



# Documentation of Public Hearing

## **Project Location**

El Paso County

US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)

CSJ 0374-02-097

## **Project Limits**

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

## **Hearing Location**

R.E.L. Washington Elementary School Gymnasium

3505 Lee Trevino Dr., El Paso, TX 79936

## **Hearing Date and Time**

August 2, 2018; Open House: 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.; Formal Presentation: 6:00 p.m.

## **Translation Services**

Spanish

## **Presenters**

Bob Bielek, P.E., District Engineer, TxDOT El Paso District

Jose Reyes, P.E., Project Manager, Dannenbaum Engineering

Manny Hernandez, Right-of-Way Agent, TxDOT El Paso District

Lena Camarillo, Environmental Task Lead, Poznecki-Camarillo, Inc.

## **Elected Officials in Attendance**

None

## **Total Number of Attendees (approx.)**

71 (excluding project team members)

## **Total Number of Commenters**

16

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**COMMENT/RESPONSE MATRIX**



## COMMENT RESPONSE MATRIX

US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) from Global Reach Drive to FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road)  
 CSJ: 0374-02-097  
 Public Hearing, August 2, 2018

| Commenter # | Commenter Name     | Date Received | Source | Comment Topic  | Comment Response  |
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| 1.          | Michael Breitinger | 8/14/2018     | Email  | Could TxDOT share with Chairman Pickett the location of 25 residential and 5 businesses that could be potentially involved/affected by the Phase II Montana Project. I would appreciate [any] information/map/photo that maybe responsive. | <p>The proposed project is not anticipated to result in the number of displacements described by the commenter, but rather may result in the displacement of 4 single-family housing units, up to 23 business establishments, and various other outbuildings, parking areas, etc. The four potential residential displacements are anticipated on the north side of US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) at the Desert Oasis Park. The potential business displacements would occur on both sides of US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) from Tierra Este Road to FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road).</p> <p>Information on the proposed project is available online at <a href="https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/el-paso/080218.html">https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/el-paso/080218.html</a>. In addition, project plans and environmental documents for the</p> |

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|             |                  |               |              |   | project are available for viewing at the TxDOT El Paso District Office located at 13301 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, Texas 79929-5410.   |
| 2.          | Ismael Cepeda    | 8/2/2018      | Comment Form | Great project! Thanks for all the hard work!  | Your support for the proposed project has been noted in the project record.  |
| 3.          | Victor M. Corral | 8/2/2018      | Comment Form | My name is Victor M. Corral. I am 100% disable[d] combat veteran of the US Army. My House is on [REDACTED]. When I bought my house in [October] 2008 there was hardly any traffic on Montana. Now [it] is 2018, ten years later [and] the traffic [noise] is too much and unbearable for me because I suffer from Traumatic Brain Injury [due] to an IED explosion in Iraq 2006. There is a barrier in place but [it] doesn't help at all. This issue is affecting drastically my quality of life and with more traffic [it] is going to get [worse]. | <p>Comment noted. A traffic noise analysis was conducted for the proposed project, which analyzed existing and projected noise conditions at representative receivers along the US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) corridor. The results of this noise analysis showed that there would be noise impacts to various receivers along the corridor; however, based on the analysis, there would not be a noise impact to the representative receiver (residence) located three houses away from your property. Noise abatement measures were considered along the US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) corridor within the project limits but were determined that they would not be feasible or reasonable based on TxDOT guidelines.</p> <p>Regarding the existing noise barrier in front of your subdivision, it should be noted that noise</p> |

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|             |                  |               |                   |  | barriers can only reduce noise and cannot completely eliminate noise.  |
| 4.          | James Cox        | 8/7/2018      | Email             | <p>Thanks for doing this project as it is long overdue. My concern is whether you will still maintain the same number of southbound lanes on Global Reach until phase 2 of the project is complete? If you try to reduce the number of southbound lanes on Global Reach where it intersects with US 62/180 I think it will be disastrous and create a huge backlog of traffic. Once you complete phase two it should be fine but I worry about the time between phases 1 and 2, especially if you do not get funding for Phase 2 immediately.</p> <p>Thanks again and keep up the good work!</p> | <p>The number of southbound lanes on Global Reach Drive would remain the same during construction of Phase 1 of the proposed project.</p> <p>Your support for the proposed project has been noted in the project record.</p> |
| 5.          | Elisa Garcia     | 7/23/2018     | Email (Ft. Bliss) | <p>[Comments to the Draft EA]</p> <p>Read stormwater sections on 23 July 2018 and have no comments.</p>  | Comment noted.   |
| 6.          | Adam W. Gonzales | 8/2/2018      | Comment Form      | <p>My concern is how much land is 50 [feet] going to affect my buildings. If someone can call me or email me with a more specific details, I would greatly appreciate it.</p>  | <p>The proposed project is anticipated to require 45 feet of proposed right-of-way (ROW) within your properties (located on the north side of US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) and the existing building is anticipated to</p>     |

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|             |                 |               |                             |   | be affected. All ROW acquisitions will follow the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisition Act of 1970, as amended in 1987.  |
| 7.          | Daniel Gonzales | 8/2/2018      | Verbal Testimony at Hearing | <p>[Indiscernible] my name is Daniel Gonzalez. I understand El Paso's growing, but you have – this is another I-10. I mean, why so much landscaping space? To maintain it and how many businesses are guys are going to pull out? I honestly think those landscaping spaces is just too much.</p> <p>I have a business, so technically when I open my door it's going to [indiscernible] the freeway. I honestly think that it's too much landscaping spaces. It's just dramatically too big in the nighttime. I mean, you haven't finished the west side. I don't know how – how would it – how long is it going to take for you guys to finish?</p> <p>And that's the only concern that I have. And also, we were told it was 20 feet. From 20 feet to 50 feet. I mean, what is it? 20 or 50 feet? It's going to go in. Because</p> | <p>Comment noted. Your opposition to the width of the landscaped area has been noted in the project record. The purpose of the proposed landscaping elements is to create a visually and aesthetically pleasing experience for the traveler and adjacent landowners. Extensive coordination with the City of El Paso regarding the proposed landscaping was conducted as part of project design.</p> <p>The proposed project would require approximately 141 acres of additional ROW, which could result in up to 4 potential residential displacements and 23 potential business displacements.</p> <p>The proposed ROW is needed for additional travel lanes, interchange improvements, and retention basins. The existing ROW would be expanded by approximately 200 feet from Global Reach Drive to SL 375,</p> |

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|             |                |               |                   | every time we come to these meetings, they're different every single time. That's the only concern I have.  | and by approximately 50 feet from SL 375 to FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road).  |
| 8.          | Judy Gutierrez | 8/2/2018      | Comment Form      | Really cool project – long overdue.<br><br>But – please have ample detours to mitigate traffic!   | Your support for the proposed project has been noted in the project record.<br><br>During construction, three lanes in each direction on US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) would remain open, with the exception of some nighttime closures that would be required for safety purposes when setting beams on bridges. During these nighttime closures, appropriate detours would be provided.                          |
| 9.          | John Kipp      | 8/10/2018     | Email (Ft. Bliss) | [Comments to the Draft EA]<br><br>Page 7, lines 111 - 112. Fort Bliss is not "donating" 98 acres for this as far as I know. Please ask Angelica how TXDOT is acquiring this acreage from Army. Is it by easement or ROW. If Army is out-granting the parcel at no cost, it can say that but using the word donate is inappropriate.<br><br>Page 16, line 370. "associated with Fort Bliss Property..." What does this mean exactly? If Fort Bliss owns the property | The Environmental Assessment (EA) was revised to state that ROW would be "obtained" from Fort Bliss and that undeveloped land north of US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) west of SL 375 is "owned by" Fort Bliss.<br><br>The archaeology section of the Draft EA was reviewed and approved by Fort Bliss' cultural resources subject matter expert; therefore, the referenced statement was determined to be accurate. |

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|             |                |               |                             | <p>being referenced then it needs to say that.</p> <p>Page 20, line 520. Same comment.</p> <p>Page 23, lines 646-649. Just confirm that this is an accurate statement.</p>   |  |
| 10.         | Jaime Ramirez  | 7/26/2018     | Email                       | <p>We have received the DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT for US 62/180 (Montana Avenue). We will not be able to attend the August 2, 2018 public hearing on the proposed project. Please direct me to where I can review the proposed project online. We own 2.92 acres on Montana Avenue between Lee Trevino and East Glenn and have improved this property with an adult day care center and a bakery.</p>     | <p>Information on the proposed project is available online at <a href="https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/el-paso/080218.html">https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/el-paso/080218.html</a>. In addition, project plans and environmental documents for the project are available for viewing at the TxDOT El Paso District Office located at 13301 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, Texas 79929-5410.</p> |
| 11.         | Robert Sanchez | 8/2/2018      | Verbal Testimony at Hearing | <p>Okay. My concern is from 375 to Tierra Este, on this side of Montana, there's a lot of eateries, Taco Bell, Burger King, and you have trucks and you've got them going about 80 miles an hour. One of them blows a tire or something like that, he's going to blow at one of those restaurants, there's going to be a lot of people hurt. What are you going to do about the foot traffic that traffic?</p> | <p>Comment noted. Speeding or other traffic violations are considered outside of the scope of the proposed project and should be addressed with local law enforcement.</p> <p>Regarding "foot traffic", the proposed project would include a 12-foot shared-use path on the outside of the westbound frontage road; the eastbound direction</p>  |

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|             |                |               |                             | <p>There's a lot of foot traffic. There's a Chevron and [indiscernible].</p> <p>And that's my concern and what I'd like to [indiscernible]. Thank you. Thanks for doing all this. That and that's it.</p>  | would include a 5-foot bike lane on the outside of the frontage road; as well as a 5-foot sidewalk separated from the frontage road by a 23-foot buffer area. From SL 375 to FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road), bicycle and pedestrian accommodations would include 5-foot bicycle lanes and 5-foot sidewalks along the outside frontage road lanes in both directions.  |
| 12.         | Marty Shaeffer | 8/2/2018      | Verbal Testimony at Hearing | <p>My name is Marty Shaeffer. And other than the time in the military, being close to 70 years, and – I can tell you that for the most part, I've seen so many things done to Montana Avenue, I don't know if it's Monday or Friday.</p> <p>I have several concerns. Number one, what is TxDOT going to do when the City of El Paso incorporates all the way out as far as the county line and starts dumping residential traffic on to Montana? As you know, right nor Rich Beem is the only street going into a closed residential area, and every morning all those people come out on to Montana Avenue.</p> <p>Secondly, I'd like to know, why is it we're doing the same engineering</p> | <p>Comment noted. The proposed project limits are on US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) from Global Reach Drive to FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road), which were chosen as end points or "logical termini" for the project because they are major traffic generation points, as shown in the Traffic Study Update Report that was prepared for the project.</p> <p>The rock trucks that you are referring to are not considered part of the proposed project. Issues with these trucks should be addressed with the contractor contractor(s) and/or local law enforcement.</p> |

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|             |                |               |                   | <p>and making the same old mistakes? Why don't you people make it all the way to the county line? Quit messing around with bits and pieces. Just go to the county line. Because you know the city is going to be here. Sooner or later you're going to have to come back, dig up the lights, dig up the plumbing, and start all over again. So why not just go all the way to the city - to the county line and be done with it?</p> <p>And my last concern is, what are you guys going to do about these rock trucks running up and down Montana blocking two and three lanes at a time, like they do every morning in front of Walmart - you'll find them at Justice at the red light, three rock trucks wide, full of rocks. And you know they're not going anyplace.</p> |   |
| 13.         | Sue Sitton     | 7/25/2018     | Email (Ft. Bliss) | <p>[Comments to the Draft EA]</p> <p>Looked at cultural section. TXDOT conducted the survey and consulted with SHPO. No sites on Fort Bliss along their proposed ROW were determined eligible. Only thing missing in the cultural section is the how Inadvertent Discoveries will be</p>   | Added verbiage on appropriate handling of inadvertent discoveries per NAGPRA in Sections 5.8.1 and 8 in the EA. |

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|             |                 |               |                   | handled (esp. possible NAGPRA remains). Otherwise, we concur.  |  |
| 14.         | Samantha Stiles | 7/23/2018     | Email             | Congressman O'Rourke regrets he is unable to accept the kind invitation to attend the Texas Department of Transportation Public Hearing on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of August, due to travel commitments. He appreciates the invitation and extends his regrets. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance as we look forward to hearing about future events.  | Comment noted.   |
| 15.         | Isaac Trejo     | 8/10/2018     | Email (Ft. Bliss) | [Comments to the Draft EA]<br><br>No PSTs in this proposed area.   | Comment noted.   |
| 16.         | [Unnamed]       | 8/10/2018     | Email (Ft. Bliss) | The Director of Public Works Environmental Division (DPW-ED) is the proponent for noxious weeds and invasive species management on Fort Bliss and is required by AR 200-1 to conduct mission activities in a manner that precludes the introduction or spread of invasive species. This project will knowingly introduce the invasive non-native African rue into areas on Fort Bliss currently free of invasive plants. Once African rue is established at the proposed retention ponds, it will be near impossible to eradicate due to the large uncontrolled seed | Comment noted. In response to this comment and to reduce the likelihood of the spread of African rue, TxDOT has committed to spray areas within the existing and proposed ROW, as appropriate, with pesticides; each treatment is anticipated to last approximately four to five years. Additional verbiage and a map showing the existing African rue populations along US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) were added to the EA, as well as proposed mitigation measures. |

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|             |                |               |        | <p>source along the Montana Ave. Constant and costly control measures to include an increase in pesticides would need to be implemented to keep the African rue from spreading to other areas on Fort Bliss.</p> <p>Non-concur (CX-Log) with the design to create storm water retention ponds on Fort Bliss property. The pipeline and land north of Montana Avenue is heavily infested with the African rue. African rue is an aggressive, toxic, and highly invasive non-native plant that outcompetes native vegetation. Its seeds and root fragments are readily transported by running water and motor vehicles. The Montana Ave expansion project design will drain rain runoff carrying African rue seeds from infested areas along Montana Ave to the proposed retention ponds on Fort Bliss. The retention ponds and channels to the ponds will become infested with African rue. Maintenance of the channel and retention ponds will spread the African rue farther.</p> <p>The EA does not discuss the African rue infestation along</p> | <p>Regarding the western burrowing owl, Best Management Practices (BMPs) already included in the project and discussed in the EA include conducting daytime surveys prior to construction. The contractors would not disturb, destroy, or remove active nests, including ground-nesting birds, during the nesting season. If active migratory bird nests are discovered on a project site, the contractor would immediately stop work within 50 feet of the nest(s) or bird(s) and notify TxDOT. If needed, TxDOT would determine how long the nest(s) would need to be avoided, or if a permit to remove or relocate the nest is an option.</p> |

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|             |                |               |        | <p>Montana Ave, or how TXDOT will ensure African rue does not spread to the proposed Fort Bliss retention ponds. What has TXDOT done to manage or eradicate African rue in the project area? The TXDOT documents referenced in the EA describing their invasive species management are generic BMPs. They do not address how, or if, TXDOT will implement an effective control and management plan for African rue as part of the action. The EA needs to provide a map showing the current distribution of African rue in and an around the project. It needs to explain how TXDOT will prevent further spread of African rue during and after construction.</p> <p>Much of the African rue is associated with the water pipeline and the utility easement. The African rue populations need to be controlled and eradicated along the new pipeline for any eradication program to be effective along Montana Ave. There needs to be a commitment in the DOPA that states TXDOT will control and eradicate all the African rue and ensure that it does not spread to the retention</p> |                  |

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|             |                |               |        | <p>ponds proposed to be located on Fort Bliss. How they will do this needs to be explained in the DOPA.</p> <p>Line 951: Western Burrowing Owls. Need to elaborate on how the burrows and other nesting sites will be identified and protected during the breeding season from Feb 15 to Sep 15. This species uses burrows in mesquite dunes for nesting sites. The MTBA section only discusses nests in trees and other structures. Active burrows can be missed easily by construction crews. Need to explain what specific measures will be taken to avoid taking young owls in the burrows.</p> |                  |

**APPENDIX B  
PUBLIC HEARING OFFICER  
CERTIFICATION**



# Public Hearing Certification

**Project Name:** US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)

**County Name:** El Paso

**Control Section Job Numbers (CSJ):** 0374-02-097

**Project Limits From:** Global Reach Drive

**Project Limits To:** FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road)

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

- A. A public hearing was held on August 2, 2018 at R.E.L. Washington Elem. 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.

**Robert Bielek, D.P.A., P.E.**  
*TxDOT Representative Name*

Digitally signed by Robert Bielek, D.P.A., P.E.  
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8/20/2018  
*Date*

# **APPENDIX C**

## **NOTICES**



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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF EL PASO

Before me, a Notary, in and for El Paso County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared ERIN COATS-SMITH who states upon oath that she is the CLIENT SERVICES MANAGER of the EL PASO TIMES, a daily newspaper published in the City and County El Paso, State of Texas, which is a newspaper of general circulation and which has been continuously and regularly published for the period of not less than one year in said County of El Paso, and that she was upon the dates herein mentioned in the EL PASO TIMES.

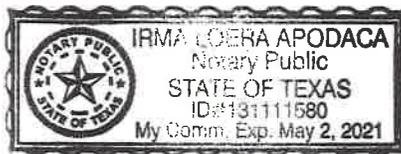
That the LEGAL copy was published in the EL PASO TIMES for the date(s) of such follows  
1 DAY(s) to wit JULY 18, 2018.

Signed 

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2018.





**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  
TxDOT El Paso District  
13301 Gateway Blvd. West  
El Paso, TX 79928-5410  
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 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.



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COUNTY OF EL PASO §

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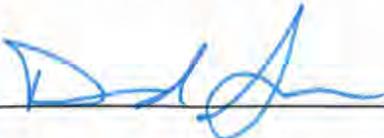
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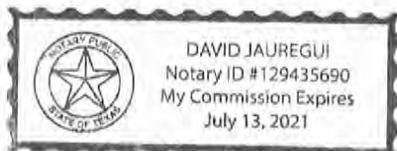
  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23 day of July, 20 18.  
to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Notary Public in and for the  
State of Texas  
(Seal)



David Jauregui  
Print or Type Name of Notary Public



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**BORRADOR DE EVALUACIÓN AMBIENTAL  
DISPONIBLE PARA REVISIÓN PÚBLICA  
Y AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA  
US 62/180 (Avenida Montana)  
Desde la Calle Global Reach hasta FM 659  
(Calle Zaragoza Norte)  
CSJ: 0374-02-097 El Paso County, Texas**

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en inglés), Distrito de El Paso, propone mejoras a US Highway (US) 62/180 (Avenida Montana) desde la Calle Global Reach hasta FM 659 (Calle Zaragoza Norte), una distancia aproximada de 7.6 millas de proyecto. Este aviso informa al público que un borrador de la Evaluación Ambiental (EA, por sus siglas en inglés) está disponible para revisión pública y que TxDOT llevará a cabo una audiencia pública sobre el proyecto propuesto. La audiencia se llevará a cabo el:

**Jueves, 2 de agosto de 2018  
5: 00-6: 00 p.m. (casa abierta), 6:00 p.m. (presentación formal)  
R.E.L. Washington Elementary School Gymnasium  
3505 Lee Trevino Dr., El Paso, TX 79936**

Exhibiciones del proyecto estarán disponibles para su revisión a las 5:00 p.m., y la audiencia formal iniciará a las 6:00 p.m. El propósito de la audiencia es presentar las mejoras planeadas al público y recopilar comentarios sobre el proyecto propuesto.

Las mejoras propuestas ampliarían la US 62/180 (Avenida Montana) para incluir tres carriles principales de acceso controlado en cada dirección, tres carriles laterales en cada dirección desde la Calle Global Reach hasta Loop 375, y dos carriles laterales en cada dirección desde SL 375 hasta FM 659 (Calle Zaragoza Norte). El proyecto también incluiría la construcción de un camino de uso compartido, carril para bicicletas, banquetas y jardinería. Dos rampas de conexión directa se construirían en la intersección de US 62/180 (Avenida Montana) y la Calle Global Reach, y cuatro rampas de conexión directa se construirían en la intersección de US 62/180 (Avenida Montana) y SL 375. El proyecto propuesto se construiría en fases.



El proyecto propuesto podría requerir la adquisición de aproximadamente 141 acres de derecho de vía. Aproximadamente cuatro casas unifamiliares, hasta 23 negocios y varios edificios, y áreas de estacionamiento podrían ser desplazadas, dependiendo del diseño final. Puede obtener información sobre el Programa de Asistencia de Reubicación de TxDOT, beneficios y servicios para personas desplazadas, así como información sobre el calendario tentativo de adquisición de derecho de vía y construcción en la oficina del distrito de TxDOT en la dirección que se detalla a continuación. Asistencia de reubicación está disponible para personas y negocios desplazados.

El borrador de la Evaluación Ambiental, mapas que muestran la ubicación y el diseño del proyecto, los calendarios tentativos de construcción y otra información relacionada con el proyecto están archivados y disponibles para su inspección de lunes a viernes entre las 8:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m. en la oficina del distrito de El Paso de TxDOT, 13301 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, TX 79928-5410. Esta información también estará disponible para su inspección en la audiencia. Se anticipa que el proceso de los socios consultivos de conformidad determinará que el proyecto se encuentra dentro de un área de no consecuencia en la calidad del aire. Este proceso concluirá antes de tomar una decisión sobre el proyecto.

Se solicitan comentarios verbales y escritos del público sobre el proyecto y pueden presentarse en la audiencia o enviarse en persona o por correo a la Oficina de Distrito de TxDOT en El Paso. Los comentarios deben recibirse a más tardar el viernes 17 de agosto de 2018 para ser parte del registro oficial de la audiencia. Los comentarios escritos pueden enviarse a:

**Godwin Ubanyionwu, P.E., Project Manager  
TxDOT El Paso District  
13301 Gateway Blvd. West  
El Paso, TX 79928-5410  
Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov**

La audiencia se llevará a cabo en inglés y un intérprete de español estará presente. Se recomienda a las personas interesadas en asistir a la audiencia que tengan necesidades especiales de comunicación o acomodo que se comuniquen con Jennifer Wright, Oficial de Información Pública, al (915) 790-2110 o por correo electrónico a Jennifer.wright3@txdot.gov a más tardar las 4:00 p.m. el 30 de julio de 2018. Se harán todos los esfuerzos razonables para satisfacer estas necesidades.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud general sobre el proyecto propuesto o la audiencia, comuníquese con Godwin Ubanyionwu al (915) 790-4359 o 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.

creen, del mismo modo en que muchos dudaron de la declaración que dio Trump en mayo después de haberse reunido con el dictador de Corea del Norte, en la que mencionó que había resuelto la crisis nuclear coreana.

Jeremy Shapiro, un exdiplomático estadounidense que ahora trabaja con el Consejo Europeo de Relaciones Exteriores, mencionó que los aliados europeos se sentirían aliviados si Trump no anuncia la cancelación de los ejercicios militares, como lo hizo después de su reunión de mayo con Kim Jong-un, o no hace otras concesiones drásticas.

No obstante, según Shapiro, los aliados "se percatarán de que este presidente estadounidense está mucho más interesado en la política interna que en la geopolítica o en cualquier asunto relacionado con Europa".

Shapiro aseguró que Trump quiere asegurar que las acusaciones sobre Rusia no manchen su victoria en las elecciones.

"En este momento, no le preocupa acercarse demasiado a Rusia, a su base no le importará y su gente no renunciará", señaló Shapiro.

Desde hace tiempo, Putin, un patriota orgulloso y quisquilloso, está ofendido por la expulsión de Rusia del grupo de las siete democracias industrializadas debido a la anexión de Crimea en 2014, por la imposición de sanciones y por la relegación al estatus de "potencia regional" que ordenó el presidente Barack Obama.

En marzo, cuando desveló las que describió como nuevas armas "invencibles" durante un discurso sobre el estado de la nación que se celebró en Moscú, Putin se quejó amargamente de que "nadie quería hablar con nosotros". Y añadió: "¡Escúchenos ahora!".

Si acaso, la reunión en Helsinki ha demostrado que Estados Unidos está escuchando y está más listo que nunca para ignorar la intervención de Moscú en Crimea; el derribamiento del MH17, un avión de pasajeros que viajaba de Ámsterdam a Kuala Lumpur, sobre la parte oriental del territorio ucraniano en julio de 2014, y su interferencia en las elecciones.

"Este es el cuarto presidente estadounidense que le ha tocado a Putin y esta es la cumbre que había soñado durante dieciocho años", comentó Alina Polyakova del Instituto Brookings.

"Por fin pudo presentarse como un estadista mundial que flota sobre una política mezquina. Se presentó y presentó a Rusia como un gran mediador de paz y de ayuda humanitaria".

Trump evitó responder una pregunta sobre si confiaba más en la negociación de Putin respecto de cualquier interferencia que en la evaluación de sus propias agencias de inteligencia —la cual demuestra que Rusia sí intervino—, pero a pesar de todo dijo: "No veo que pudiera tener alguna razón para haberlo hecho".

En el tema de Ucrania —el asunto de política internacional que más ha dividido a Washington y Moscú—, Trump dejó que Putin fuera el único que hablara. El presidente ruso incluso respondió una pregunta que se le hizo a Trump sobre Crimea, mencionando que Trump le había dicho que consideraba ilegal la anexión de la península, pero que Rusia lo consideraba un asunto concluido.

"Aquí Putin asumió el papel no sólo de un gran estadista, sino incluso de ventrílocuo", opinó Polyakova. Trump, agregó, "tan sólo asintió con entusiasmo y dejó que Putin dirigiera del espectáculo".

**Appendix C**  
**Elected Officials Letters**

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July 16, 2018

<Greeting>

<Salutation>

<Organization>

<Address>

<City>, <State> <Zip>

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

Dear <Salutation> <Last Name>:

As part of our public involvement process for the development of the US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) project, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be holding a Public Hearing. The purpose of this hearing is to present the planned transportation improvements to the public and gather input on the proposed project. Below is a brief overview of the 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 Loop 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 Loop 375. The proposed project would be phased. The proposed project would potentially acquire approximately 141 acres of right-of-way (ROW). Approximately 4 single-family homes, up to 23 businesses, and various other outbuildings and parking areas could potentially be displaced, depending on final design.

We invite you (or a representative from your office) to attend this public hearing, which will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at R.E.L. Washington Elementary School's Gymnasium, located at 3505 Lee Trevino Dr., El Paso, TX 79936. The open house portion of the hearing will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and the formal presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. The enclosed Public Hearing Notices will be published in the El Paso Times and in El Diario de El Paso on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 to notify the public, and will also be mailed to the project's adjacent property owners. Copies of the notices are enclosed so you will have the same information as your constituents. Please let us know if any other officials should be contacted about this project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Godwin Ubanyionwu, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager at (915) 790-4359, or via email to [Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov](mailto:Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov).

Sincerely,

Robert Bielek, DPA, P.E.  
District Engineer  
Enclosure

| GREETING      | SALUTATION     | FIRST NAME     | LAST NAME        | TITLE                    | TITLE 2       | ORGANIZATION                           |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--|
| The Honorable | Mayor          | Dee            | Margo            | Mayor                    |               | City of El Paso                        |
| The Honorable | Representative | Peter          | Svarzbein        | City Representative      | District 1    | City of El Paso                        |
| The Honorable | Representative | Alexsandra     | Annelo           | City Representative      | District 2    | City of El Paso                        |
| The Honorable | Representative | Cassandra H.   | Hernandez        | City Representative      | District 3    | City of El Paso                        |
| The Honorable | Representative | Sam            | Morgan           | City Representative      | District 4    | City of El Paso                        |
| The Honorable | Representative | Michiel        | Noe              | City Representative      | District 5    | City of El Paso                        |
| The Honorable | Representative | Claudia        | Ordaz-Perez      | City Representative      | District 6    | City of El Paso                        |
| The Honorable | Representative | Henry          | Rivera           | City Representative      | District 7    | City of El Paso                        |
| The Honorable | Representative | Cissy          | Lizarraga        | City Representative      | District 8    | City of El Paso                        |
| The Honorable | Mayor          | Charles        | Gonzalez         | Mayor                    |               | Town of Clint                          |
| The Honorable | Alderman       | Esteban        | Olivas           | Alderman                 |               | Town of Clint                          |
| The Honorable | Alderwoman     | Patsy          | Franco           | Alderwoman               |               | Town of Clint                          |
| The Honorable | Alderwoman     | Natasha        | Hernandez        | Alderwoman               |               | Town of Clint                          |
| The Honorable | Alderwoman     | Sandra         | Hernandez        | Alderwoman/Mayor Pro Tem |               | Town of Clint                          |
| The Honorable | Alderman       | Frank          | Montes           | Alderman                 |               | Town of Clint                          |
| The Honorable | Mayor          | Elia           | Garcia           | Mayor                    |               | City of Socorro                        |
| The Honorable | Representative | Rene           | Rodriguez        | City Representative      | At Large      | City of Socorro                        |
| The Honorable | Representative | Cesar          | Nevarez          | City Representative      | District 1    | City of Socorro                        |
| The Honorable | Representative | Ralph          | Duran            | City Representative      | District 2    | City of Socorro                        |
| The Honorable | Representative | Victor         | Perez            | City Representative      | District 3    | City of Socorro                        |
| The Honorable | Representative | Yvonne         | Colon-Villalobos | City Representative      | District 4    | City of Socorro                        |
| The Honorable | Mayor          | Antonio        | Araujo           | Mayor                    |               | City of San Elizario                   |
| The Honorable | Alderwoman     | Leticia        | Hurtado-Miranda  | Alderwoman               | Place 1       | City of San Elizario                   |
| The Honorable | Alderman       | David          | Cantu            | Alderman                 | Place 2       | City of San Elizario                   |
| The Honorable | Alderman       | Miguel         | Najera, Jr.      | Alderman                 | Place 3       | City of San Elizario                   |
| The Honorable | Alderwoman     | Maria          | Covernali        | Alderwoman               | Place 4       | City of San Elizario                   |
| The Honorable | Alderman       | George         | Almanzar         | Alderman                 | Place 5       | City of San Elizario                   |
| The Honorable | Mayor          | Ruben          | Mendoza          | Mayor                    |               | Town of Horizon City                   |
| The Honorable | Representative | Walter         | Miller           | City Representative      | Place 1       | Town of Horizon City                   |
| The Honorable | Representative | Jerry          | Garcia           | City Representative      | Place 2       | Town of Horizon City                   |
| The Honorable | Representative | Charlie        | Ortega           | City Representative      | Place 3       | Town of Horizon City                   |
| The Honorable | Representative | Andres         | Renteria         | City Representative      | Place 4       | Town of Horizon City                   |
| The Honorable | Representative | Johnny         | Duran            | City Representative      | Place 5       | Town of Horizon City                   |
| The Honorable | Representative | Rafael         | Padilla          | City Representative      | Place 6       | Town of Horizon City                   |
| The Honorable | Representative | Samantha       | Corral           | City Representative      | Place 7       | Town of Horizon City                   |
| The Honorable | Commissioner   | Carlos         | Leon             | County Commissioner      | Precinct No.1 | El Paso County                         |
| The Honorable | Commissioner   | David          | Stout            | County Commissioner      | Precinct No.2 | El Paso County                         |
| The Honorable | Commissioner   | Vincent        | Perez            | County Commissioner      | Precinct No.3 | El Paso County                         |
| The Honorable | Commissioner   | Andrew         | Haggerty         | County Commissioner      | Precinct No.4 | El Paso County                         |
| The Honorable | Judge          | Ruben John     | Vogt             | County Judge             |               | El Paso County                         |
| The Honorable | Governor       | Carlos         | Hisa             | Governor                 |               | Ysleta del Sur Pueblo                  |
| The Honorable | Lt. Governor   | Brandon Lee    | Hernandez        | Lt. Governor             |               | Ysleta del Sur Pueblo                  |
| The Honorable | Cacique        | Jose           | Sierra           | Cacique                  |               | Ysleta del Sur Pueblo                  |
| The Honorable | Representative | Mary           | Gonzalez         | Representative           | District 75   | Texas House of Representatives         |
| The Honorable | Representative | César          | Blanco           | Representative           | District 76   | Texas House of Representatives         |
| The Honorable | Representative | Evelina "Lina" | Ortega           | Representative           | District 77   | Texas House of Representatives         |
| The Honorable | Representative | Joe            | Moody            | Representative           | District 78   | Texas House of Representatives         |
| The Honorable | Representative | Joe C.         | Pickett          | Representative           | District 79   | Texas House of Representatives         |
| The Honorable | Senator        | Jose           | Rodriguez        | Senator                  | District 29   | Texas State Senate                     |
| The Honorable | Congressman    | Will           | Hurd             | Congressman              | District 23   | United States House of Representatives |
| The Honorable | Congressman    | Will           | Hurd             | Congressman              | District 23   | United States House of Representatives |
| The Honorable | Congressman    | Beto           | O'Rourke         | Congressman              | District 16   | United States House of Representatives |
| The Honorable | Congressman    | Beto           | O'Rourke         | Congressman              | District 16   | United States House of Representatives |
| The Honorable | Senator        | John           | Cornyn           | Senator                  |               | United States Senate                   |
| The Honorable | Senator        | John           | Cornyn           | Senator                  |               | United States Senate                   |
| The Honorable | Senator        | Ted            | Cruz             | Senator                  |               | United States Senate                   |
| The Honorable | Senator        | Ted            | Cruz             | Senator                  |               | United States Senate                   |
| The Honorable | Mayor          | Martin         | Lerma            | Mayor                    |               | Town of Anthony                        |
| The Honorable | Mayor          | Manuel         | Leos             | Mayor                    |               | Village of Vinton                      |
| The Honorable | Mayor          | Javier         | Perea            | Mayor                    |               | City of Sunland Park                   |
| The Honorable | Mayor          | Diana          | Trujillo         | Mayor                    |               | City of Anthony                        |

| GREETING | SALUTATION | FIRST NAME | LAST NAME   | TITLE                        | TITLE 2 | ORGANIZATION                        |
|----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
|          | Ms.        | Norma      | Palacios    | Public Works Interm Director |         | El Paso County                      |
|          | Mr.        | Sal        | Alonzo      | Engineering                  |         | El Paso County                      |
| Dr.      |            | Xavier     | De La Torre | Superintendent               |         | Ysleta Independent School District  |
| Dr.      |            | Jose       | Espinoza    | Superintendent               |         | Socorro Independent School District |
| Mr.      |            | Jay        | Banasiak    | Director                     |         | Sun Metro                           |

The previous notification letter was sent to elected and public officials on this mailing list.



The bilingual public hearing notice was mailed to this list of adjacent property owners.

US 62/180 Montana Avenue  
Adjacent Property Owners Mail List

| Property ID | Owner                                  |
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| 276303      | 11100 MONTANA LP                       |
| 277323      | TARKHAN AHMED                          |
| 104451      | EL PASO LOS NINOS PARTNERS LLC         |
| 352581      | AGUILAR LOURDES MARGARITA              |
| 185680      | BUDDY'S LLC                            |
| 335102      | CHARLES REMA                           |
| 20900       | ALMAGUER ESTELA S                      |
| 357715      | ALTA REGENCY VILLAGE MHP LLC           |
| 288211      | AMARO ANTONIO                          |
| 102830      | AMIRI MASOUD & MANOUCHEHR              |
| 99259       | ARMENDARIZ ALFONSO                     |
| 143762      | ARMENDARIZ ERIKA                       |
| 203519      | ASADI GLORIA T                         |
| 263516      | AUTOZONE INC                           |
| 14122       | MCDONALD JOANNA                        |
|             | BARRON ROBERTO & 2                     |
|             | BARTLETT LOUISE A                      |
| 14318       | BIG DIAMOND INC                        |
| 206662      | BISSA INC                              |
|             | BM TIERRA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP          |
| 244527      | BUCKINGHAM GEORGE & AVAAVAU T          |
| 185680      | BUDDY'S LLC                            |
| 370702      | CARDENAS RICARDO                       |
|             | CARDON & REAVES                        |
| 24423       | CARRASCO MARIA D                       |
|             | CARRILLO MANUEL                        |
| 83961       | CASAS ROSA E                           |
| 79795       | CASTANEDA HECTOR & ELVIRA              |
| 355966      | RESTORATION COMMUNITY CHURCH           |
|             | CHACON ROY & MAGGIE C                  |
| 27007       | CHAVEZ ALFONSO                         |
| 55120       | CIELO VISTA CHURCH                     |
| 175445      | CIRCLE K STORES                        |
| 326512      | CISNEROS CARLOS S                      |
| 411976      | CITY OF EL PASO                        |
| 614011      | CARL'S JR                              |
|             | COLODUROS SUSAN M FATUCH               |
| 455890      | AFFORDABLE MOBILE HOMES                |
|             | CORMAR TRANSPORTATION & LEASING LLC    |
| 383842      | SOLANO SONIA                           |
| 203625      | CAPITAL FUNDING                        |
| 134254      | CORRAL JUAN C                          |
| 69488       | CORRAL RODOLFO & YOLANDA               |
| 397167      | CORRAL VICTOR M & MOCTEZUMA GABRIELA   |
| 19932       | PARRA FLORENTINO                       |
| 185221      | MORALES JAVIER & CRUZ CLAUDIA          |
| 42847       | JUAN BARRAZA IRREVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST  |
| 43763       | DECORT RYAN M                          |
| 25316       | DURAN ELOY A & SARA M                  |
| 397647      | RG INVESTMENT GROUP LLC                |
|             | EAST MONTANA JOINT VENTURE             |
| 617873      | FAR EAST REAL ESTATE CORPORATION       |
|             | EL PASO FOUR SEASONS BUSINESS PARK LLC |
| 385628      | EL PASO HOUSING AUTHORITY              |
| 62723       | EL PASO HOUSING AUTHORITY              |

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| 50835  | CARMONA ELIZABETH                         |
| 411608 | EPT DOS SANTOS APART LIMIT PARTSHI        |
| 221729 | EPT DOS SANTOS APART LIMIT PARTSHIP       |
| 286877 | NUNEZ ARON                                |
| 119819 | EVANS MARTHA C                            |
|        | EVERGREEN CEMETERY ASSN                   |
| 179367 | FAROKH Nia MOHAMMED R                     |
| 393527 | FRANCO JOSE L & GLORIA V                  |
| 400449 | CONNER MICHAEL J                          |
| 24508  | RUSSO CONSTRUCITON COMPANY                |
| 435152 | GARCIA'S WELDING INC                      |
| 264089 | GONZALES EMIL A                           |
| 90050  | GONZALEZ ADAM & LAURA I                   |
|        | GONZO INC                                 |
| 133908 | GUAJARDO JOSE R                           |
| 399967 | GUERRA EDUARDO H & ROSELIA I DE LARA      |
| 135500 | GUTIERREZ LUIS                            |
| 140001 | GUTIERREZ LUIS                            |
|        | GUZMAN GENARO M                           |
|        | HALLARD JOHN T                            |
| 138856 | Z & S PROPERTIES LLC                      |
| 187463 | HARRIS ROBERT M                           |
| 411728 | HERITAGE PROPANE OF NEW MEXICO INC.       |
| 316492 | HERNANDEZ RALPH                           |
|        | HERRERA GILBERT JR & RUTH                 |
| 21974  | GUTIERREZ MARIA T & NAVARRETE GUILLERMO C |
| 365245 | FEDERICO VIRGINA M                        |
| 269412 | HOLGUIN JOANN                             |
| 143998 | HOLTON BRENDA E                           |
| 213467 | HRP INTERNATIONAL LLC                     |
|        | HUECO INVESTMENTS I LTD                   |
| 350272 | IBARRA RAUL G JR                          |
|        | IGIT LTD                                  |
| 22319  | ILAF LLC                                  |
| 184633 | J & J LANDSCAPING INC                     |
|        | JACOBO ANTONIO                            |
| 281031 | JIMENEZ ALONSO C & MARTHA E               |
| 316003 | JIFISA PROPERTIES LTD                     |
| 42847  | JUAN BARRAZA IRREVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST     |
| 385337 | KHOSRAVANI GHOLAMREZA                     |
| 394504 | KIM DONG C & ANNIE K                      |
|        | LARA NORMA                                |
| 210196 | LEGACY HOLDINGS L L C                     |
| 201105 | LEKAKS TEAX LLC                           |
|        | LEWIS ANTONIO F                           |
|        | LOPEZ JOSE J & ALFREDO                    |
|        | LORNE MONTANA BAM PROPERTIES LLC          |
| 602993 | LOWE'S HOME CENTERS INC                   |
|        | LYONS MELVIN A & MARY (TR)                |
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| 518817 | PMI TRADING LTD                           |
| 145078 | MARIO HOLDINGS LLC                        |

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| 365466 | MC CALL ROBERT E                |
|        | MC CRORY JEAN                   |
| 625263 | MC DONALD'S REAL ESTATE COMPANY |
|        | MEDINA ANGELICA                 |
| 13799  | MEDINA DORA                     |
| 49306  | MEGA U PULL LLC                 |
| 356150 | METCALF 91 INVESTORS LTD        |
|        | MOHR LINDA Y                    |
| 246916 | PALM DESERT EL PASO LLC         |
|        | MON-TEX JOINT VENTURE           |
| 26550  | MORALES ALVARO & JOSEFINA       |
| 351561 | MORALES CAROLINA E & CLAUDIA E  |
| 199745 | KENDRICK RALPH E JR             |
| 126072 | PICKETT JOSEPH C                |
|        | NEVAREZ YOLANDA                 |
|        | DANA PROPERTIES / OASIS RANCH   |
| 90051  | ODEGARD CLIFFORD J              |
| 282309 | ORNELAS JOSE L & CHRISTINA      |
| 123575 | ORNELAS JOSE S                  |
| 185980 | LAZO RUBEN                      |
| 20135  | PARK HAN K & YOUNG S            |
| 402387 | PEARSON RAY & 5                 |
| 390618 | PEDUZZI BRADLEY M & MEGAN L     |
| 124990 | PENA PEDRO JR                   |
| 340193 | PERRIGUEY REBECCA (TR)          |
| 368020 | PONCE CARLOS A                  |
|        | PROCACCI JULIUS                 |
| 144369 | PUEBLO MONTANA APARTMENTS LTD   |
| 120802 | VIC EL PASO LLC                 |
|        | RANCHOS REAL IV LTD             |
|        | RAZY JOSHUA                     |
| 162429 | CLAY STREET CAPITAL INC         |
| 189838 | REGENT KAREN I.                 |
| 185680 | BUDDY'S LLC                     |
|        | RIOS ROBERTO & 4                |
| 305815 | RIVER OAKS PROPERTIES LTD       |
|        | RIVER OAKS PROPERTIES LTD       |
|        | ROBERTSON CAROL W & 1 (TR)      |
| 270071 | RODRIGUEZ MONICA & GLORIA       |
| 268900 | RODRIGUEZ SILVIA                |
| 289558 | SOUTHWEST ZOE PROPERTIES LLC    |
| 413052 | MONTANA AS LLC                  |
|        | SAADATKHAH ABDOLKARIM           |
| 215716 | DARANCOU FRANCISCO & CRISTINA   |
|        | SAADATKHAH ABDOLKARIM           |
|        | SABRA INVESTMENTS L P           |
|        | SAINT STEPHEN                   |
| 217589 | LAMINA INVESTMENTS LLC          |
| 195012 | JAMES A DICK GROUP LP           |
| 36608  | SANDER SHERRY                   |
|        | SAVAGE OIL CO                   |

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| 374277 | SOSA GUADALUPE G & 3  |
| 449636 | 7-ELEVEN  |
|        | SUHOR INDUSTRIES INC  |
| 384841 | SUNBELT PROPERTIES  |
|        | SWITZER JOHN G  |
|        | TAVAKOLINEJAO MAHMOUD   |
|        | TOERING CONCEPCION G  |
| 89889  | TORRES RICARDO  |
|        | TP 33 INVESTMENTS I LTD   |
| 602998 | TP 33 INVESTMENTS I LTD   |
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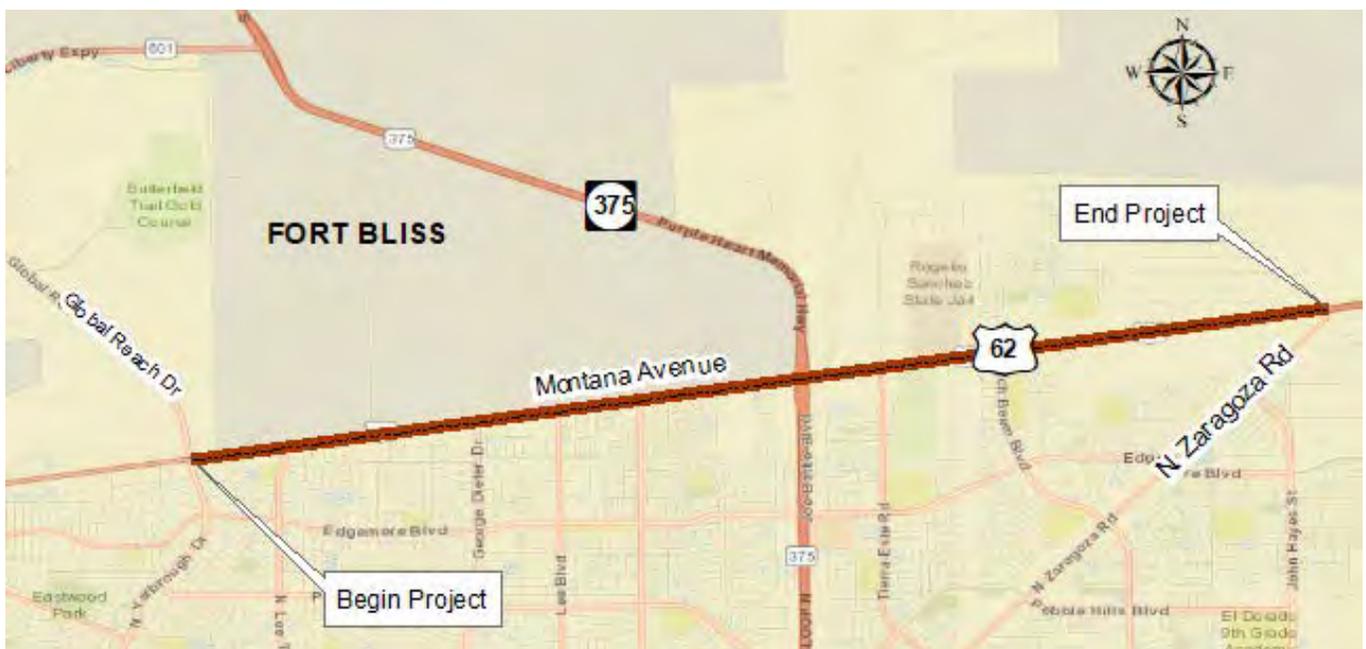
US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)  
From Global Reach Drive to FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road)  
CSJ: 0374-02-097  
El Paso County, Texas

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**  
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.*



## BORRADOR DE EVALUACIÓN AMBIENTAL DISPONIBLE PARA REVISIÓN PÚBLICA Y AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

US 62/180 (Avenida Montana)

Desde la Calle Global Reach hasta FM 659 (Calle Zaragoza Norte)

CSJ: 0374-02-097

El Paso County, Texas

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en inglés), Distrito de El Paso, propone mejoras a US Highway (US) 62/180 (Avenida Montana) desde la Calle Global Reach hasta FM 659 (Calle Zaragoza Norte), una distancia aproximada de 7.6 millas de proyecto. Este aviso informa al público que un borrador de la Evaluación Ambiental (EA, por sus siglas en inglés) está disponible para revisión pública y que TxDOT llevará a cabo una audiencia pública sobre el proyecto propuesto. La audiencia se llevará a cabo el:

**Jueves, 2 de agosto de 2018**

**5: 00-6: 00 p.m. (casa abierta), 6:00 p.m. (presentación formal)**

**R.E.L. Washington Elementary School Gymnasium**

**3505 Lee Trevino Dr., El Paso, TX 79936**

Exhibiciones del proyecto estarán disponibles para su revisión a las 5:00 p.m., y la audiencia formal iniciara a las 6:00 p.m. El propósito de la audiencia es presentar las mejoras planeadas al público y recopilar comentarios sobre el proyecto propuesto.

Las mejoras propuestas ampliarían la US 62/180 (Avenida Montana) para incluir tres carriles principales de acceso controlado en cada dirección, tres carriles laterales en cada dirección desde la Calle Global Reach hasta Loop 375, y dos carriles laterales en cada dirección desde SL 375 hasta FM 659 (Calle Zaragoza Norte). El proyecto también incluiría la construcción de un camino de uso compartido, carril para bicicletas, banquetas y jardinería. Dos rampas de conexión directa se construirían en la intersección de US 62/180 (Avenida Montana) y la Calle Global Reach, y cuatro rampas de conexión directa se construirían en la intersección de US 62/180 (Avenida Montana) y SL 375. El proyecto propuesto se construiría en fases.



El proyecto propuesto podría requerir la adquisición de aproximadamente 141 acres de derecho de vía. Aproximadamente cuatro casas unifamiliares, hasta 23 negocios y varios edificios, y áreas de estacionamiento podrían ser desplazadas, dependiendo del diseño final. Puede obtener información sobre el Programa de Asistencia de Reubicación de TxDOT, beneficios y servicios para personas desplazadas, así como información sobre el calendario tentativo de adquisición de derecho de vía y construcción en la oficina del distrito de TxDOT en la dirección que se detalla a continuación. Asistencia de reubicación está disponible para personas y negocios desplazados.

El borrador de la Evaluación Ambiental, mapas que muestran la ubicación y el diseño del proyecto, los calendarios tentativos de construcción y otra información relacionada con el proyecto están archivados y disponibles para su inspección de lunes a viernes entre las 8:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m. en la oficina del distrito de El Paso de TxDOT, 13301 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, TX 79928-5410. Esta información también estará disponible para su inspección en la audiencia. Se anticipa que el proceso de los socios consultivos de conformidad determinara que el proyecto se encuentra dentro de un área de no consecuencia en la calidad del aire. Este proceso concluirá antes de tomar una decisión sobre el proyecto.

Se solicitan comentarios verbales y escritos del público sobre el proyecto y pueden presentarse en la audiencia o enviarse en persona o por correo a la Oficina de Distrito de TxDOT en El Paso. Los comentarios deben recibirse a más tardar el viernes 17 de agosto de 2018 para ser parte del registro oficial de la audiencia. Los comentarios escritos pueden enviarse a:

**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)

La audiencia se llevará a cabo en inglés y un intérprete de español estará presente. Se recomienda a las personas interesadas en asistir a la audiencia que tengan necesidades especiales de comunicación o acomodo que se comuniquen con Jennifer Wright, Oficial de Información Pública, al (915) 790-2110 o por correo electrónico a [Jennifer.wright3@txdot.gov](mailto:Jennifer.wright3@txdot.gov) a más tardar las 4:00 p.m. el 30 de julio de 2018. Se harán todos los esfuerzos razonables para satisfacer estas necesidades.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud general sobre el proyecto propuesto o la audiencia, comuníquese con Godwin Ubanyionwu 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.*

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| Where:                  | <p>R.E.L. Washington Elementary School<br/>Gymnasium<br/>3505 Lee Trevino Dr.<br/>El Paso, Texas 79936 (<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/qKSDahL9Ms42">Map (https://goo.gl/maps/qKSDahL9Ms42)</a>)</p>   |
| When:                   | <p>Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018<br/>Open House 5 p.m.<br/>Presentation 6 p.m.</p>  |
| Purpose:                | <p>The purpose of the public hearing is to present planned improvements and gather public input on US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) from Global Reach Drive to FM 659 (North Zaragoza Road). A draft Environmental Assessment is available for review. The first part of the meeting will be an open house format so the public may come and go at their convenience, followed by a formal presentation and comment period. Comments must be received on or before Friday, Aug. 17, 2018 to be part of the official hearing record.</p>  |
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| Special Accommodations: | <p>TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The open house will be in English. If you have a special communication accommodation</p>  |

or need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please call (915) 790-2110 no later than 4 p.m. on July 5, 2018. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

**Memorandum of Understanding:** 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.

**Downloads:**

- Notice (<http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot/get-involved/elp/montana/080218-noticeeng.pdf>)
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**Contact:** TxDOT El Paso District  
Attn: US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)  
13301 Gateway Blvd. West  
El Paso, TX 79928

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Email (<http://www.txdot.gov/contact-us/form.html?id=elp-email>)

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The Texas Department of Transportation is rolling out another major construction project to relieve traffic on Montana Avenue in east El Paso.

TxDOT's chief engineer Bob Bielek said Montana Ave. will be transformed into an expressway with six lanes and new frontage roads.

Construction will span from Gopal Reach to Zaragoza.

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"Montana is exceeding its capacity. If you look, we get tremendous backups going westbound in the morning, likewise, we have backups eastbound in the evening," Bielek said.

In order to build it, Bielek said westbound frontage lanes will be built north of Montana, but the current westbound lanes will eventually be demolished to make room for the expressway. The current eastbound lanes will turn into the frontage lanes.

TXDOT will also have to build overpasses and ramps and will include a shared-use path, bike lane, sidewalks, and landscaping.

The project is expected to cost \$121 million with construction scheduled to begin January 2019.

"The area has seen significant growth in recent years and it shows no signs of slowing. The elimination of frequent signal lights and the addition of a shared use path and sidewalks will address safety and the addition of direct connectors and frontage roads will improve mobility in that part of East El Paso," Bielek said.



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TXDOT is hosting a public hearing Thursday, August 2, at the R.E.L. Washington Elementary School Gymnasium, 3505 Lee Trevino Drive.

The first part of the meeting starts at 5 p.m. and will be an open house format. The second half of the meeting starts at 6 p.m. with a formal presentation and public comment.

TXDOT officials said this is one of the last phases before the start of construction.





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| Jasno  | Gallo                        |
| Gostaro  | Yague                        |
| MICHAEL  | SANCHEZ.                     |
| Patricia   | Rodríguez                    |
| Guadalupe & Sara   | Sosa                         |
| Gabriela <del>Satgado</del>  | Salgado                      |
| Elizabeth Mtz  | Martinez                     |

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| JILL " "   | " " "                 |
| Janie  | Conyers               |
| Viviana  | Lewis                 |
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| Fred Hernandez   | Hernandez             |
| Amy Costner  | Costner               |

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| Norma Pumar                        | TXDOT          |
| Andrew Ortiz                       | Dannenbaum     |
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# **APPENDIX E**

## **TRANSCRIPTS**

PUBLIC HEARING  
MONTANA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
US 62/180

on

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2018  
R.E.L. WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
3505 LEE TREVINO BOULEVARD  
EL PASO, TEXAS 79936

Reported by Leticia Perez, CSR/RMR/CRR

1 MR. BIELEK: The time is now 6:00 p.m, and  
2 it is time to begin the Public Hearing for the US 62/180  
3 or 110 Avenue project.

4 Good evening. My name is Bob Bielek, and  
5 I am the District Engineer for the Texas Department of  
6 Transportation's El Paso District, and the Public  
7 Hearing Officer for tonight's proceedings. TxDOT  
8 welcomes you to this Public Hearing for the proposed  
9 improvements to U.S. 62/180, also known as Montana  
10 Avenue, between Global Reach Drive and FM 659, also  
11 known as North Zaragoza Road, in El Paso, Texas.

12 On behalf of TxDOT, thank you all for  
13 being here tonight to attend this Public Hearing. We  
14 would also like to thank you R.E.L. Washington  
15 Elementary School and their staff for allowing us to use  
16 their facility for the hearing.

17 I would also like to point out the  
18 emergency exits in the back of the room on both sides.  
19 You can leave on this side (indicating), and go either  
20 left or right to the front or the back door. Restrooms  
21 are on either side of this front wall.

22 If you have not already done so, please  
23 sign in before you leave this evening. The sign-in  
24 sheets allow us to record tonight's participants. We  
25 appreciate your attendance and thank you for your

1 interest in this project.

2 Now, I don't have a list of any elected  
3 officials that are here. If there are any, would you  
4 please stand up and introduce yourself?

5 Okay. Seeing none.

6 Now I would like to ask the members of the  
7 Project Team to please stand. These individuals are  
8 here to assist you, and will be available during the  
9 recess and after the hearing to answer your particular  
10 questions regarding the proposed improvements. If you  
11 have not done so already, please take the opportunity at  
12 that time to view the exhibits and the environmental  
13 documents, and bring forward questions that you may have  
14 to the Project Team.

15 TxDOT is conducting this Public Hearing  
16 for U.S. 62/180, Montana Avenue project. Please note  
17 the that Montana Avenue is a state roadway that is known  
18 as U.S. 62/180. However, for purposes of this hearing  
19 and to simplify things, we will refer to it as "Montana  
20 Avenue" from now on.

21 The Hearing is being held in order to  
22 present the proposed improvements, as well as to provide  
23 you with an opportunity to review and comment on the  
24 project. The Hearing will begin with a presentation on  
25 the proposed improvements and the results of the

1 environmental studies.

2           After the presentation we will take a  
3 15-minute break. After the break there will be an  
4 opportunity for you to present verbal comments for the  
5 official record. Those of you who wish to make verbal  
6 comments, please complete a speaker registration card  
7 and return it to the sign-in table. When your name is  
8 announced, please come to the microphone and state your  
9 name and who you represent, if applicable. Each speaker  
10 will be limited to a period of three minutes.

11           It is standard protocol at a Public  
12 Hearing for us not to answer questions during the formal  
13 presentation or the comment period. However, Project  
14 Team members will be available to answer Project-related  
15 questions during the recess or following the formal  
16 verbal comment period.

17           If you would like to make comments but do  
18 not wish to make them verbally, you may submit them in  
19 written form. There are comment forms available in  
20 English and Spanish at the sign-in table. The comments  
21 may be placed in the available comment box, emailed or  
22 mailed to the address on the form. All written comments  
23 must be postmarked or emailed no later than Friday,  
24 August 17th, 2018, to be included in the public record.

25           Legal notices for tonight's Public Hearing

1 were published in English in the El Paso Times and in  
2 Spanish in El Diario de El Paso on July 18th, 2018.  
3 Invitations to elected officials and notices to adjacent  
4 property owners were also mailed on July 16th of 2018.

5           Tonight's Public Hearing will present the  
6 proposed project improvements and the environmental  
7 investigations that have been completed for the project.  
8 Afterwards we will have a 15-minute recess. After the  
9 recess the formal public comment period will begin.

10           So let's begin with the presentation. Let  
11 me introduce you to Jose Reyes, the project manager with  
12 Dannenbaum Engineering, the engineering consultant for  
13 this project.

14           MR. REYES: Thank you, Mr. Bielek.

15           Good evening. As Mr. Bob Bielek  
16 mentioned, I am with Dannenbaum Engineering. I am the  
17 project manager for this project. This map illustrates  
18 the location and the limits of the proposed improvements  
19 on Montana Avenue from Global Reach Drive to North  
20 Zaragoza Road.

21           The project's construction limits extend  
22 an approximate quarter mile west of Global Reach to  
23 accommodate lane and ramp transitions. The proposed  
24 project is in a mixed-use area, with commercial and  
25 residential properties south of Montana Avenue, and

1 large tracts of undeveloped land and commercial and  
2 industrial properties north of Montana Avenue. The  
3 large tracts of undeveloped land to the north are  
4 primarily associated with Fort Bliss property.

5           Currently, Montana Avenue exists as a  
6 partially controlled access dividing roadway within a  
7 right-of-way with approximately 200 feet. Montana  
8 Avenue consists of three main lanes eastbound and  
9 westbound from Global Reach to Loop 375. Frontage road  
10 exists near Zaragoza Road. Great separations exist at  
11 State Loop 375 and North Zaragoza Road.

12           As shown on this slide, Montana Avenue  
13 currently consists of three main lanes eastbound and  
14 westbound from Global Reach Drive to State Loop 375,  
15 then transitions down to two lanes east of State  
16 Loop 375. Existing bicycle and pedestrian  
17 accommodations in the project area include a bicycle  
18 lane and sidewalks on the north and south side of the  
19 roadway from Global Reach to State Loop 375.

20           The Montana Avenue Project includes  
21 addition of three uninterrupted main lanes eastbound and  
22 westbound, from Global Reach Drive to Zaragoza Road.  
23 Project also includes three lane funded roads in  
24 eastbound and westbound direction from Global Reach to  
25 State Loop 375 to two lanes from State Loop 375 to North

1 Zaragoza Road.

2           Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations  
3 would include a 12-foot shared-use path adjacent to the  
4 westbound frontage road and a five-foot bicycle lane and  
5 five-foot sidewalks along the eastbound frontage road.  
6 A new storm drain system would be installed and  
7 constructed with nine retention [indiscernible] to  
8 capture the runoff.

9           This side -- slide illustrates a typical  
10 section where the main lanes would be elevated.

11           This slide illustrates the typical section  
12 where the main lane would be depressed and pass under  
13 the intersections such as Saul Kleinfeld and State Loop  
14 375.

15           This project would also include  
16 construction of overpass bridges at all major  
17 intersections, including Global Reach Drive, North  
18 Lee Trevino Drive, Wooster Lane, George Dieter Drive,  
19 Tierra Este Road, Rich Beem Boulevard, and Square Dance  
20 Road.

21           Underpass bridge structures would be  
22 constructed at Saul Kleinfeld and State Loop 375  
23 frontage roads and turnaround lanes.

24           I will be showing you exhibits  
25 illustrating the bridge structures and the bridge

1 intersections. These are the same 3D exhibits that are  
2 shown behind the schematic. This slide shows the  
3 overpass at Global Reach Drive.

4 Here is illustration of the overpass at  
5 George Dieter Drive. And this is an illustration of the  
6 underpass at Saul Kleinfeld Drive. This is an  
7 illustration of the north overpass at Rich Beem  
8 Boulevard. And here is an illustration of the overpass  
9 at Square Dance Road.

10 This project would also include  
11 construction of six direct connectors, two direct  
12 connector ramps at Global Reach Drive and four direct  
13 connectors at State Loop 375.

14 This slide here provides he will  
15 administration of the two directed -- direct connectors  
16 at Global Reach Drive.

17 And here is another view of Global Reach  
18 Drive intersection with the two proposed direct  
19 connectors.

20 And this slide here provides an  
21 illustration of the four direct connectors at State Loop  
22 375.

23 The project is proposed to be constructed  
24 in two phases. Currently only Phase 1 of the project is  
25 funded and could tentatively to begin construction in

1 the first quarter of 2019. The limits of Phase 1 are  
2 from Global Reach Drive to North Zaragoza Road, with the  
3 majority of the construction being from Global Reach  
4 Drive to Tierra Este Road.

5 The work between Tierra Este and North  
6 Zaragoza would consist primarily of pavement marking.  
7 The construction estimate Phase 1 is \$121.7 million.

8 Here is a map showing the improvements.  
9 Under Phase 1 the three main lanes eastbound and  
10 westbound will be constructed from Lee Trevino to Tierra  
11 Este Road.

12 In addition, three lane frontage roads  
13 will be constructed west from Global Reach Drive to  
14 Tierra Este, and only in various segments of eastbound  
15 directions from Global Reach Drive to Tierra Este,  
16 primarily at the intersections.

17 The big structures at Lee Trevino Drive,  
18 Wooster Lane, George Dieter Drive, Saul Kleinfeld and  
19 State Loop 375 interchanges will be constructed in this  
20 phase. Only surface interchange improvements will be  
21 constructed at Global Reach Drive interchange.

22 Also, other improvements, such as  
23 striping, would be performed from Tierra Este to North  
24 Zaragoza Road.

25 Similar to Phase 1, Phase 2 project limits

1 are from Global Reach Drive to Zaragoza Road, but the  
2 majority of the construction in this phase is from  
3 Tierra Este to North Zaragoza. The construction then is  
4 to be determined. The estimated cost is \$248.5 million.  
5 Phase 2 is not currently funded.

6 Here is a map illustrating the project  
7 limits of Phase 2 improvements. Everything depicted in  
8 purple represents the improvements that would be  
9 conducted in this phase. The blue items are Phase 1  
10 improvements.

11 Phase 2 of the project would construct the  
12 gaps in portions of the proposed main lanes and frontage  
13 roads not constructed in Phase 1 between Global Reach  
14 Drive and State Loop 375. This includes the three main  
15 lanes eastbound and westbound that would be constructed  
16 from Global Reach to Lee Trevino Drive.

17 Phase 2 will include two main lanes and  
18 two lane frontage roads eastbound and westbound, from  
19 Tierra Este to North Zaragoza Road.

20 This phase would also include the  
21 construction of the bridge structures at Global Reach  
22 Drive, Tierra Este Road, Rich Beem Boulevard and Square  
23 Dance Road.

24 Lastly, the air connectors will be  
25 constructed at Global Reach and at State Loop 375 in

1 this phase.

2                   Next, I'd like to introduce you to Manny  
3 Hernandez from TxDOT, who will go over the right-of-way  
4 and condition process.

5                   MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Jose.

6                   Good evening. As Jose mentioned, my name  
7 is Manny Hernandez, and I'm a right-of-way agent with  
8 the Texas Department of Transportation.

9                   It is estimated that approximately 141  
10 acres of additional right-of-way will be required for --  
11 from 33 separate parcels for the proposed project. The  
12 right-of-ways needed for additional travel lanes,  
13 interstretch improvements and retainage basis.

14                   The existing right-of-way will be expanded  
15 by approximately 200 feet, from Global Reach Drive to  
16 State Loop 375 and by approximately 50 feet from State  
17 Loop 375 to North Zaragoza Road.

18                   The majority of this right-of-way would be  
19 acquired from Fort Bliss while the remaining would be  
20 acquired from the City of El Paso, General Land Office,  
21 and private citizens.

22                   The proposed project will result in four  
23 potential residential and 23 potential commercial  
24 displacements, as well as numerous other displacements,  
25 such as outbuildings, sheds, parking areas, signs,

1 et cetera. All of the displacements will not occur  
2 until Phase 2 of this project.

3 TxDOT will be responsible for your  
4 right-of-way oppositions. Oppositions -- opposition and  
5 relocation assistance would be in accordance with the  
6 Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties  
7 Acquisitions Policy Act of 1970, as amended.

8 We have right-of-way personnel attending  
9 the Public Hearing to address any questions. They are  
10 located to the right.

11 In addition, at the table there are three  
12 booklets available for you at the right-of-way table  
13 here for you tonight. One is entitled State Purchase of  
14 Right-of-Way. Another one is titled Texas Landowner  
15 Bill of Rights. And the third booklet is titled  
16 Relocation Assistance.

17 If there is a possibility that some of  
18 your property may be acquired, that you did not pick up  
19 the booklets, you may secure copies at the right-of-way  
20 table during a break.

21 Now let me introduce you to Lena  
22 Camarillo, the environmental consultant for this  
23 project, who will go over the environmental review  
24 process.

25 MS. CAMARILLO: Thank you, Manny. My name

1 is Lena Camarillo, and I'm the environmental task leader  
2 with Poznecki-Camarillo, Inc. for this project. The  
3 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, known as  
4 NEPA, requires us to identify and describe the problems  
5 that need to be addressed. We call these problems The  
6 Need.

7           The proposed project is needed because the  
8 capacity, or number of lanes, and operational efficiency  
9 of Montana Avenue, within the project limits, are  
10 inadequate to meet current and future traffic volumes.  
11 This results in congestion and reduced mobility in the  
12 project area.

13           The solutions to our problems are what we  
14 call The Purpose. So The Purpose for this project is to  
15 reduce congestion and improve mobility on Montana  
16 Avenue.

17           The proposed project was developed in  
18 accordance with the rules and regulations in compliance  
19 with NEPA. Based on the scope of the project, this  
20 project was classified as an environmental assessment.  
21 A series of technical reports and an environmental  
22 assessment summary document were prepared to assess  
23 potential impacts to the natural and human environment.

24           No significant impacts are anticipated to  
25 access or travel patterns or community cohesion. Also,

1 the project is not anticipated to result in  
2 disproportionate impacts to minority or low-income  
3 populations.

4           The proposed project is located in an area  
5 that does not meet the U.S. Environmental Protection  
6 Agency standard for particulate matter emissions.  
7 However, based on coordination with a group of agencies  
8 called The Consultative Partners, which include agencies  
9 such as the Federal Highway Administration, Texas  
10 Department of Transportation, El Paso Metropolitan  
11 Planning Organization, Texas Commission on Environmental  
12 Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,  
13 the project was determined to not be a project of air  
14 quality concern on June the 28th, 2018.

15           No significant impacts are anticipated to  
16 air quality. A traffic noise analysis was conducted for  
17 the project. This analysis showed that there would be  
18 noise impacts due to the project. Noise abatement  
19 measures were considered, but it was determined that  
20 noise barriers would not be feasible or reasonable,  
21 based on TxDOT guidelines, which considers barrier cost  
22 and the amount of noise impacts could be improved with a  
23 barrier. Therefore, noise barriers are not proposed for  
24 the project.

25           There are multiple gas stations located

1 along Montana Avenue, and right-of-way may be needed  
2 from some of these facilities.

3           Soil or groundwater testing may be needed  
4 to identify potential contamination. Also, any bridges  
5 or structures that are proposed to be demolished would  
6 be surveyed for asbestos-containing material prior to  
7 demolition.

8           The project would also clear existing  
9 vegetation for construction of the roadway. However,  
10 the majority of the affected vegetation is urban  
11 vegetation, which consists of mowed or maintained areas.

12           Studies on biological resources indicated  
13 that there would be no impacts to federally listed,  
14 threatened or endangered species. However, there would  
15 be the potential for impacts to two state-threatened  
16 species, the mountain short-horned lizard and Texas  
17 horned lizard, as well as two state rare species, the  
18 western burrowing owl and Wheeler spurge, which is a  
19 plant. Therefore, the project would include best  
20 management practices to avoid or minimize impacts to  
21 these species.

22           There were no environmental impacts to the  
23 remaining resources that were studied, including no  
24 impacts to farmlands, cultural resources or water  
25 resources.

1           The environmental analysis of the project  
2 indicated there would be no significant direct or  
3 indirect environmental effects from the proposed  
4 project.

5           I will now pass the presentation back to  
6 Mr. Bielek. Thank you.

7           MR. BIELEK: Thank you, Lena.

8           The proposed project plans and  
9 environmental reports are available for review tonight.  
10 The project plans and documents can also be reviewed at  
11 the TxDOT El Paso District office, located at 13301  
12 Gateway Boulevard West, in El Paso, Texas, until Friday,  
13 August 17th, 2018.

14           This concludes the formal presentation for  
15 tonight's Public Hearing. I appreciate your time and  
16 attention. If you would like to make a verbal comment  
17 tonight and have not registered, please take a moment to  
18 do so now.

19           Once again, we will not address your  
20 questions while you have the floor during the comment  
21 period. This procedure will allow everyone opportunity  
22 to speak and is the standard protocol for public  
23 hearings.

24           All formal and written comments and  
25 questions presented tonight will be addressed in and

1 made part of a document of the Public Hearing report.

2 Please remember, if you choose to submit  
3 your comments later by mail or email, they must be  
4 postmarked or emailed no later than Friday, August 17th,  
5 2018. All of your statements, comments and questions  
6 begin with careful consideration before final design  
7 features are determined.

8 We will now take a 15-minute recess.  
9 During the recess, please feel free to review the  
10 exhibits set up in the room. If you have any questions,  
11 ask one of the Project Team members during this time.  
12 These individuals will address your questions.

13 And we are in recess at 6:24.

14 (Recess.)

15 MR. BIELEK: Clearly state your name. In  
16 the order that they were received, the first speaker is  
17 Marty Shaeffer. Marty Shaeffer? The floor is yours.

18 MR. SHAEFFER: My name is Marty Shaeffer.  
19 And other than the time in the military, being close to  
20 70 years, and -- I can tell you that for the most part,  
21 I've seen so many things done to Montana Avenue, I don't  
22 know if it's Monday or Friday.

23 I have several concerns. Number one, what  
24 is TxDOT going to do when the City of El Paso  
25 incorporates all the way out as far as the county line

1 and starts dumping residential traffic on to Montana?  
2 As you know, right now rich Beem is the only street  
3 going into a closed residential area, and every morning  
4 all those people come out on to Montana Avenue.

5           Secondly, I'd like to know, why is it  
6 we're doing the same engineering and making the same old  
7 mistakes? Why don't you people make it all the way to  
8 the county line? Quit messing around with bits and  
9 pieces. Just go to the county line. Because you know  
10 the city is going to be here. Sooner or later you're  
11 going to have to come back, dig up the lights, dig up  
12 the plumbing, and start all over again. So why not just  
13 go all the way to the city -- to the county line and be  
14 done with it?

15           And my last concern is, what are you guys  
16 going to do about these rock trucks running up and down  
17 Montana blocking two and three lanes at a time, like  
18 they do every morning in front of Walmart -- you'll find  
19 them at Justice at the red light, three rock trucks  
20 wide, full of rocks. And you know they're not going  
21 anyplace.

22           Thank you.

23           (APPLAUSE)

24           MR. BIELEK: Thank you.

25           The next speaker is Robert Sanchez.

1 MR. SANCHEZ: Okay. My concern is from  
2 375 to Tierra Este, on this side of Montana, there's a  
3 lot of eateries, Taco Bell, Burger King, and you have  
4 trucks and you've got them going about 80 miles an hour.  
5 One of them blows a tire or something like that, he's  
6 going to blow at one of those restaurants, there's going  
7 to be a lot of people hurt. What are you going to do  
8 about the foot traffic that traffic? There's a lot of  
9 foot traffic. There's a Chevron and [indiscernible].

10 And that's my concern and what I'd like to  
11 [indiscernible]. Thank you. Thanks for doing all this.  
12 That and that's it.

13 (LAUGHTER)

14 (APPLAUSE)

15 MR. BIELEK: Thank you, Mr. Sanchez.

16 Our third speaker is the last speaker I  
17 have, Daniel Gonzalez.

18 MR. GONZALEZ: [Indiscernible] my name is  
19 Daniel Gonzalez. I understand El Paso's growing, but  
20 you have -- this is another I-10. I mean, why so much  
21 landscaping space? To maintain it and how many  
22 businesses are guys are going to pull out? I honestly  
23 think those landscaping spaces is just too much.

24 I have a business, so technically when I  
25 open my door it's going to [indiscernible] the freeway.

1 I honestly think that it's too much landscaping spaces.  
2 It's just dramatically too big in the nighttime. I  
3 mean, you haven't finished the west side. I don't know  
4 how -- how would it -- how long is it going to take for  
5 you guys to finish?

6 And that's the only concern that I have.  
7 And also, we were told it was 20 feet. From 20 feet to  
8 50 feet. I mean, what is it? 20 or 50 feet? It's  
9 going to go in. Because every time we come to these  
10 meetings, they're different every single time. That's  
11 the only concern I have.

12 (APPLAUSE)

13 MR. BIELEK: Thank you for your comments.

14 I have no other speaker. Would anyone  
15 else like to make a comment this evening?

16 Okay. Seeing no one else, please  
17 remember, if you choose to submit your comments later by  
18 mail, they must be postmarked or emailed no later than  
19 Friday, August 17th, 2018.

20 This concludes this evening's Public  
21 Hearing. Thank you for attending. The time is now  
22 6:45.

23 (Proceedings concluded.)

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**APPENDIX F**  
**COMMENTS RECEIVED**





## AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)  
Desde Global Reach Drive hasta FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road)  
CSJ: 0374-02-097

Jueves, 2 de agosto de 2018  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. (casa abierta), 6:00 p.m. (presentación formal)  
R.E.L. Escuela Primaria Washington

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Gracias por asistir a la Audiencia Pública de esta noche. Utilice el espacio a continuación para enviar comentarios por escrito, adjunte páginas adicionales si es necesario. Sulte el formulario completo en el cuadro de comentarios o entréguelo a uno de los representantes del proyecto en la audiencia de esta noche. También puede enviar sus comentarios por correo electrónico a Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov, o enviarlos por correo a la dirección que se proporciona a continuación. Todos los comentarios escritos deben tener el sello postal del viernes 17 de agosto de 2018 para ser incluidos en el registro oficial de la audiencia pública. Gracias por tus comentarios.

#### (UTILIZE LETRA DE MOLDE)

COMENTARIOS: \_\_\_\_\_

Great Project!

Thanks for the hard work!

NOMBRE: Ismael Cepeda,

DIRECCIÓN: \_\_\_\_\_

CORREO ELECTRÓNICO: \_\_\_\_\_

REPRESENTANDO: COEP - CID

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## PUBLIC HEARING

US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)

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

CSJ: 0374-02-097

Thursday, August 2, 2018

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. (open house), 6:00 p.m. (formal presentation)

R.E.L. Washington Elementary School

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### (PLEASE PRINT)

COMMENTS: My Name is Victor M Corral I am 100%  
Disable combat Veteran of the US Army. My  
house is on 3734 Star beach Ln. When I bought my house  
in Oct 2008 there was hardly any traffic on Montana  
Ave. Now is 2018 ten years later the traffic noise  
is too much and unbearable for me because I suffer  
from Traumatic Brain Injury ~~and~~ do to an IED  
explasion in Iraq 2006. there is no noise barrier in place  
but doesn't help at all. this issue is affecting drastically  
my quality of life and with more traffic is going to get worst.

NAME: Victor M. Corral

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMENTS: My concern is how much land  
is soft going to affect my buildings.  
If someone can call me or email  
me with a more specific details, I  
would really appreciate it

NAME: Adam W. Gonzalez  
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]  
EMAIL: [REDACTED]  
REPRESENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMENTS:

*Really cool project - long or under  
Best - please have ample detours to  
mitigate traffic!*

NAME:

*Judy [unclear]*

ADDRESS:

[Redacted address]

EMAIL:

REPRESENTING:

*City of EL PASO*

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**From:** Michael Breitinger <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** August 14, 2018 at 9:00:24 AM MDT

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Location of Residences and Business potentially impacted by the Montana Project

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Jennifer,

Could TxDot share with Chairman Pickett the location of 25 residential and 5 businesses that could be potentially involved/affected by the Phase II Montana Project. I would appreciate and information/map/photo that maybe responsive.

Thank you,

Michael E. Breitinger

Chief of Staff

State Representative Joe C. Pickett

District 79

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 11:05 AM  
**To:** Godwin Ubanyionwu  
**Subject:** Public Comment re: US 62/180 project

Thanks for doing this project as it is long overdue. My concern is whether you will still maintain the same number of southbound lanes on Global Reach until phase 2 of the project is complete? If you try to reduce the number of southbound lanes on Global Reach where it intersects with US 62/180 I think it will be disastrous and create a huge backlog of traffic. Once you complete phase two it should be fine but I worry about the time between phases 1 and 2, especially if you do not get funding for Phase 2 immediately.

Thanks again and keep up the good work!  
James Cox

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Godwin Ubanyionwu <Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 5:50 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Wright; Jaime Ramirez  
**Cc:** Alan Gonzalez; Godwin Ubanyionwu; Claudia Ortega  
**Subject:** RE: 0374-02-097  
**Attachments:** Montana-Lee Trevino Glenn Dr.PNG

Jaime:

Per your request, see attached layout of Montana from Lee Trevino to E. Glenn Dr.

Thanks,



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**From:** Jennifer Wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 26, 2018 2:59 PM  
**To:** Jaime Ramirez; Godwin Ubanyionwu  
**Subject:** RE: 0374-02-097

Hi Mr. Ramirez:  
I expect Mr. Ubanyionwu or his designee will be able to help you, and will reach out to you.  
Thank you.

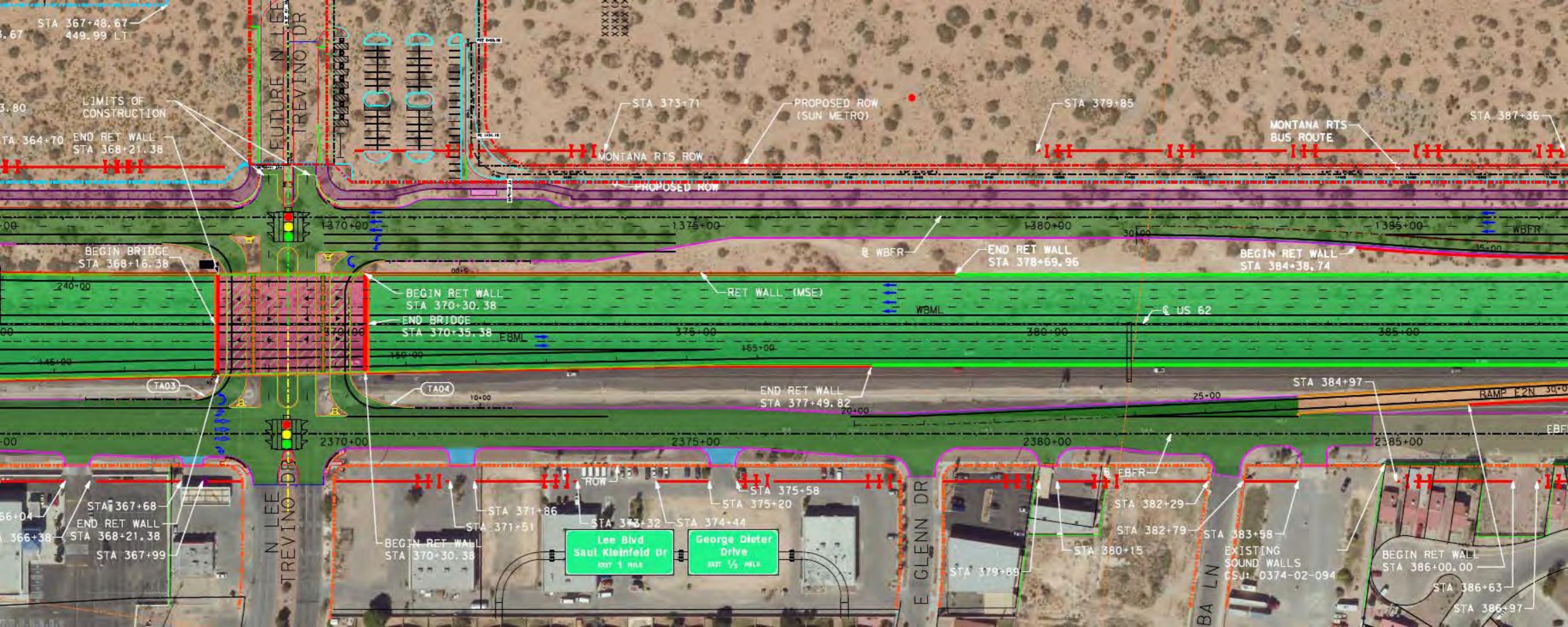
Travel Safely,  
Jennifer Wright  
915-790-4340  
915-201-9414

**From:** Jaime Ramirez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 26, 2018 2:50 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Wright; Godwin Ubanyionwu  
**Subject:** CSJ: 0374-02-097

Ms. Wright, we have received the **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT** for *US 62/180 (Montana Avenue)*. We will not be able to attend the August 2, 2018 public hearing on the proposed project. Please direct me to where I can review the proposed project on line. We own 2.92 acres on Montana Avenue between Lee Trevino and East Glenn and have improved this property with an adult day care center and a bakery.

Sincerely,

Jaime Ramirez



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**From:** Godwin Ubanyionwu <Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 23, 2018 8:49 AM  
**To:** Claudia Ortega  
**Subject:** FW: TxDOT Public Hearing  
**Attachments:** TxDOT - Event Invitation - 07192018.pdf

FYI – See email below



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**From:** Stiles, Samantha [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 23, 2018 7:23 AM  
**To:** Godwin Ubanyionwu  
**Subject:** TxDOT Public Hearing

Good morning,

Congressman O'Rourke regrets he is unable to accept the kind invitation to attend the Texas Department of Transportation Public Hearing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, due to travel commitments. He appreciates the invitation and extends his regrets. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance as we look forward to hearing about future events.

Thank you for your time.

**Samantha Stiles** | Director of Operations  
Congressman Beto O'Rourke

[REDACTED]



From: Kipp, John M Jr CIV USARMY IMCOM CENTRAL (US) [mailto:john.m.kipp6.civ@mail.mil]  
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 3:59 PM  
To: Mimi Horn  
Cc: Claudia Ortega; Barrera, John F CIV USARMY IMCOM CENTRAL (US); Sanchez, Stephen O CIV USARMY USAG (US);  
Waychus, Yvette M CIV (US)  
Subject: Fort Bliss comments on TXDOT Draft EA for Montana Ave. widening

Hello again Mimi,

Attached are DPW-ED comments on both TXDOT EAs for Montana and Loop 1, combined. Please see which comments are applicable to Montana. Archaeology has been addressed and the big issue is really how to control further spread of African rue. As discussed at the meeting today and being pressed for time, an in-depth review of the full document could not be accomplished before end of next week. I will be out-of-the-office through next Friday so I wanted to get this to you before I leave.

I have also attached Fort Bliss ecologist comments that were also provided on the Draft EA for Loop 1, and included a map showing infestation of African rue along the Montana expansion area.

JB: Please forward Mimi any additional comments that may come in next week.

These are additional comments from Fort Bliss SJA and should be addressed:

Page 7, lines 111 - 112. Fort Bliss is not "donating" 98 acres for this as far as I know. Please ask Angelica how TXDOT is acquiring this acreage from Army. Is it by easement or ROW. If Army is out-granting the parcel at no cost, it can say that but using the word donate is inappropriate.

Page 16, line 370. "associated with Fort Bliss Property..." What does this mean exactly? If Fort Bliss owns the property being referenced then it needs to say that.

Page 20, line 520. Same comment.

Page 23, lines 646-649. Just confirm that this is an accurate statement.

Regards,

John Kipp, Ph.D.  
NEPA Planner

Directorate of Public Works  
Environmental Division  
Conservation Branch  
Building 624, Room 127  
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USAG Fort Bliss, TX 79916  
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## Environmental Division Review/Comments/Requirements

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| Dig Permit Number:     | NA   | DPW Number:        | NA |
| Log In Number (ID):    | 18-1006  | Work Order Number: | NA |
| 811 Number:            | NA   | Final Status:      |    |
| Customer/Company Name: | TXDOT  |                    |    |
| Project POC Name:      | NA   |                    |    |
| POC Phone:             | NA   |                    |    |
| POC Email:             | NA   |                    |    |
| Project Engineer:      | NA   |                    |    |
| Short Description:     | 1. Draft Environmental Assessment for TXDOT Hwy 62/180 Montana Avenue Widening<br>2. Draft Environmental Assessment for TXDOT Loop 375 Widening<br>Files are located in X:\ProjectDownloads\AMRDFC\TXDOT FAC |                    |    |
| Building Information:  | Hwy 62/180 Montana Ave & Loop 375 Widening   |                    |    |

### Environmental Comments/Requirements as Follows...

| Review Info               | Dates                     |
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| Review Status: Initiated  | Initialized: 7/20/2018    |
| Reviewer: Stephen.Sanchez | Suspense: 8/3/2018        |
| Reviewer Phone: 568-4979  | Finalized:                |
| Program Area: GIS         |                           |
| Short Comment:            |                           |
| Comments:                 |                           |
| Attachments:              | Document Reference Files: |
|                           | Attachment URL            |

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| Reviewer: Sue.Sitton                            | Suspense: 8/3/2018     |
| Reviewer Phone: 568-6999                        | Finalized: 7/25/2018   |
| Program Area: Archaeology / Cultural Resourc... |                        |
| Short Comment:                                  |                        |

Comments: July 24- reviewed Loop 375 (Spur to Montana) Only looked at first few pages and cultural sections. P. 1, 2.1--looks like there are duplicated paragraphs with just a few different details. Confusing. Is one of them about one side of the road and the other about the other? TXDOT conducted the survey and consulted with SHPO. The only thing missing in the cultural section is how Inadvertent Discoveries will be handled (esp. possible NAGPRA remains). Otherwise, we concur.

July 25 - reviewed Montana EA. Looked at cultural section. TXDOT conducted the survey and consulted with SHPO. No sites on Fort Bliss along their proposed ROW were determined eligible. Only thing missing in the cultural section is the how Inadvertent Discoveries will be handled (esp. possible NAGPRA remains). Otherwise, we concur.

Attachments: Document Reference Files:

Attachment URL

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| Reviewer:       | Brett.Russell             | Suspense:    | 8/3/2018  |
| Reviewer Phone: | 568-3763                  | Finalized:   |           |
| Program Area:   | Natural Resources Program |              |           |
| Short Comment:  |                           |              |           |

Comments:

Document Reference Files:

Attachments:

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| Review Status:  | Finalized                        | Initialized: | 7/20/2018 |
| Reviewer:       | Elisa.Garcia                     | Suspense:    | 8/3/2018  |
| Reviewer Phone: | 568-0931                         | Finalized:   | 7/23/2018 |
| Program Area:   | Storm Water Program              |              |           |
| Short Comment:  | Concur with comments/attachments |              |           |

Comments:

Read stormwater sections on 23 July 2018 and have no comments.

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| Review Status:  | Finalized                        | Initialized:   | 7/20/2018 |
| Reviewer:       | Isaac.Trejo                      | Suspense:      | 9/11/2018 |
| Reviewer Phone: | 568-0558                         | Finalized:     | 8/10/2018 |
| Program Area:   | POL Storage / UST / AST Manag... |                |           |
| Short Comment:  | Concur                           |                |           |
| Comments:       | No PSTs in this proposed area    |                |           |
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| Reviewer:       | John.Kipp  | Suspense:      | 9/11/2018 |
| Reviewer Phone: | 568-5162   | Finalized:     |           |
| Program Area:   | NEPA Planner   |                |           |
| Short Comment:  | Work In Progress                                     |                |           |
| Comments:       | I will compile Fort Bliss comments to send to TXDOT. |                |           |
| Attachments:    | Document Reference Files:                            |                |           |
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| Review Status:  | Initiated                 | Initialized:   | 7/20/2018 |
| Reviewer:       | Victor.Garcia             | Suspense:      | 9/11/2018 |
| Reviewer Phone: | 568-5205                  | Finalized:     |           |
| Program Area:   | Hazardous Waste Program   |                |           |
| Short Comment:  |                           |                |           |
| Comments:       |                           |                |           |
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Line 843: comments on the invasive species section

The Director of Public Works Environmental Division (DPW-ED) is the proponent for noxious weeds and invasive species management on Fort Bliss and is required by AR 200-1 to conduct mission activities in a manner that precludes the introduction or spread of invasive species. This project will knowingly introduce the invasive non-native African rue in to areas on Fort Bliss currently free of invasive plants. Once African rue is established at the proposed retention ponds, it will be near impossible to eradicate due to the large uncontrolled seed source along the Montana Ave. Constant and costly control measures to include an increase in pesticides would need to be implemented to keep the African rue from spreading to other areas on Fort Bliss.

Non-concur (CX-Log) with the design to create storm water retention ponds on Fort Bliss property. The pipeline and land north of Montana Avenue is heavily infested with the African rue. African rue is an aggressive, toxic and highly invasive nonnative plant that outcompetes native vegetation. Its seeds and root fragments are readily transported by running water and motor vehicles. The Montana Ave expansion project design will drain rain runoff carrying African rue seeds from infested areas along Montana Ave to the proposed retention ponds on Fort Bliss. The retention ponds and channels to the ponds will become infested with African rue. Maintenance of the channel and retention ponds will spread the African rue farther.

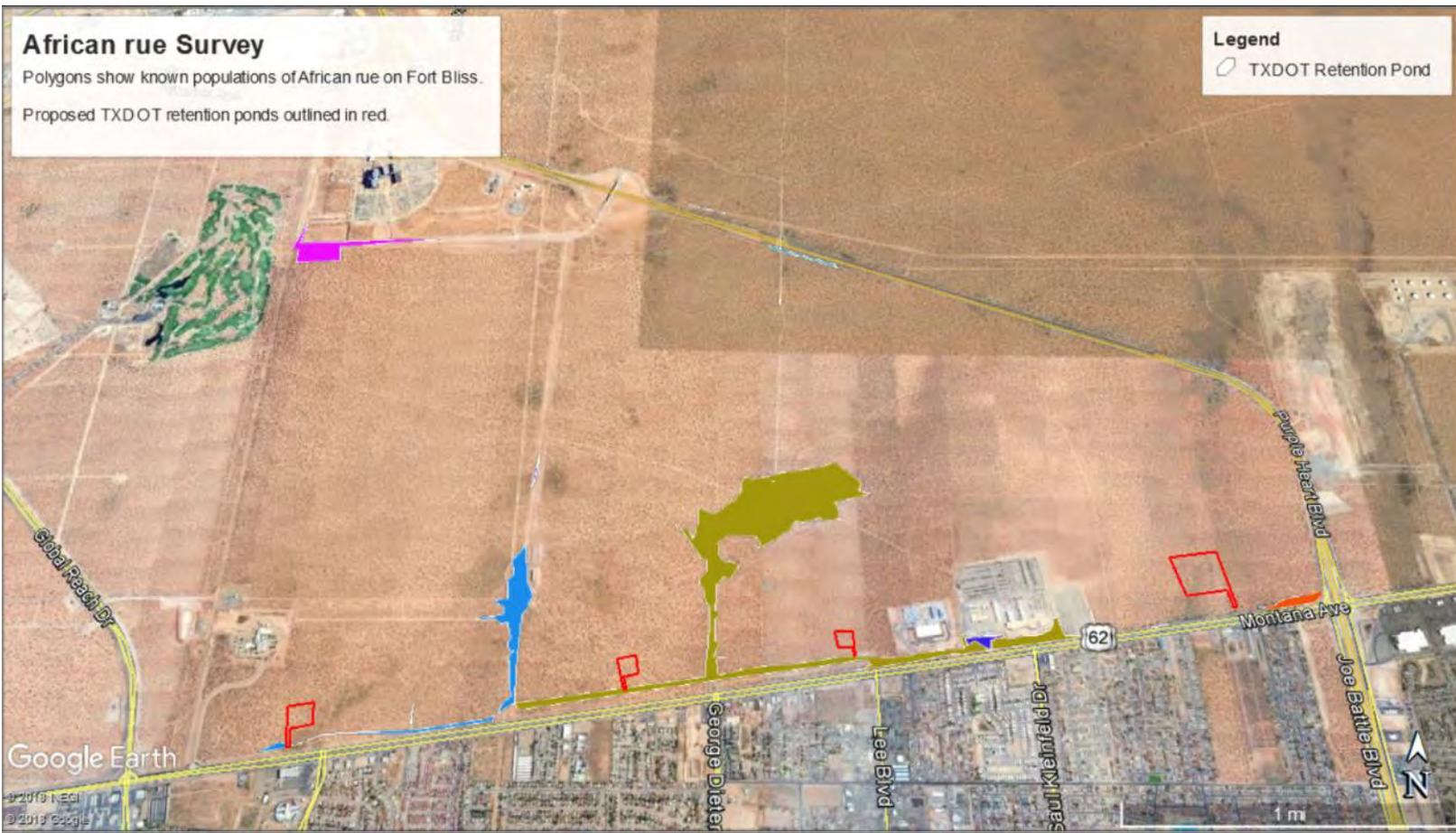
The EA does not discuss the African rue infestation along Montana Ave, or how TXDOT will ensure African rue does not spread to the proposed Fort Bliss retention ponds. What has TXDOT done to manage or eradicate African rue in the project area? The TXDOT documents referenced in the EA describing their invasive species management are generic BMPs. They do not address how, or if, TXDOT will implement an effective control and management plan for African rue as part of the action. The EA needs to provide a map showing the current distribution of African rue in and around the project. It needs to explain how TXDOT will prevent further spread of African rue during and after construction.

Much of the African rue is associated with the water pipeline and the utility easement. The African rue populations need to be controlled and eradicated along the new pipeline for any eradication program to be effective along Montana Ave. There needs to be a commitment in the DOPA that states TXDOT will control and eradicate all the African rue and ensure that it does not spread to the retention ponds proposed to be located on Fort Bliss. How they will do this needs to be explained in the DOPA.

Line 951: Western Burrowing Owls. Need to elaborate on how the burrows and other nesting sites will be identified and protected during the breeding season from Feb 15 to Sep 15. This species uses burrows in mesquite dunes for nesting sites. The MTBA section only discusses nests in trees and other structures. Active burrows can be missed easily by construction crews. Need to explain what specific measures will be taken to avoid taking young owls in the burrows.

# TXDOT EA Review for Montana Ave Expansion

Friday, August 10, 2018 8:35 AM



**Appendix F**  
**Speaker Registration Cards**

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## SPEAKER REGISTRATION CARD

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NAME (print): MARTY SCHAFFER

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMB \_\_\_\_\_

REPRESENTING (optional): FAR EAST

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NAME (print):

Robert Sanchez

ADDRESS:



PHONE NUMBER:

REPRESENTING (optional):

Citizen

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NAME (print): Daniel S Gonzalez

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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# **APPENDIX G**

## **FIGURES**

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**Representative Photographs**

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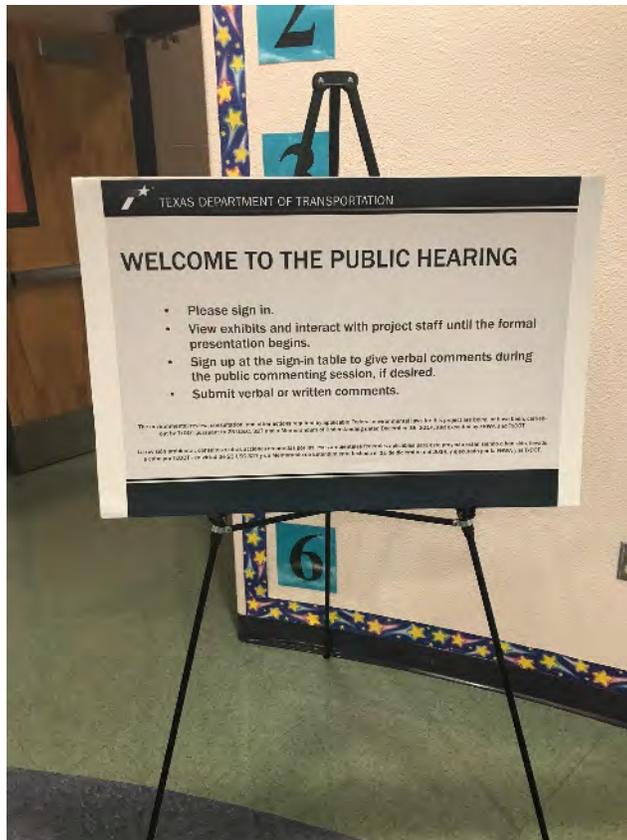
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*Photo 1: Outdoor Welcome Board located along the walkway to the entrance of the Public Hearing, located at R.E.L. Washington Elementary School.*



*Photo 2: Indoor directional sign leading to the gymnasium entrance.*



*Photo 3: Welcome board located at the entrance of the hearing, which includes the FHWA-TxDOT MOU language.*



*Photo 4: Sign-in Table located at the entrance to the hearing.*



Photo 5: Project Location Map exhibit board.

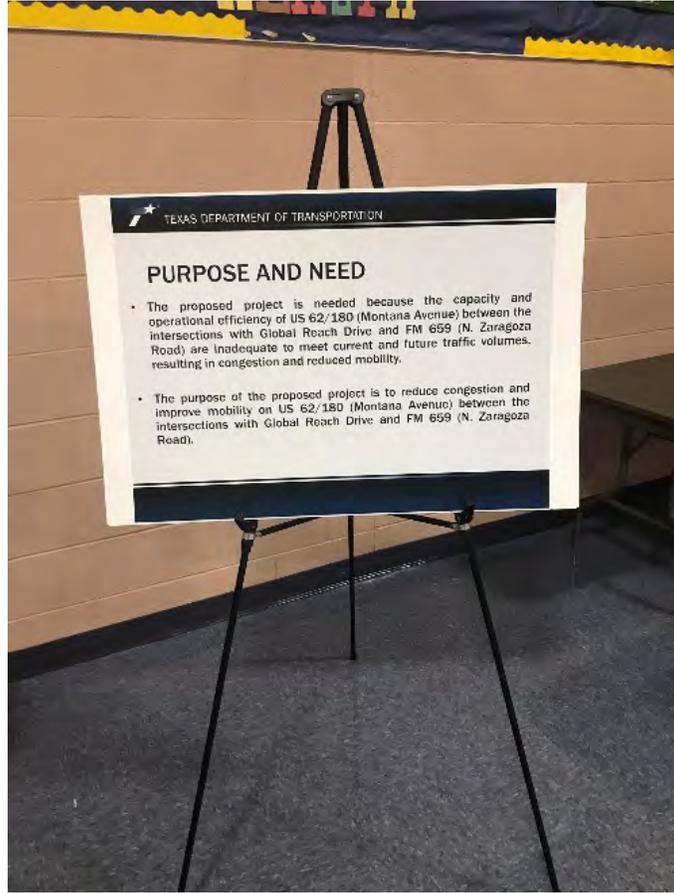


Photo 6: Purpose and Need exhibit board.

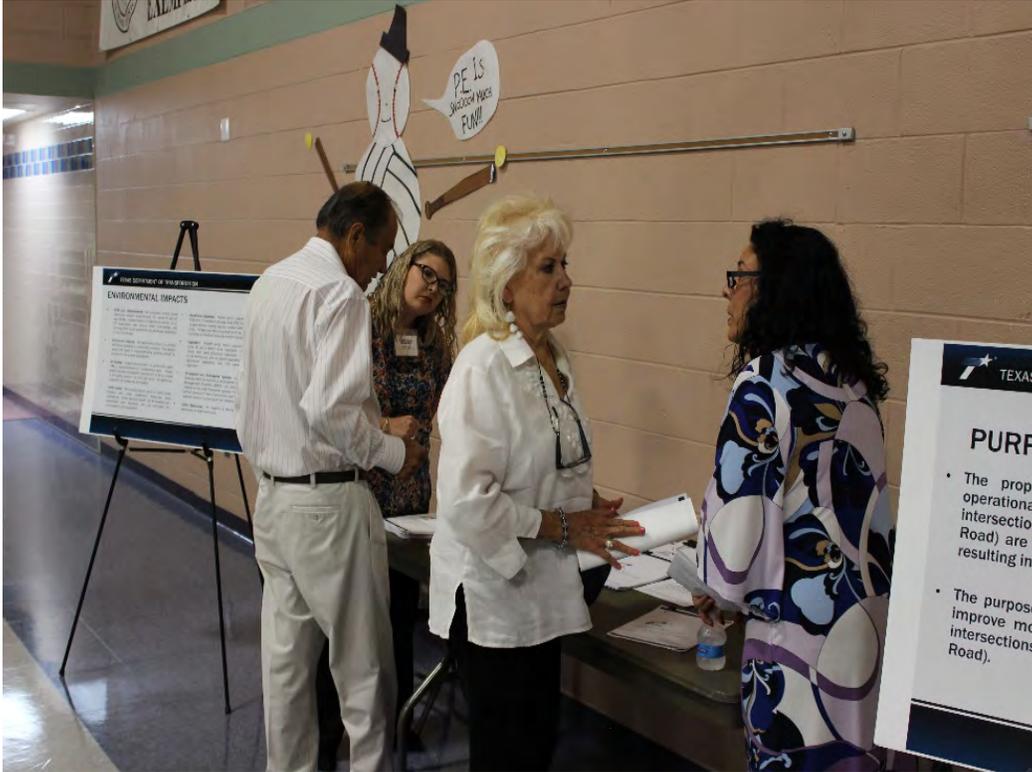


Photo 7: Public members interacting with the Project Team at the Environmental Station.

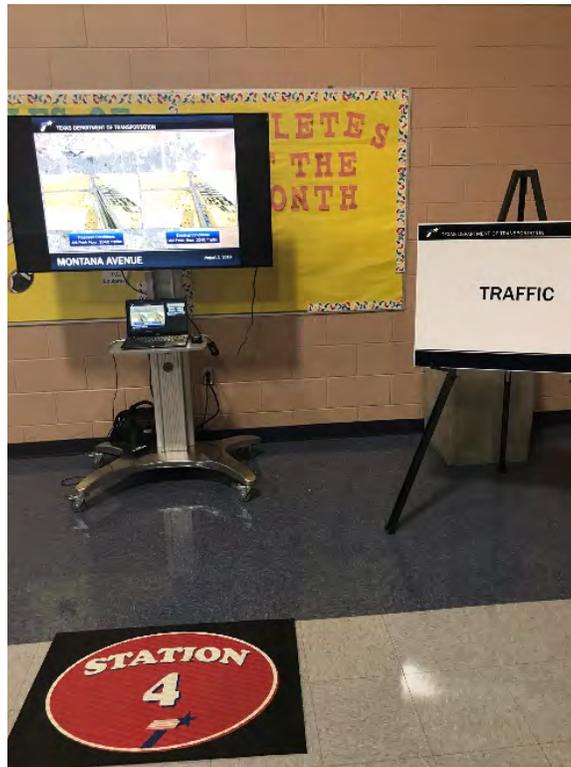


Photo 8: Traffic station.



Photo 9: Public members interacting with the Project Team at the Schematic Station.



Photo 10: Overpass and underpass typical sections and 3D intersection visualization exhibit boards.



Photo 11: 3D Intersection Visualization exhibit boards.



Photo 12: Project Phasing Station, including exhibit boards showing the proposed improvements for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project.



*Photo 13: Public member interacting with the Project Team at the 3D Video of the proposed project.*



*Photo 14: Public member interacting with the Project Team at the ROW Station.*

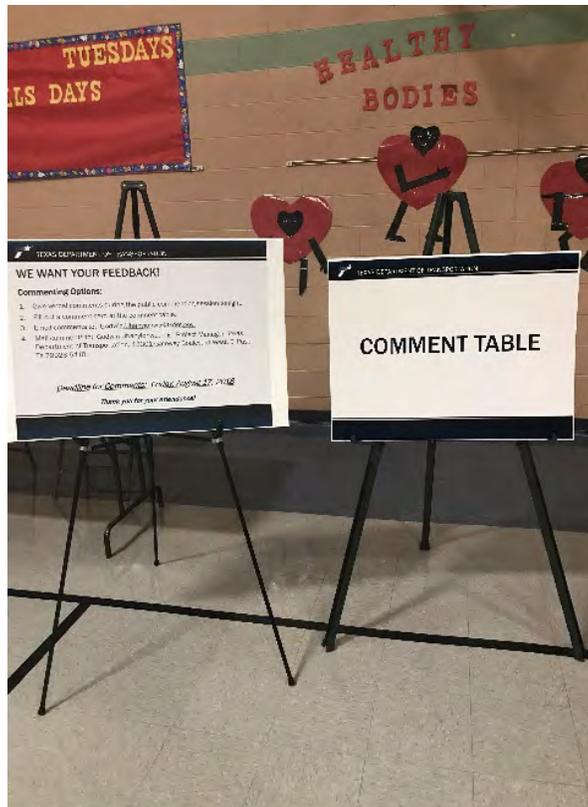


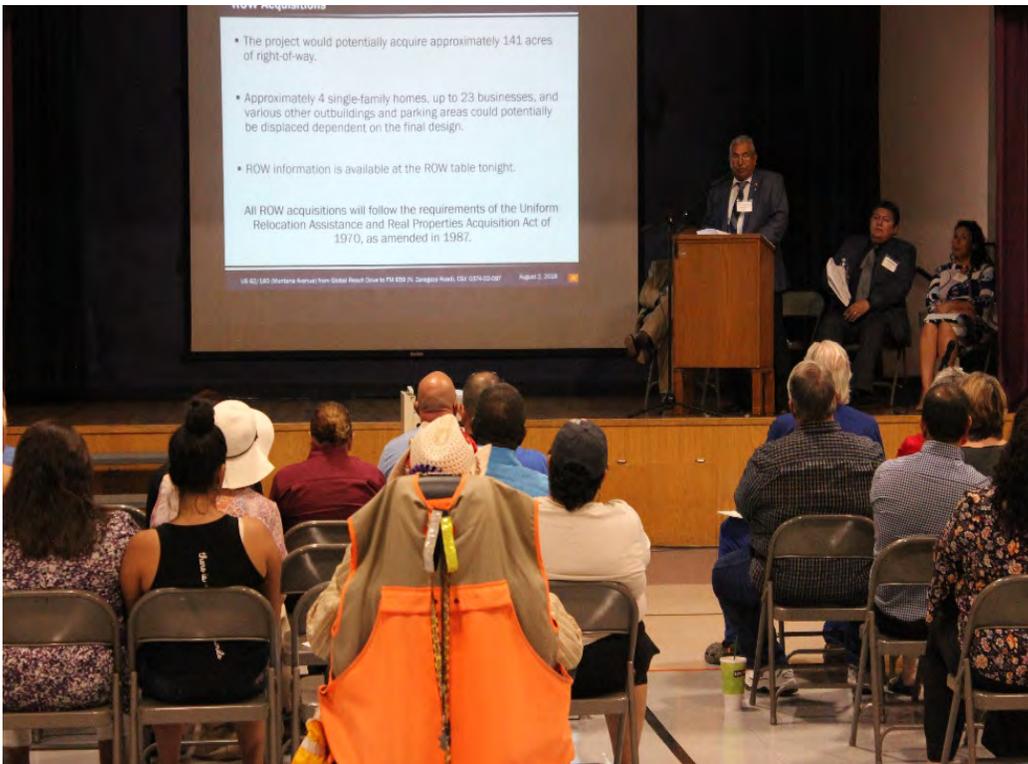
Photo 15: Comment Table and Commenting Options exhibit board located near the hearing's exit doors.



Photo 16: Bob Bielek, District Engineer with TxDOT El Paso District, beginning the formal presentation.



*Photo 17: Jose Reyes, Project Manager with Dannenbaum Engineering, describing the proposed project during the formal presentation.*



*Photo 18: Manny Hernandez, ROW Agent with TxDOT, describing the ROW acquisition process during the formal presentation.*



*Photo 19: Lena Camarillo, Environmental Task Lead with Poznecki-Camarillo, Inc., describing the purpose and need and environmental impacts of the proposed project during the formal presentation.*



*Photo 20: Individual providing verbal testimony during the formal public commenting session.*



*Photo 21: Individual providing verbal testimony during the formal public commenting session.*



*Photo 22: Individual providing verbal testimony during the formal public commenting session.*



*Photo 23: Media station interviewing Bob Bielek, District Engineer with TxDOT, at the hearing.*





## **PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

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

Thursday, August 2, 2018

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. (open house), 6:00 p.m. (formal presentation)

R.E.L. Washington Elementary School

- I. Open House, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- II. Welcome & Introductions
- III. Hearing Information, Procedures, and Public Hearing Notice
- IV. Project Overview
- V. Environmental Overview
- VI. Recess, 15 Minutes
- VII. Reconvene
- VIII. Formal Public Commenting Session

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- IX. Adjournment

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Jueves, 2 de agosto de 2018

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R.E.L. Washington Elementary School

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- III. Información, Procedimientos y Aviso de Audiencia Pública
- IV. Descripción del Proyecto
- V. Descripción Ambiental
- VI. Receso, de 15 minutos
- VII. Volver a Convocar
- VIII. Sesión de Comentarios Públicos Formales

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**COMMENT FORM**

Thank you for attending tonight's Public Hearing. Please use the space below to submit written comments. Attach additional pages if necessary. Please drop the completed form in the comment box or give to one of the project representatives at the hearing tonight. You may also email comments to [Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov](mailto:Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov), or mail to the address provided below. All written comments must be postmarked by Friday, August 17, 2018 to be included in the official public hearing record. Thank you for your comments.

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Written comments submitted by mail must be postmarked by Friday, August 17, 2018 and sent to:

Texas Department of Transportation  
Godwin Ubanyionwu, P.E., Project Manager  
13301 Gateway Boulevard West  
El Paso, Texas 79928-5410

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C/O GODWIN UBANYIONWU, PROJECT MANAGER  
13301 GATEWAY BOULEVARD WEST  
EL PASO, TX 79928-5410**



## AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

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R.E.L. Escuela Primaria Washington

### FORMULARIO DE COMENTARIOS

Gracias por asistir a la Audiencia Pública de esta noche. Utilice el espacio a continuación para enviar comentarios por escrito, adjunte páginas adicionales si es necesario. Suelte el formulario completo en el cuadro de comentarios o entréguelo a uno de los representantes del proyecto en la audiencia de esta noche. También puede enviar sus comentarios por correo electrónico a [Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov](mailto:Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov), o enviarlos por correo a la dirección que se proporciona a continuación. Todos los comentarios escritos deben tener el sello postal del viernes 17 de agosto de 2018 para ser incluidos en el registro oficial de la audiencia pública. Gracias por tus comentarios.

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NOMBRE (letra de molde): \_\_\_\_\_

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REPRESENTANDO (opcional): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Exhibits (Display Boards)**

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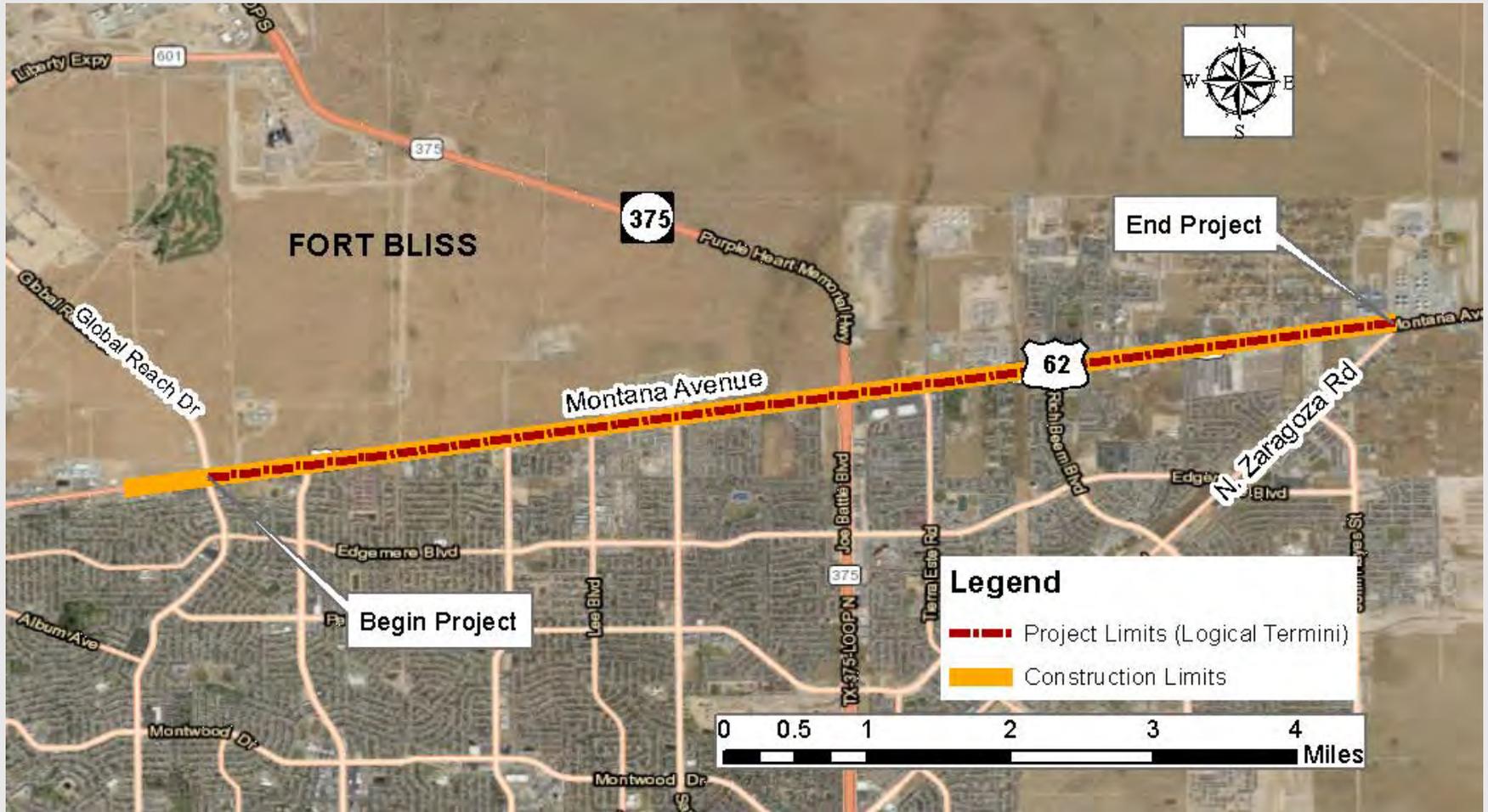
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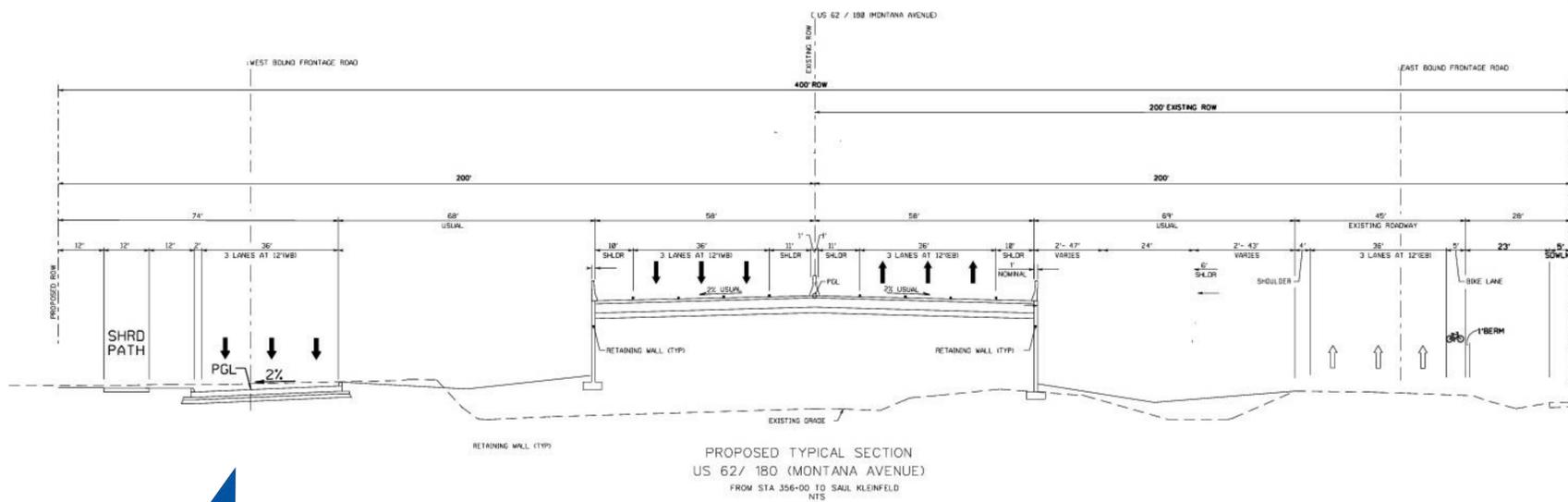
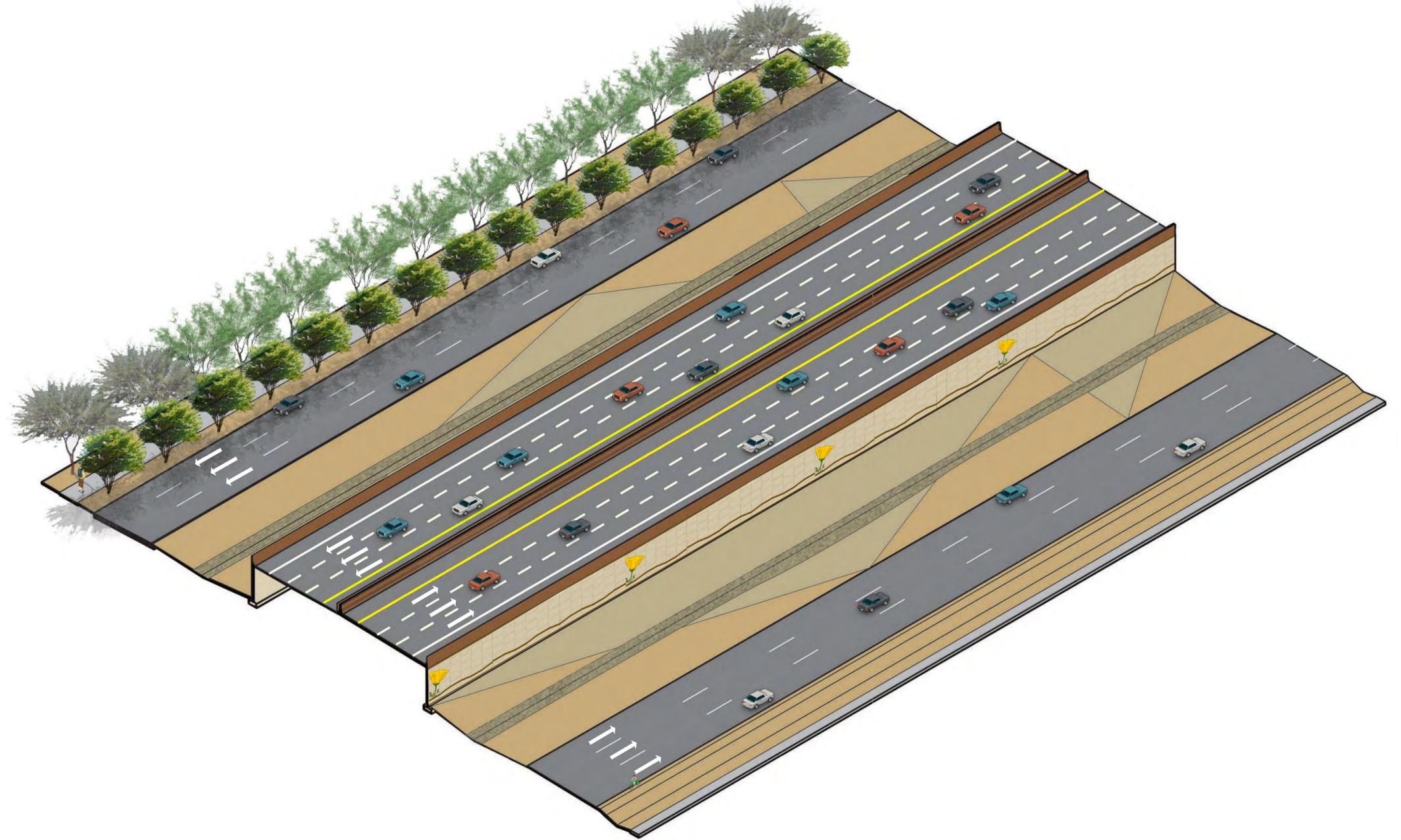
# PURPOSE AND NEED

- The proposed project is needed because the capacity and operational efficiency of US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) between the intersections with Global Reach Drive and FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road) are inadequate to meet current and future traffic volumes, resulting in congestion and reduced mobility.
- The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce congestion and improve mobility on US 62/180 (Montana Avenue) between the intersections with Global Reach Drive and FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road).



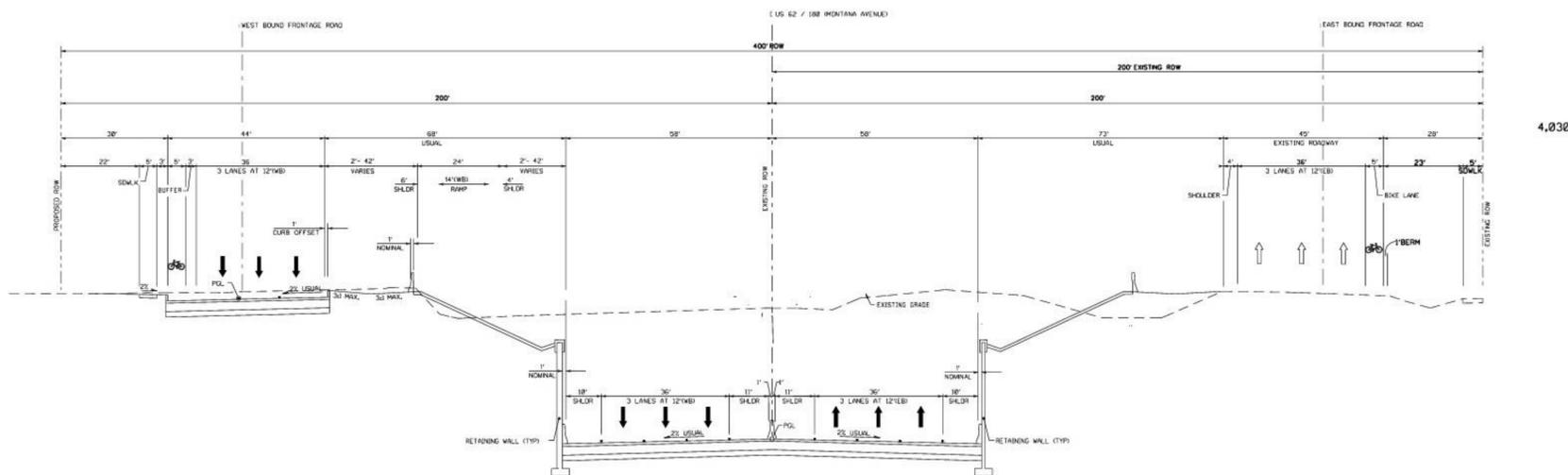
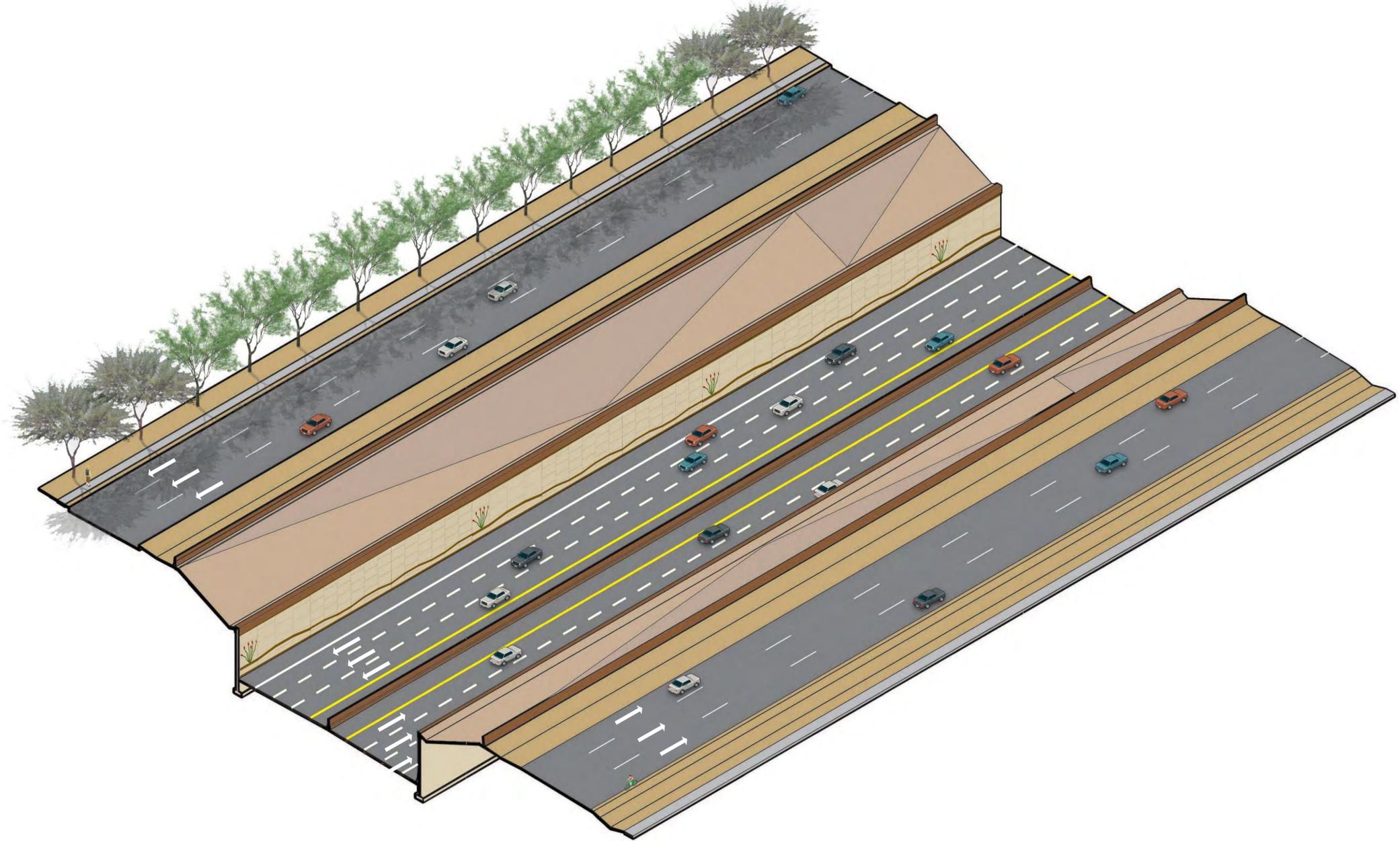
# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

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**PROPOSED US 62/180 (MONTANA AVE.)**  
**TYPICAL ELEVATED SECTION**  
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PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION  
 US 62/ 180 (MONTANA AVENUE)  
 SAUL KLERFELD TO LOOP 375  
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**PROPOSED US 62/180 (MONTANA AVE.)**  
**TYPICAL DEPRESSED SECTION**  
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EXISTING ACCESS ROAD

FUTURE GEORGE DIETER  
EXTENSION



**US 62/180 (MONTANA AVENUE)  
AT YARBROUGH/  
GLOBAL REACH DRIVE**  
(DESIGN CONCEPT FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY AND  
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# WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

## Commenting Options:

1. Give verbal comments during the public commenting session tonight.
2. Fill out a comment card at the comment table.
3. Email comments to: [Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov](mailto:Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov).
4. Mail comments to: Godwin Ubanyionwu, P.E., Project Manager, Texas Department of Transportation, 13301 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, TX 79928-5410.

***Deadline for Comments: Friday, August 17, 2018***

***Thank you for your attendance!***





# 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.
  
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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

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**  
**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.

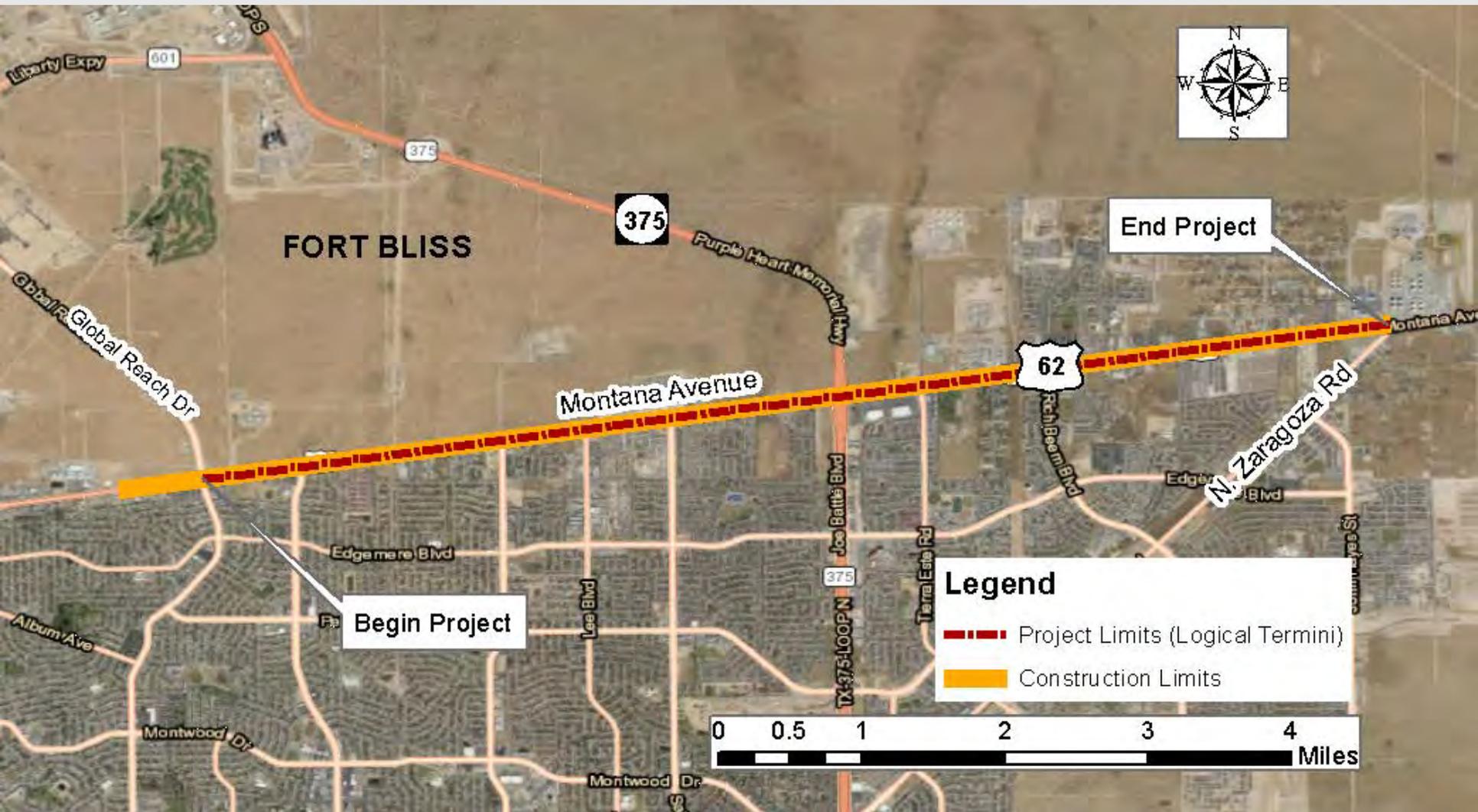
If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Godwin Ubanyionwu at (915) 790-4359 or [Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov](mailto:Godwin.Ubanyionwu@txdot.gov).

*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

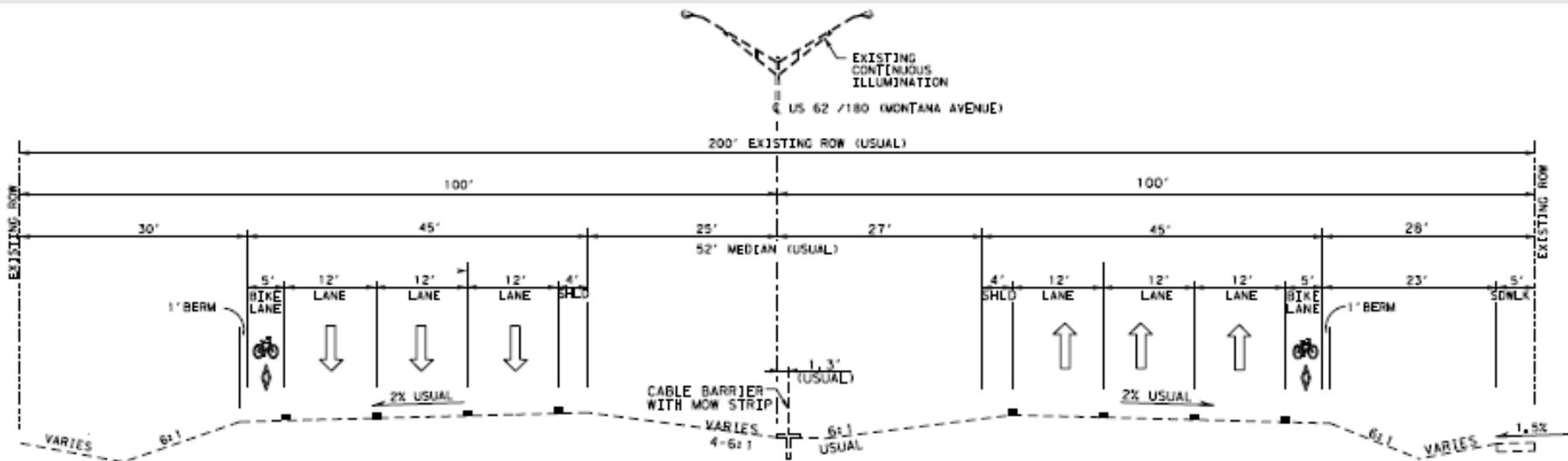
# Project Location



# 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

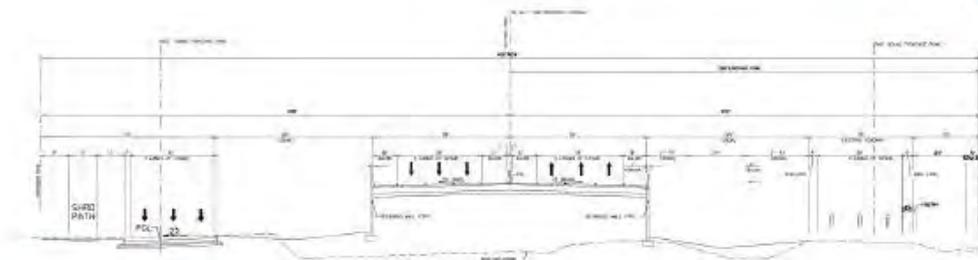


EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION  
 US 62/ 180 (MONTANA AVENUE)  
 FROM GLOBAL REACH TO LOOP 375

# 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

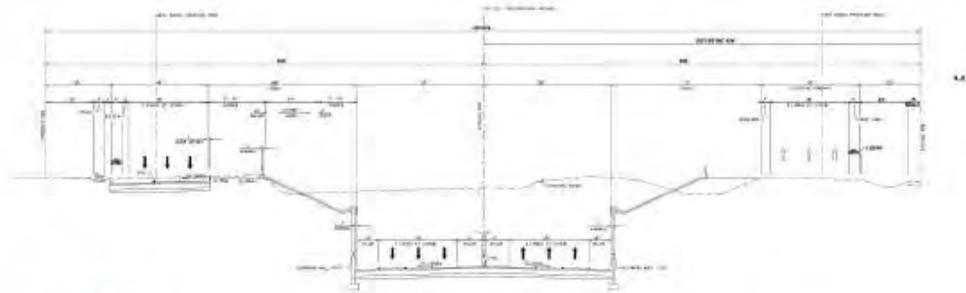
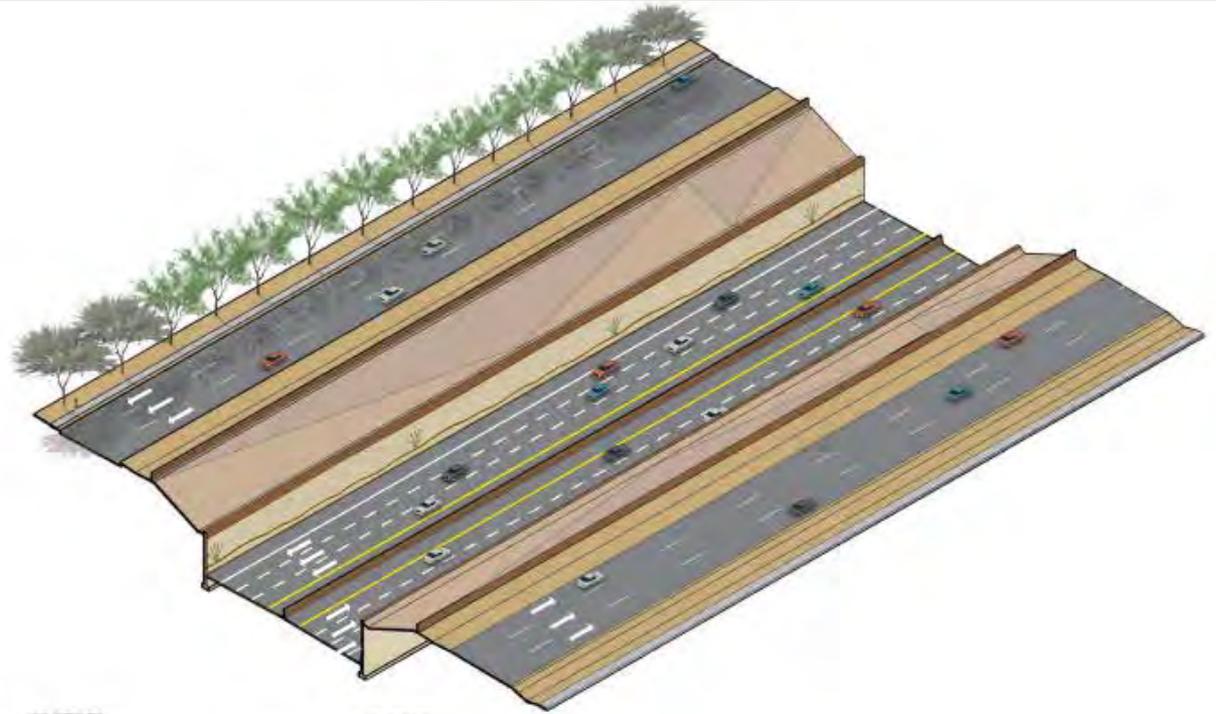


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# Proposed Project- Depressed Typical Section



PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION  
(50 FEET SECTIONAL DIMENSIONS)  
(NOT TO SCALE)

**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

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- **Proposed Letting Date:** October 2018
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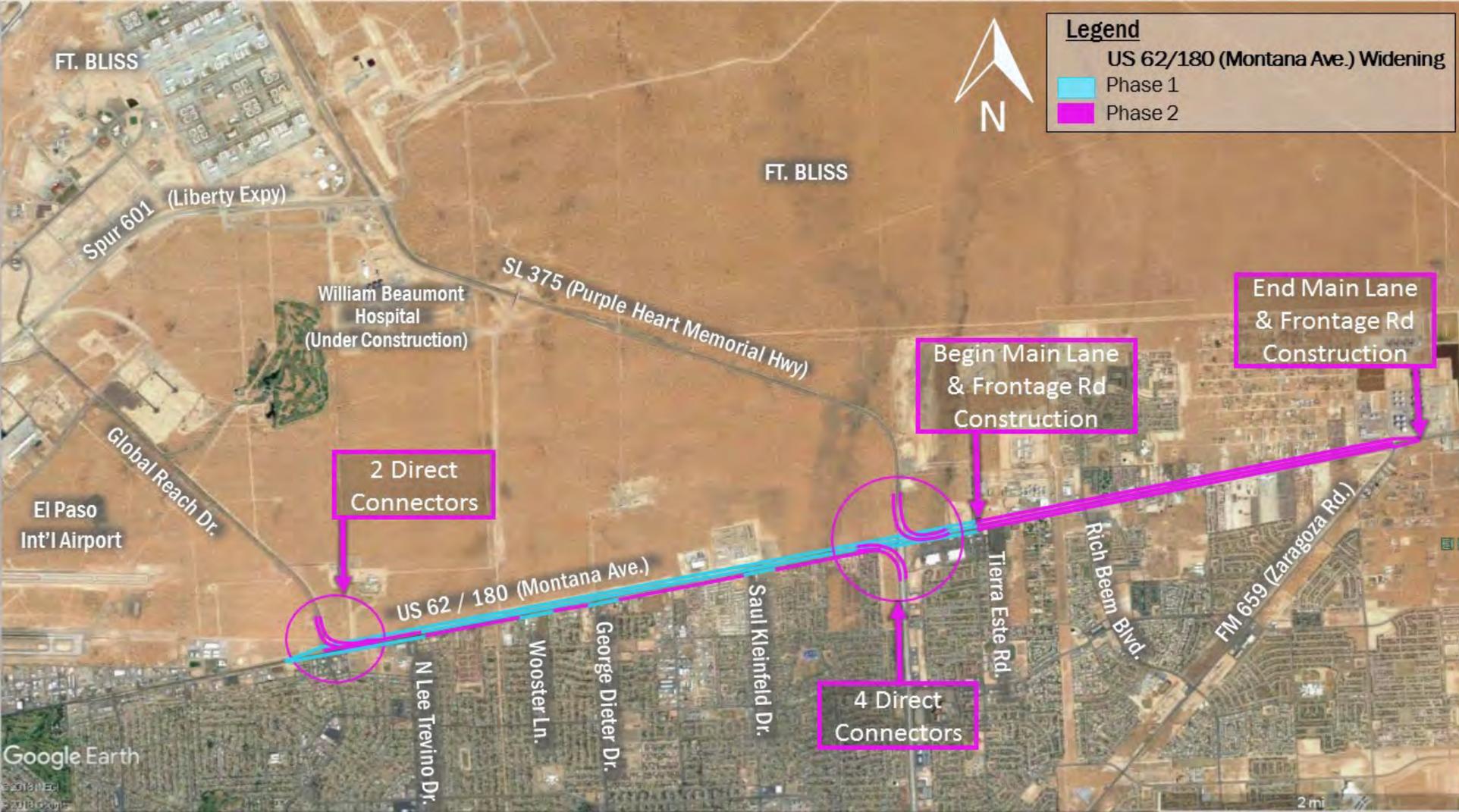
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## MONTANA PHASE 2

- Project Limits: from Global Reach Drive  
to FM 659 (N. Zaragoza Road)
- Proposed Letting Date: TBD
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# Proposed Project – Phase 2



# ROW Acquisitions

- The project would potentially acquire approximately 141 acres of right-of-way.
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- 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

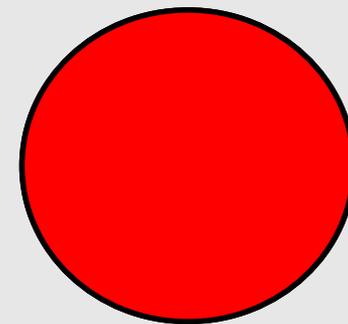
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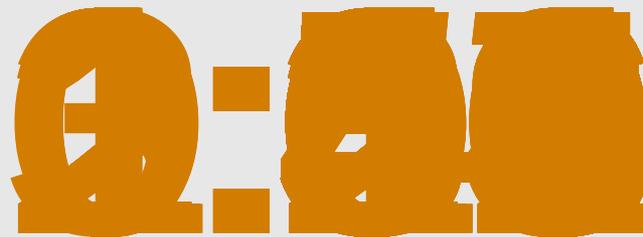
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15 minutes

## RECESS



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**Public Comment Session: 3 Minutes**

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