



# PUBLIC HEARING

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US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)

From Global Reach Drive to FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road)

El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

CSJ: 0374-02-097

Thursday, August 2, 2018

R.E.L. Washington Elementary School



- **Elected Officials**
- **Project Team Members**

# Hearing Information

- **Purpose of the Public Hearing:** To present the planned improvements to the public and gather input on the proposed project.
  
- **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) Email comments to: [Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov](mailto:Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov)
  - 4) Mail comments to: Texas Department of Transportation, El Paso District  
Godwin Ubanyionwu, P.E., Project Manager  
13301 Gateway Boulevard West  
El Paso, Texas 79928-5410
  
- **Deadline for Comments:** Postmarked by Friday, August 17, 2018

# Public Hearing Notice



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

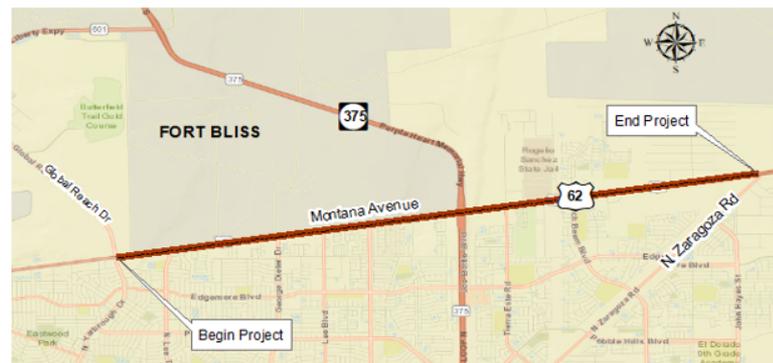
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), El Paso District, is proposing improvements to U.S. Highway (US) 62/180 (Montana Avenue) from Global Reach Drive to FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road), a project distance of approximately 7.6 miles. This notice 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**  
**TxDOT El Paso District**  
**13301 Gateway Blvd. West**  
**El Paso, TX 79928-5410**  
[Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov](mailto:Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov)

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](mailto: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.

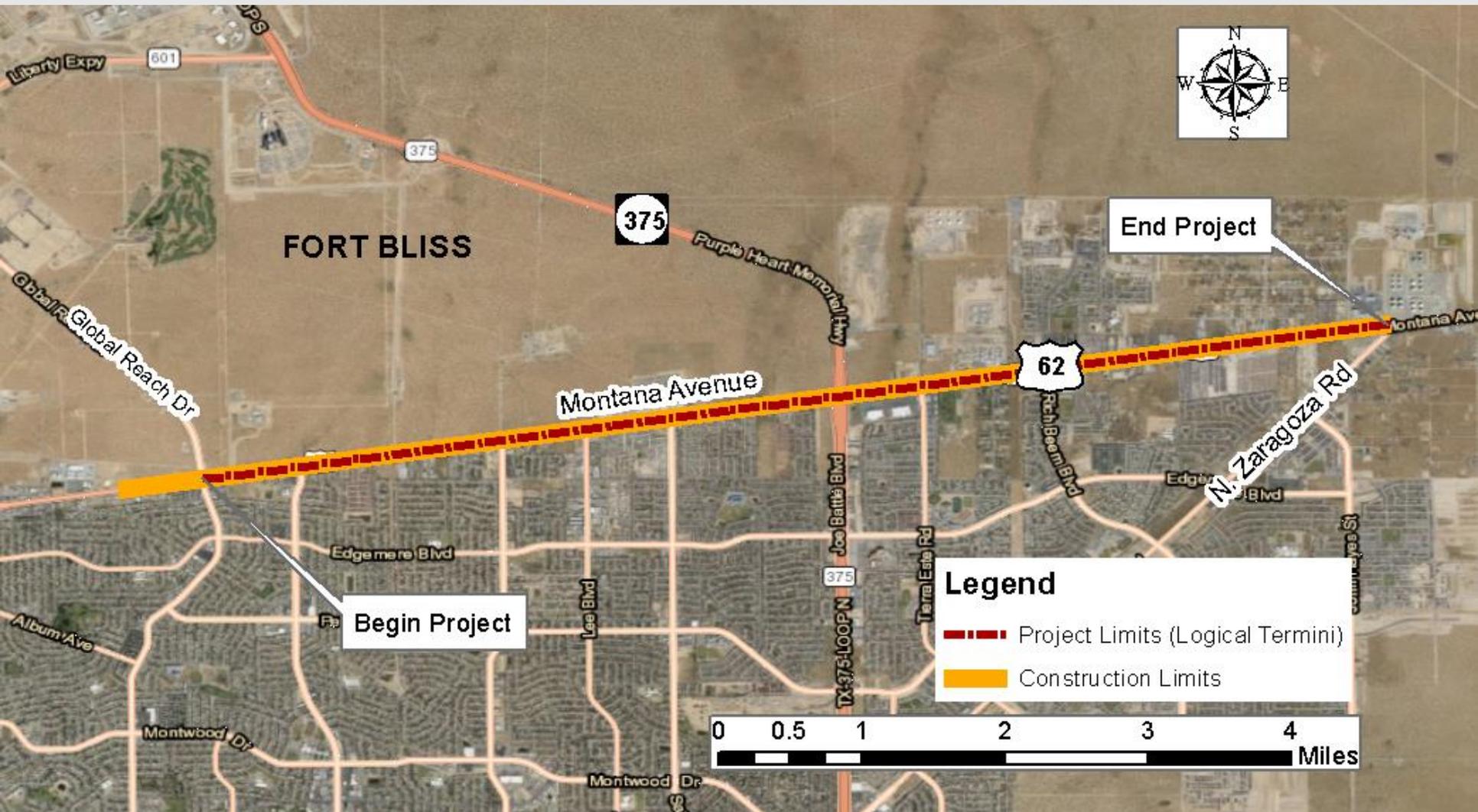
If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Godwin Ubanyionwu at (915) 790-4359 or [Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov](mailto:Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov).

*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.*

# Agenda

- 1 Welcome & Introductions
- 2 Hearing Information, Procedures, and Public Hearing Notice
- 3 Project Overview
- 4 Environmental Overview
- 5 Recess, 15 Minutes
- 6 Reconvene
- 7 Formal Public Commenting Session
- 8 Adjournment

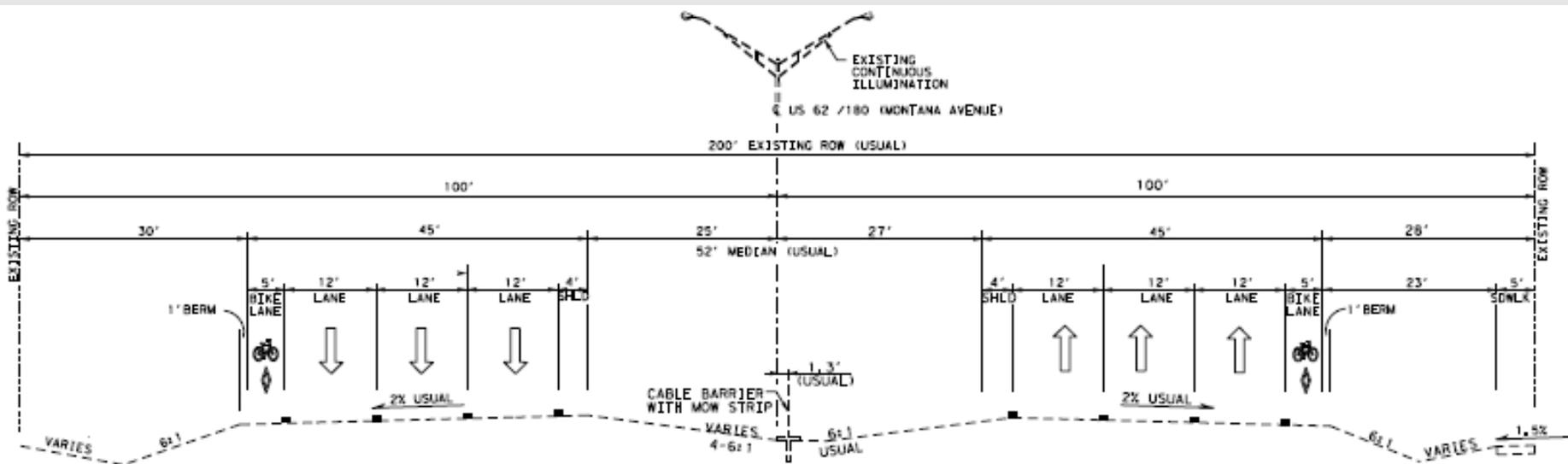
# Project Location



# Existing Conditions

- US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) is a partially controlled-access, divided roadway within a right-of-way width of approximately 200 feet
- Grade separations at US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) and SL 375 and FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road)

# Existing Typical Section

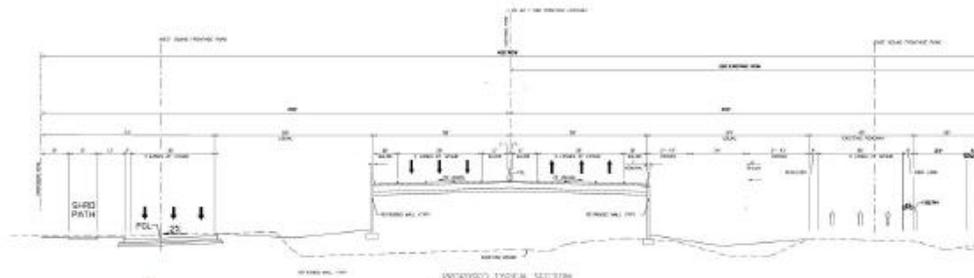
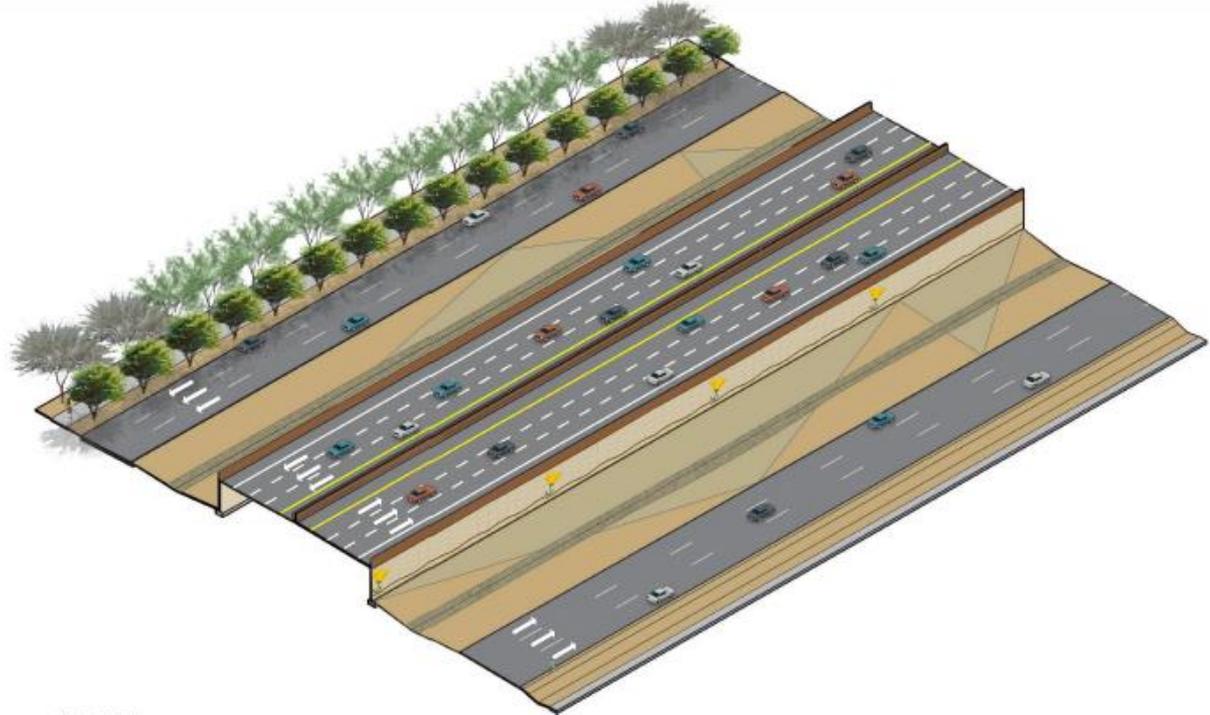


EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION  
 US 62/ 180 (MONTANA AVENUE)  
 FROM GLOBAL REACH TO LOOP 375

# Description of the Proposed Project

- The Montana Ave. Widening Project is the addition of 3 uninterrupted Main Lanes EB and WB from Global Reach Dr. to Zaragoza Rd.
- Frontage roads in EB and WB direction which consist of 3 lanes from Global Reach Dr. to SL 375 and 2 lanes from SL 375 to N. Zaragoza Rd.
- Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations would include a 12-foot shared-use path adjacent to the WB frontage road and a 5-foot bicycle lane and 5-foot sidewalks along the EB frontage road.
- A new storm drain system would be installed and constructed with nine retention basins to store the run-off.

# Proposed Project- Elevated Typical Section



PROPOSED US 62/180 (MONTANA AVE.)

TYPICAL ELEVATED SECTION

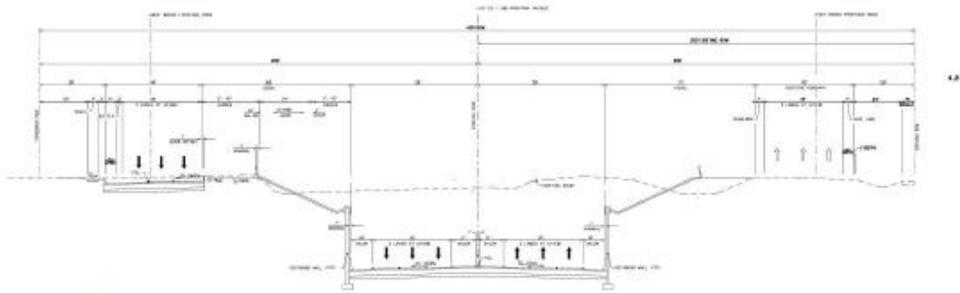
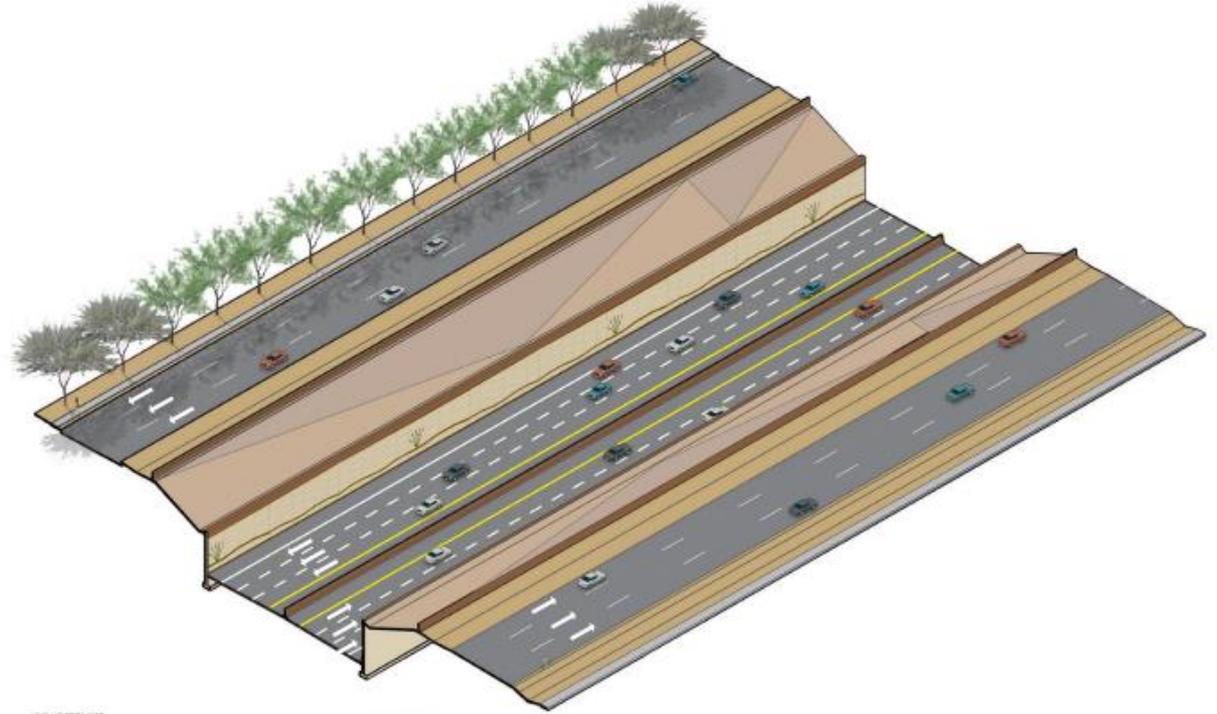
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# Proposed Project- Depressed Typical Section



PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION  
US 62/180 (MONTANA AVENUE)  
SCALE: HORIZONTAL TO 1"=40'-0"

## PROPOSED US 62/180 (MONTANA AVE.)

### TYPICAL DEPRESSED SECTION

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# Description of the Proposed Project

- Project would also include Construction of overpass bridge structures at all major intersections including :
  - Global Reach Drive
  - N. Lee Trevino Drive
  - Wooster Lane
  - George Dieter Drive
  - Tierra Este Road
  - Rich Beem Boulevard
  - and Square Dance Road
- Project also includes under pass bridge structures at Saul Kleinfeld Drive and SL 375 Frontage Roads and turn around lanes.

# Proposed Overpass at Global Reach Drive



# Proposed Overpass at George Dieter Drive



# Proposed Underpass at Saul Kleinfeld Drive



# Proposed Overpass at Rich Beem Boulevard



# Proposed Overpass at Square Dance Road



- Direct Connectors

- Construct Two direct connector ramps at Global Reach Drive
- Construct Four direct connector ramps at Montana Avenue and SL 375

# Proposed Direct Connectors at Global Reach Drive



# Proposed Direct Connectors at Global Reach Drive



# Proposed Direct Connectors at SL 375



# Proposed Project – Phase I

## MONTANA PHASE 1

- **Project Limits:** from Global Reach Drive to FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road)
- **Proposed Letting Date:** October 2018
- **Estimated Cost:** \$121.7M

# Proposed Project – Phase I



## MONTANA PHASE 2

- Project Limits: from Global Reach Drive  
to FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road)
- Proposed Letting Date: TBD
- Estimated Cost: \$248.5M

# Proposed Project – Phase 2



# ROW Acquisitions

- The project would potentially acquire approximately 141 acres of right-of-way.
- Approximately 4 single-family homes, up to 23 businesses, and various other outbuildings and parking areas could potentially be displaced dependent on the final design.
- ROW information is available at the ROW table tonight.

**All ROW acquisitions will follow the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisition Act of 1970, as amended in 1987.**

# Purpose and Need of the Proposed Project

- **Need** – The proposed project is needed because the capacity and operational efficiency of US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) are inadequate to meet current and future traffic volumes, resulting in congestion and reduced mobility.
- **Purpose** – The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion and improve mobility on US 62/180 (Montana Avenue).

# Social, Economic, Environmental, & Other Anticipated Impacts

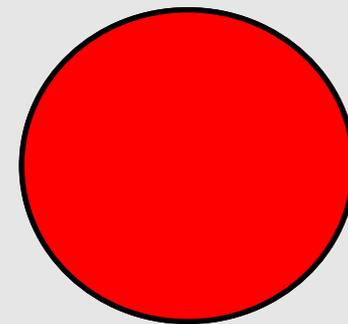
- The project was processed as an **Environmental Assessment**.
- **Community Impacts** – No significant impacts to access and travel patterns or community cohesion. The project would not result in disproportionate adverse effects to minority or low-income populations.
- **Air Quality** – Project located within a particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) non-attainment or maintenance area. Project determined by consultative partners not to be a “project of air quality concern” on June 28, 2018. No significant impacts to air quality are anticipated.
- **Traffic Noise** – The project would result in traffic noise impacts and noise abatement measures were considered. Noise barriers would not be feasible and reasonable and, therefore, are not proposed for incorporation into the project.
- **Hazardous Materials** – Project would potentially acquire ROW from 2 Petroleum Storage Tank (PST) facilities. Soil or groundwater testing may be needed within the study limits. Bridges and structures that would be demolished would be surveyed for asbestos-containing material.
- **Vegetation** – Project would impacts approximately 109 acres of warm desert dune vegetation; 18 acres of mixed, arid, sand grassland vegetation; 51 acres of scrub, thornscrub, and shrubland vegetation; 3 acres of agricultural vegetation; and 335 acres of urban vegetation.
- **Threatened and Endangered Species** – No impacts to federally-listed threatened or endangered species. Best Management Practices (BMPs) are required to avoid impacts to two state threatened species, mountain short-horned lizard and Texas horned lizard; and two state rare species, western burrowing owl and Wheeler’s spurge.
- **Other Resources** – No impacts to farmlands, cultural resources, or water resources.

# Reviewing Project Information

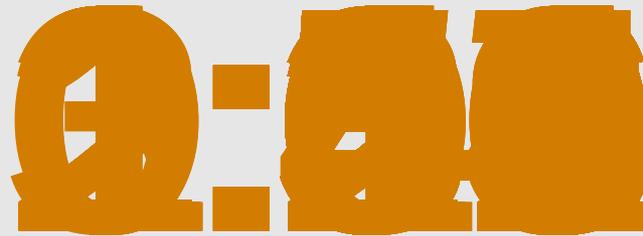
- Project plans and the environmental documents are available for viewing tonight.
- These documents can also be viewed at:
  - TxDOT El Paso District Office  
13301 Gateway Boulevard West  
El Paso, Texas 79928-5410
- Documents available until: August 17, 2018

15 minutes

## RECESS



- **Recess:** A 15-minute recess will begin.
  
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**Public Comment Session: 3 Minutes**

**Thank you for your attendance!**