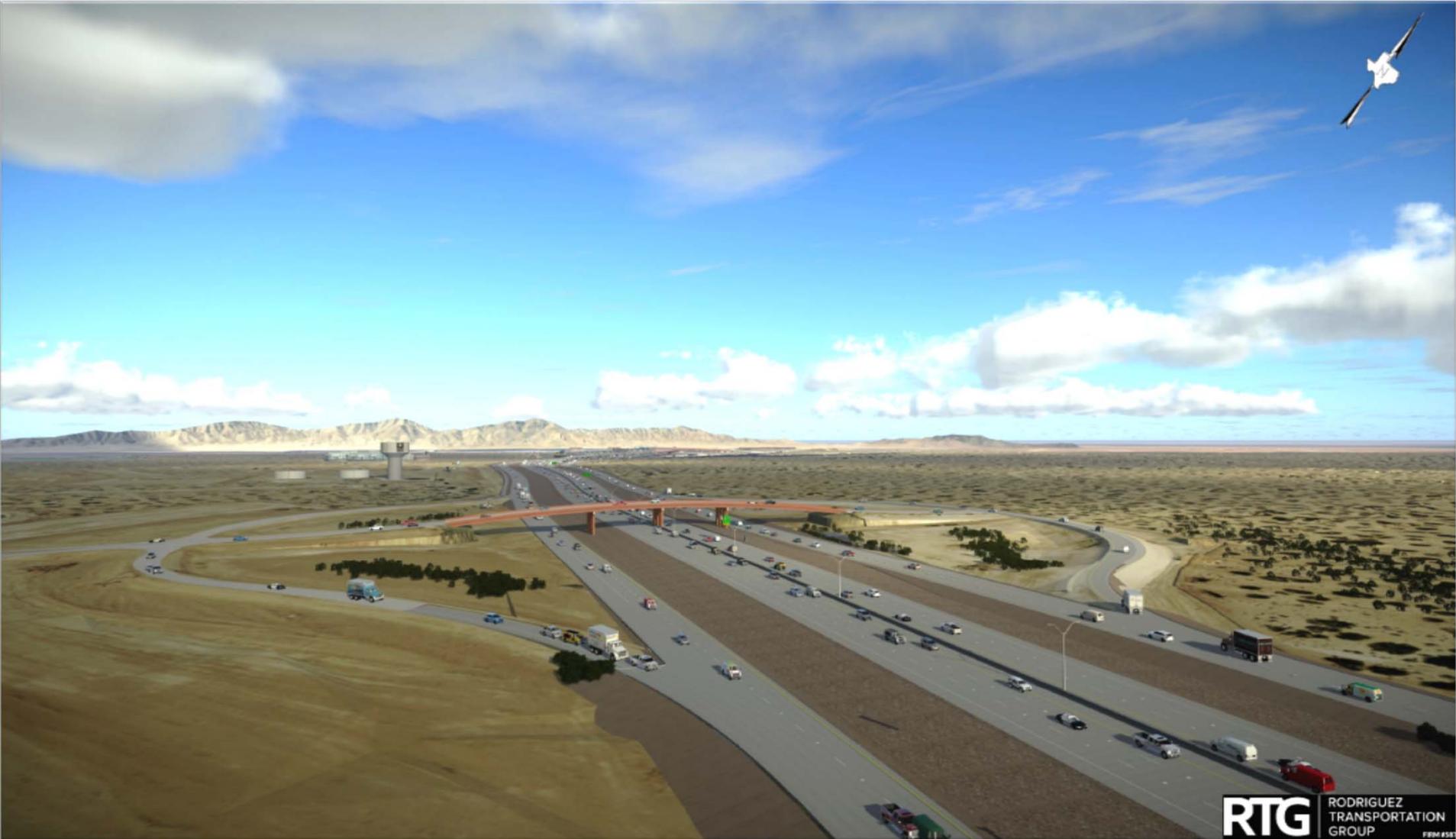


# Loop 375/Spur 601 Interchange (E)



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# Loop 375/Iron Medics Drive Interchange



**LOOP 375  
(PURPLE HEART MEMORIAL HIGHWAY)  
EL PASO, TEXAS  
ANIMATION**



# Project Planning and Funding

- **Estimated Project Cost: Approximately \$144 Million**
- **Funding Source: Federal and State Funds**

# 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 Populations
- Communities
- Access and Travel Patterns
- Visual Impacts

## Natural Resources

- Potential habitat for one state-threatened species and three species of greatest conservation need
  - Implement Best Management Practices
  - Completed coordination with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
  
- No anticipated impacts water resources, including Waters of the U.S.

# Cultural Resources

### ➤ Archeological Resources

- One adversely affected National Register of Historic Places-eligible Site

### ➤ Historic Resources

- No adverse effects to historic properties

# Human Environment

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- No Hazardous Materials concerns anticipated
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## TRAFFIC NOISE

- No Traffic Noise impacts were identified
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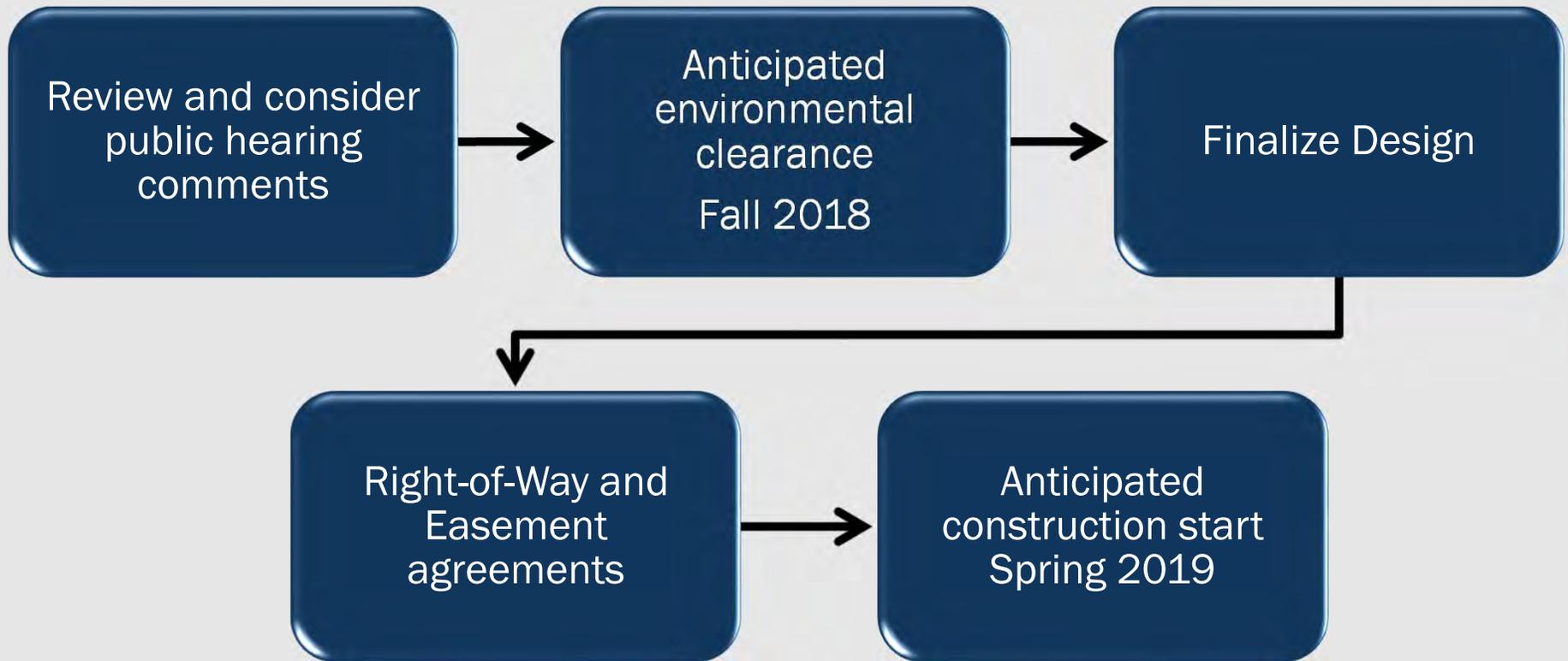
## COMMUNITY IMPACT ANALYSIS

- Fort Bliss restricted access and public access would be maintained to adjacent properties throughout the project area
- No disproportionately high or adverse impacts to minority or low-income (Environmental Justice) populations

## Air Quality

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- Air quality conformity consultation process was conducted
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# Next Steps



## 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

13301 Gateway West, El Paso, TX 79928

until Wednesday, September 12, 2018

## Proposed Right-of-way and Permanent Easements

- 109.9 acres
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## State Resources Available Today:

- “State Purchase of Right-of-Way”
- “Relocation Assistance”
- “Texas Landowners’ Bill of Rights”

## Utilities

- Utilities such as gas lines, water lines, fiber optic, overhead and underground 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

# Intermission

- **Intermission:** A 15-minute intermission will begin
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# Verbal Comments



Q = A + B



# Thank You for Attending

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# WELCOME

# PUBLIC HEARING

Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)

From Spur 601 (Liberty Expressway)

To the US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)

El Paso County, Texas

CSJs: 2552-02-028, 1046-03-005, and 1046-03-906

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# Purpose and Need

## Project Purpose

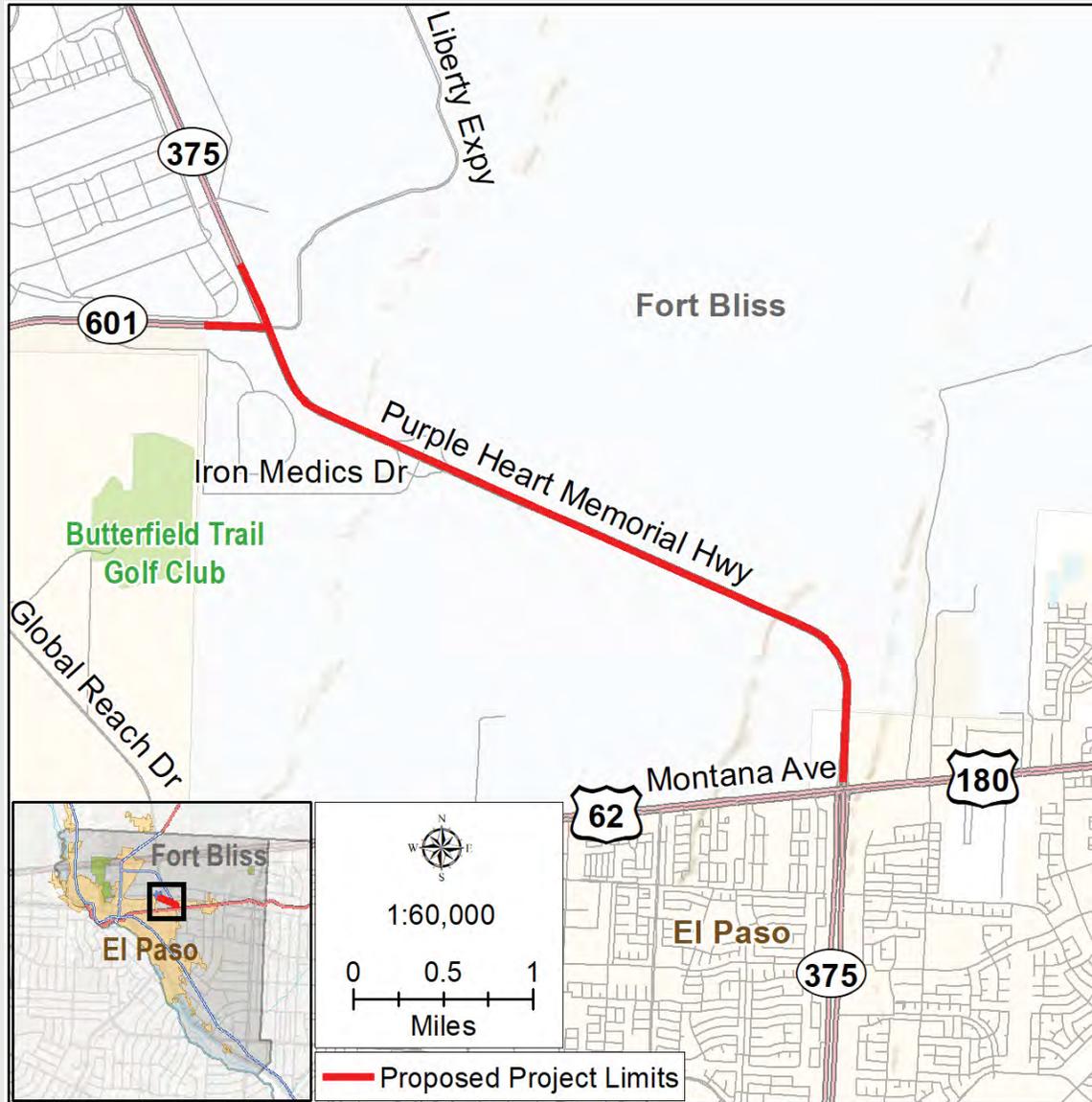
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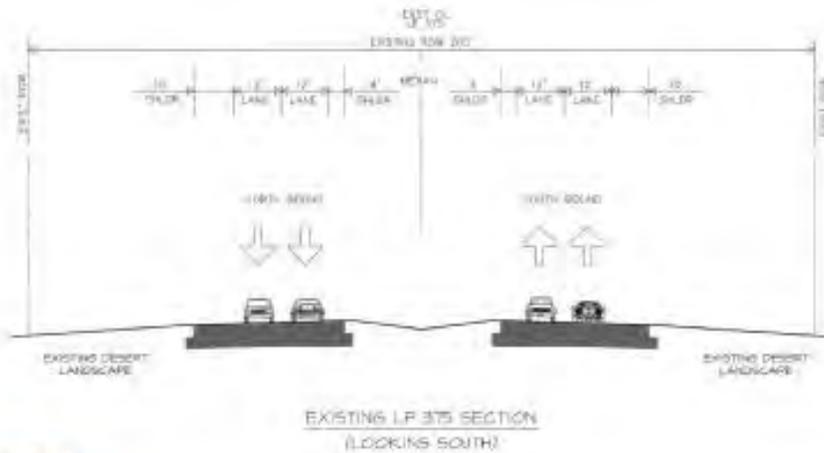
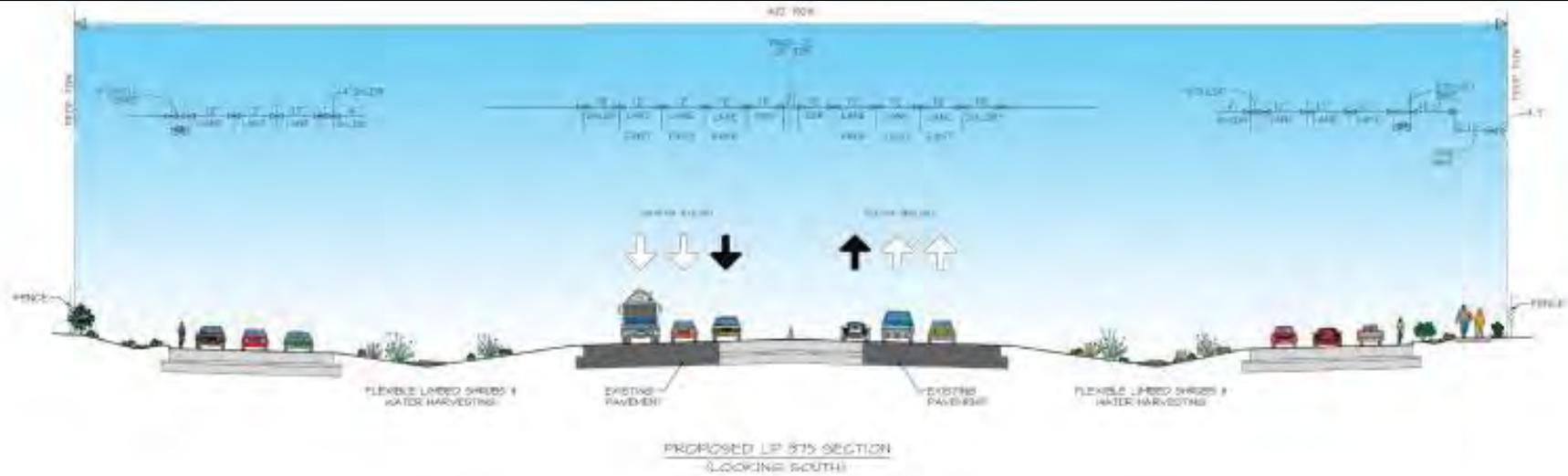
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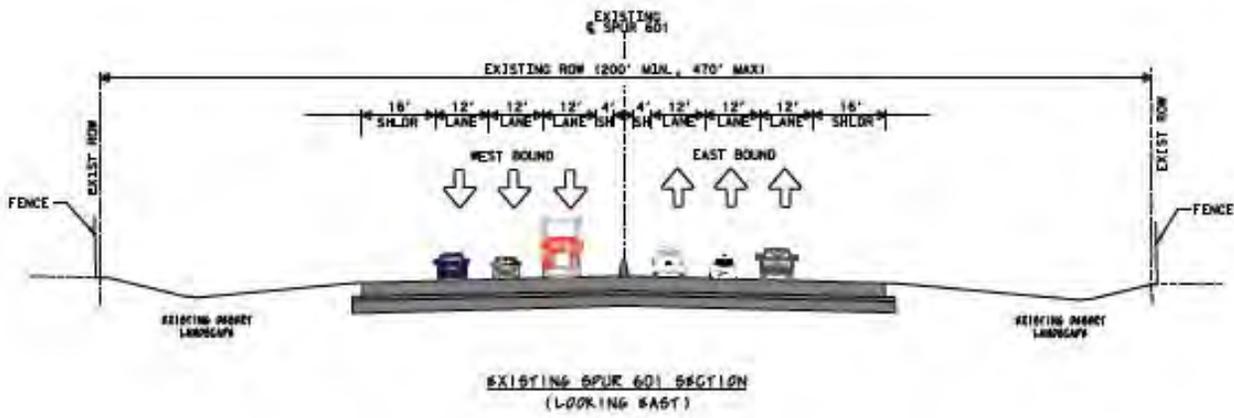
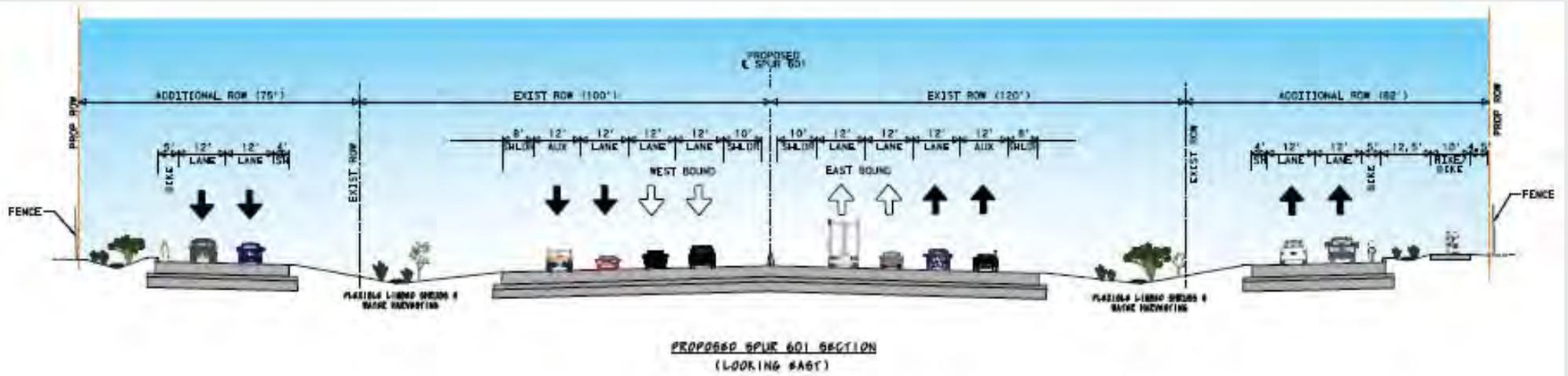


# LOOP 375 TYPICAL SECTION



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# LP 375 / SP 601 INTERCHANGE (NW)



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# LP 375 / SP 601 INTERCHANGE (EAST)



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GROUP FIRM #562



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# LP 375 / IRON MEDICS INTERSECTION



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TRANSPORTATION  
GROUP FIRM #567



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# Environmental Overview

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- 109.9 amount of new ROW and Permanent Easement are required
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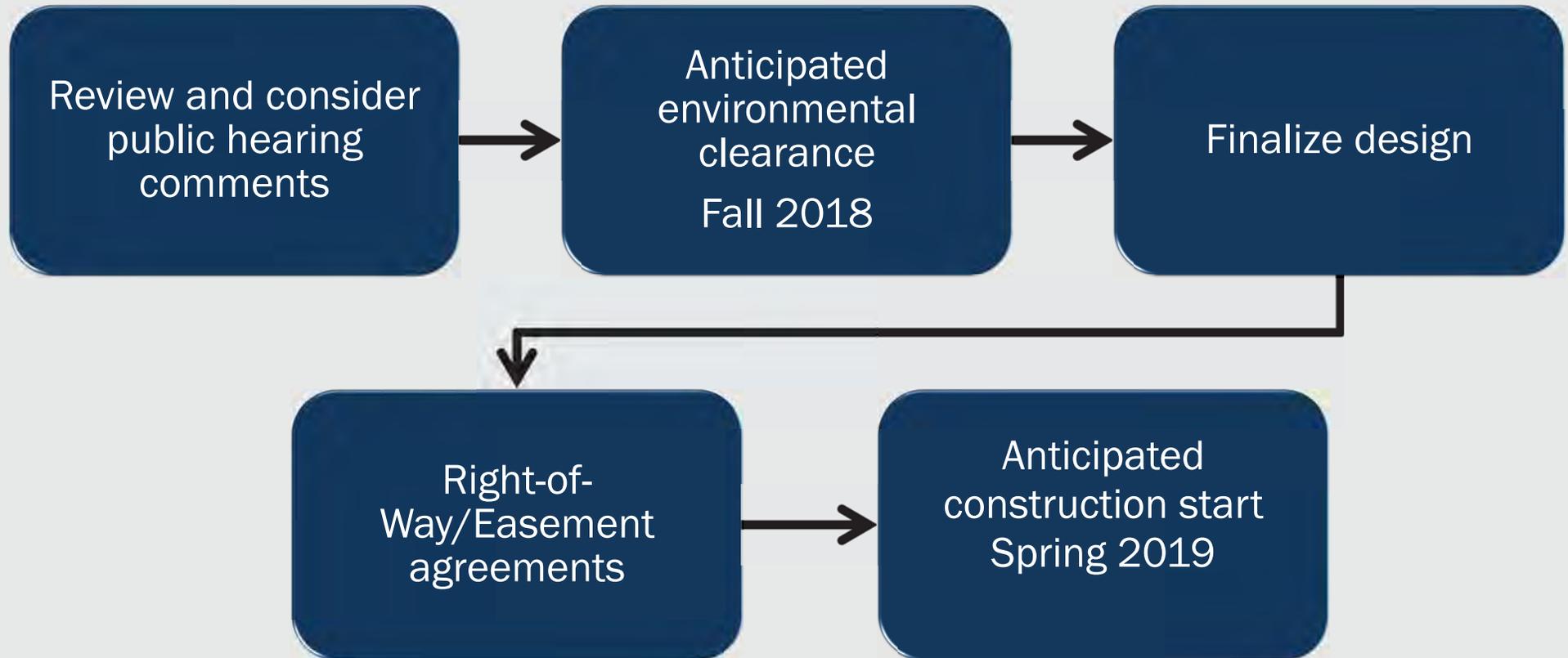


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# Next Steps



# Public Hearing Comments

All comments must be submitted by **Wednesday, September 12, 2018**

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In the Comment Box

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## NOTICE

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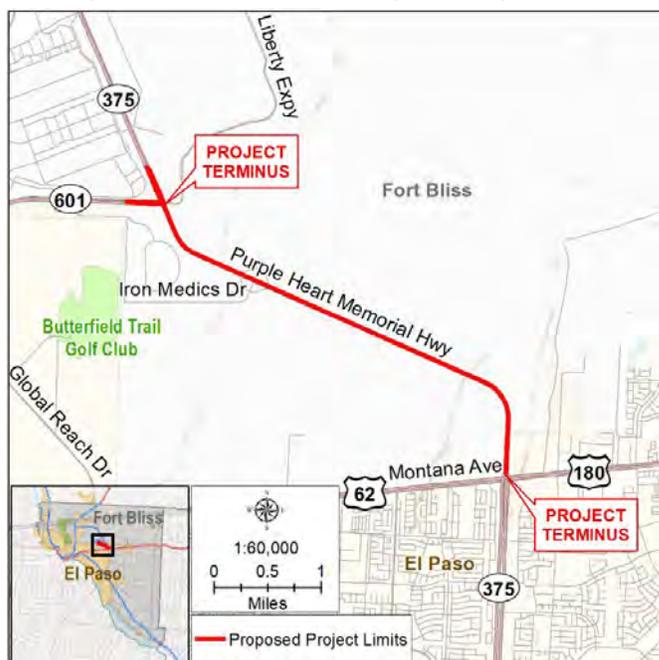
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El Paso County, Texas

Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.



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## AVISO

### Borrador de Evaluación Ambiental Disponible para Revisión Pública y Audiencia Pública

#### Circuito (Loop) 375 (Purple Memorial Highway)

Desde Spur 601 (Autopista Liberty) hasta US 62/180 (Avenida Montana)

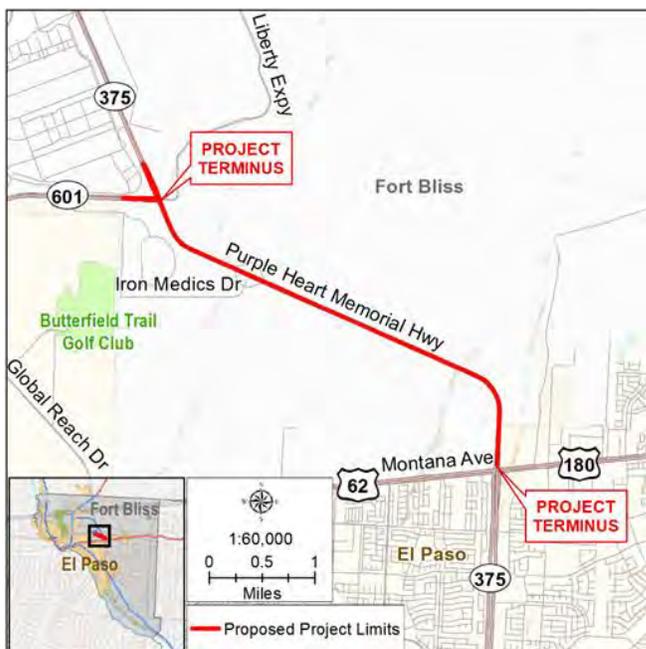
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Condado de El Paso, Texas

martes, 28 de agosto de 2018 a las 6:00 p.m.



El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en inglés) Distrito de El Paso, agencia principal, propone mejoras para el Circuito 375 desde Spur 601 (Autopista Liberty) hasta US 62/180 (Avenida Montana) en El Paso, Texas. Este aviso informa al público que un borrador de Evaluación Ambiental (EA, por sus siglas en inglés) estará disponible para la revisión del público y TxDOT estará llevando a cabo a su vez una audiencia pública acerca del proyecto propuesto. La audiencia se llevará a cabo **el martes, 28 de agosto de 2018**, en **REL Washington Elementary School, 3505 Lee Trevino Drive, El Paso, TX 79936**. Exhibiciones estarán disponibles para su revisión a las 6:00 p.m. y la presentación formal iniciará a las 7:00 p.m. El propósito de la audiencia es de presentarles las mejoras propuestas y recopilar comentarios del público.



La intención del proyecto propuesto es mejorar la movilidad y reducir la congestión vehicular expandiendo el Circuito 375 de cuatro carriles a uno de seis carriles (tres carriles en ambas direcciones), con tres caminos laterales a cada lado del Circuito 375 y un camino para ciclistas y senderos peatonales a lo largo del sur del Circuito 375, que serán construidas en la primera fase del proyecto. El proyecto propuesto también hará mejoras a las intersecciones del Circuito 375 y la Autopista Spur 601, construyendo tres rampas de conexión directa, las cuales serán construidas en la siguiente fase. El proyecto propuesto recorre aproximadamente 5.3 millas a lo largo del Circuito 375 y 1.0 millas a lo largo de la autopista Spur 601. Las mejoras propuestas requieren la adquisición de aproximadamente 109.9 acres de derecho de vía y servidumbre permanente es requerido. No habrá desplazamiento residencial o comercial. El proyecto se encuentra dentro de un área de incumplimiento de calidad de aire PM<sub>10</sub> por lo tanto, se llevó a cabo el proceso de consulta de conformidad. El 9 de julio de 2018, los socios de la consulta de conformidad determinaron que el proyecto cumple con los estatutos de conformidad ambiental 40 CFR 93.116 (a), y que el proyecto no posa ningún tipo de riesgo a la calidad del aire. Ambos el 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) enmendado y 2017-2020 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) fueron inicialmente encontrados en conformidad con los estatutos ambientales de la Comisión Estatal de Calidad

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Borrador del EA, mapas exponiendo la ubicación del proyecto y diseño, horario tentativo de construcción e información adicional relacionada al proyecto están en archivadas y disponibles para su revisión de lunes a viernes entre las 8:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m. en la oficina de TxDOT Distrito de El Paso, 13301 Gateway West, El Paso, TX 79928, (915) 790-4200, y en línea accediendo [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), haciendo la búsqueda de: **Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway)**. Esta información también estará disponible para su revisión durante la audiencia. Se solicitan comentarios del público acerca del proyecto durante la audiencia en forma escrita o verbal, o también enviados por correo postal a: **Blanton & Associates, Inc., Attn: Loop 375 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway), 5 Lakeway Centre Court, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78734**, o por correo electrónico a: [kjohnson@blantonassociates.com](mailto:kjohnson@blantonassociates.com). Los comentarios deben recibirse a más tardar el **miércoles, 12 de septiembre de 2018** para poder ser incluidos en el registro oficial de la audiencia.

La audiencia pública se llevará a cabo en inglés y habrá traducción simultánea al español. Personas interesadas en asistir a la audiencia que tengan necesidades especiales de comunicación o acomodo se les recomienda que se comuniquen con la Oficial de Información Pública de TxDOT, distrito de El Paso, Jennifer Wright llamando al (915) 790-4200. Se requiere un aviso de al menos cinco (5) días hábiles antes de la audiencia pública. Se hará todo esfuerzo razonable para satisfacer estas necesidades.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud acerca del proyecto propuesto, puede comunicarse con Godwin Ubanyionwu, P.E., al (915) 790-4359 o [Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov](mailto:Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov)

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS CARD IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE VERBAL COMMENTS AT TONIGHT'S HEARING.  
Please note: speakers will have 3 minutes to complete their comments.

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

DATE

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REPRESENTING (ie: HOA / Neighborhood Group / Business)

**Per Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5): check each of the following boxes that apply to you:**

- I am employed by TxDOT  
 I do business with TxDOT  
 I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting



## **REGISTRO de ORADOR**

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FAVOR DE LLENAR ESTA TARJETA SI DESEA REALIZAR COMENTARIOS VERBALES EN LA AUDIENCIA DE ESTA NOCHE. *El orador estará limitado a 3 minutos para comentarios.*

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NOMBRE (FAVOR USAR LETRA DE MOLDE)

FECHA

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REPRESENTANDO A: (ie HOA / Neighborhood Group / Business)

**Por Código de Transportación de Texas, §201.811(a)(5): favor de marcar la que le aplique:**

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 Hago negocios con TxDOT  
 Pudiera beneficiarme económicamente con este proyecto u otro asunto del cual estoy comentando





# **Public Hearing**

**Loop 375**

**(Purple Heart Memorial Highway)**

**From Spur 601 (Liberty Expressway)**

**To US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)**

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