



**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)
From Global Reach Drive to FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road)
CSJ: 0374-02-097
El Paso County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), El Paso District, is proposing improvements to U.S. Highway (US) 62/180 (Montana Avenue) from Global Reach Drive to FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road), a project distance of approximately 7.6 miles. 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:

**Thursday, August 2, 2018
5:00—6:00 p.m. (open house), 6:00 p.m. (formal presentation)
at R.E.L. Washington Elementary School Gymnasium
3505 Lee Trevino Dr., El Paso, TX 79936**

Displays will be available for viewing at 5:00 p.m., with the formal hearing starting at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements to the public and gather input on the proposed project.

The proposed improvements would widen US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) to consist of three controlled-access main lanes in each direction, three frontage road lanes in each direction from Global Reach Drive to Loop 375, and two frontage road lanes in each direction from SL 375 to FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road). The project would also include the construction of a shared-use path, bike lane, sidewalks, and landscaping. Two direct connector ramps would be constructed at US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) and Global Reach Drive, and four direct connector ramps would be constructed at the US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) and SL 375. The proposed project would be phased.



The proposed project would potentially acquire approximately 141 acres of right-of-way. Approximately four single-family homes, up to 23 businesses, and various other outbuildings and parking areas could potentially be displaced, depending on final design. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displaced persons, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

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 Office, 13301 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, TX 79928-5410. This information will also be available for inspection at the hearing. It is anticipated that the air quality consultation partner process will determine the proposed project is of no air quality concern; this process will be completed before a project decision is made.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT El Paso District Office. Comments must be received on or before Friday, August 17, 2018 to be part of the official hearing record. Written comments may be submitted to:

Godwin Ubanyionwu, P.E., Project Manager
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El Paso, TX 79928-5410
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The hearing will be conducted in English and a Spanish translator will be present. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Jennifer Wright, Public Information Officer, at (915) 790-2110 or by email at Jennifer.wright3@txdot.gov no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 30, 2018. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Godwin Ubanyionwu at (915) 790-4359 or 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.