



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



US 67 CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN CSJ# 5000-00-116

Corridor Working Group Meeting No. 2



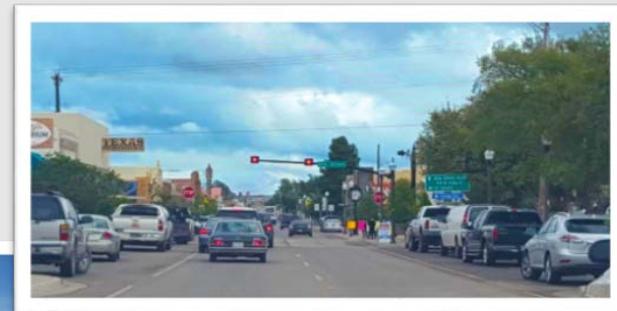
US 67 CORRIDOR
MASTER PLAN



April 5, 2018

Agenda

- Welcome
 - Safety briefing
- Meeting overview and introductions
- Summary of CWG meeting #1
 - Study background and approach
 - Corridor Working Group (CWG) role
 - Past activities and schedule
- Group workshop to discuss issues and needs
 - Report back from workshop
- Lunch
 - Public meeting series # 1
- Question and Answers
- Moving forward/next steps
- Wrap up



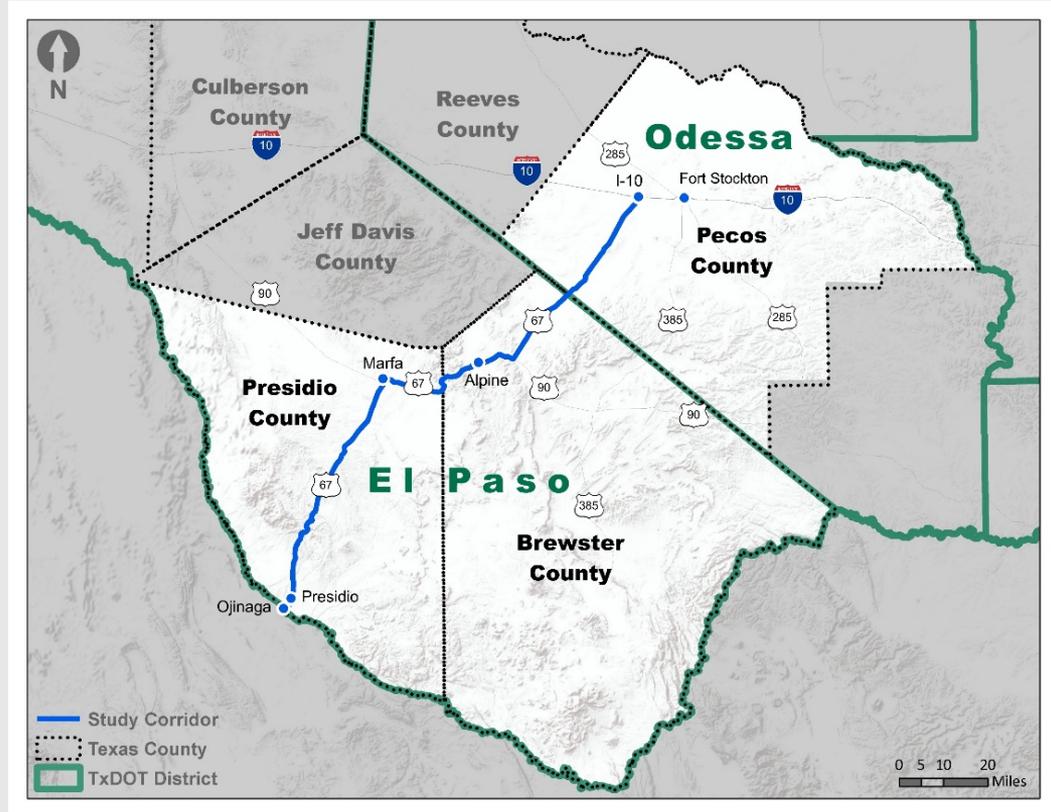
Welcome and Introductions

- Introductions
 - Name
 - Organization
 - One key takeaway from Jan 23, 2018 CWG meeting (if attended)



Study Background

- Study corridor limits
- What is a Corridor Master Plan?
 - Defines corridor challenges and opportunities
 - Evaluates possible solutions
 - Identifies short-, mid-, and long-term transportation improvements to:
 - Improve safety
 - Improve quality of life
 - Improve traffic flow
 - Several other aspects



Study Approach

- Current conditions
 - Traffic volumes, bicycle/pedestrian amenities, environmental constraints, crashes, origin-destination patterns, traffic speeds
- Current and future needs
 - Level of service, planned developments, travel times
- Public outreach to identify needs, issues, and potential solutions
- Assess feasibility of solutions to meet needs
- Develop recommendations to enhance safety and mobility

Corridor Working Group (CWG) Role

- Provide input on study approach and effective public participation and presentation of results
- Help identify key corridor concerns
- Help explain recommendations to public
- Help ensure plan is implemented



CWG Expectations

- Your participation on CWG meetings (anticipated quarterly)
 - Meetings can be in person, conference calls, or via the web
 - Can send a proxy
- Participation in public meetings/community events
- Continued involvement for 2 years
- Provide input throughout the process
 - CWG meeting #2 primarily seeks input



Past Activities

- Data collection
- Bus tour #1 – December 2017
- Presentation to Rio Grande Council of Governments – January 19, 2018
- CWG meeting #1 – January 23, 2018
- Website creation
- March 24, 2018 safety event at the Alpine Civic Center, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- **CWG meeting #2 – April 5, 2018**



Schedule



Summary from CWG Meeting # 1



Summary from CWG Meeting # 1

- Key discussion items from CWG Meeting No. 1
 - Appreciate panel members support for the project
 - Important to address safety concerns, speed limits, local and holiday traffic, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities
 - Truck traffic concerns
 - Solitaire Homes expansion
 - Chinati Foundation attendance quadrupled this year
 - Different recreational spots (Chinati Mountains) along the corridor need places to pull over



Summary from CWG Meeting # 1

- Comments Received from CWG
 - Safety: Rest area on US 67, add passing lanes, signage at passing lanes
 - Cell phone coverage and emergency communications
 - Pedestrian/bicycle facilities: improve sidewalks, add bike lanes
 - Need to centerline treatments in addition to double-yellow lines
 - Information signs in Marfa and Alpine alerting delays at POE
 - Bypass for trucks/faster vehicles around Cities
 - Scenic pullovers at viewpoints
 - Dark skies regulation





Summary from CWG Meeting # 1 – Current Focus Groups

1. Environmental/ Natural Resources

- State and national parks
 - Regular agencies

2. Economic Development/Businesses

- Tourism
- Commerce
- Lending banks
- Real estate

3. Private Landowners (Farmers/Ranchers)

4. Community Organizations/ Non-Profits

- Historic resources
 - Universities

5. Local Media and Press

6. Safety

- Emergency management
- Pedestrian and cyclist safety

7. School Districts

8. Border Trends and Issues

9. Regional and International Coordination

Group Workshop Overview

- We are here to listen
- You will drive the workshop discussion
- Workshop format:
 - Interactive discussion
 - Each table will discuss four topics (15 minutes each)
 - Elect a CWG representative per table to report out discussion points
 - Project team will facilitate and guide the discussion
 - Goal: Stimulate discussion and exchange ideas

Group Workshop – Topic 1

- Think about the safety issues along the corridor:
 - What are the pedestrian/bicycle/vehicle safety issues that need to be addressed?
 - What are the locations of specific safety concerns?



Group Workshop – Topic 2

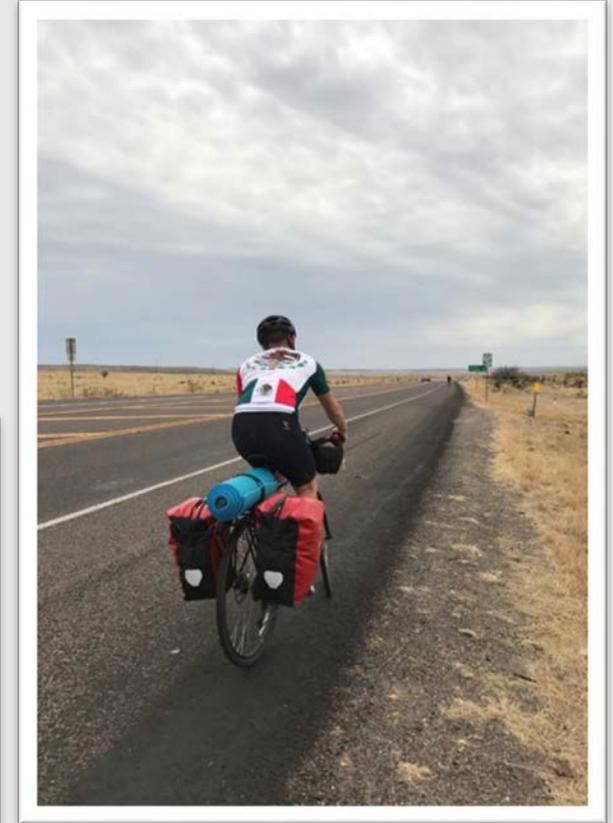
- In 2016, a hazmat truck crash blocked the road for almost a day.
 - How can we better plan to address these types of incidents in the future?
 - How can we improve overall emergency response along the corridor?



Photo of the crash scene near Marfa posted by Travis Bubenik, morning host and reporter with Marfa Public Radio
@traviswesttx on Twitter.

Group Workshop – Topic 3

- Tourism and other activities are bringing lots of traffic to the US 67 corridor
 - How can we best balance growing traffic along US 67 with maintaining quality of life in our communities?



What are your top priorities for this corridor plan that need to be addressed?



Group Workshop Wrap Up

- Report back from the workshop
 - Key points
 - Issues raised
 - Potential solutions
 - Other?



Lunch Break



SPRING 2018 PUBLIC MEETINGS

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM CST

Alpine

Monday
May 14, 2018

Civic Center

Fort Stockton

Tuesday
May 15, 2018

Rooney Park

Marfa

Wednesday
May 16, 2018

USO Building

Presidio

Thursday
May 17, 2018

Presidio
Activity Center
(PAC)

Public Meeting Series 1 – Information

- Open House format with information exhibits
- Station layout
 - Station 1: Welcome and Sign-in
 - Station 2: Welcome Video
 - Station 3: Background Information
 - Station 4: Goals for the Corridor
 - Station 5: Safety Concerns
 - Station 6: Corridor Characteristics
 - Station 7: Challenges and Needs
 - Station 8: Comments
- Draft exhibits



Station 1 and 2 Draft Exhibits

- Welcome packet to include:
 - Study fact sheets in English and Spanish
 - Flyer in English and Spanish
 - Room layout handout in English and Spanish
 - Comment form in English and Spanish
 - Handout with QR codes for MindMixer, ViewPro, and TxDOT website
- Welcome video:
 - Overview from TxDOT with thoughts from mayors and judges

Public Meeting
US 67 Corridor Master Plan
CSJ: 5000-00-116
Thursday, May 17, 2018
5:00 PM CST

Presidio Activity Center
1200 E. O'Reilly
Presidio, TX 79845

US 67 CORRIDOR

SIGN-IN SHEET (please print)

NAME	ORGANIZATION	PHONE	EMAIL

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Station 3 Draft Exhibits – Background Information



**US 67 CORRIDOR
MASTER PLAN**

US 67 CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN PURPOSE

The Corridor Master Plan will identify and evaluate current and future transportation needs along US 67 from Interstate 10 to the Presidio Port of Entry.

Key objectives are to obtain feedback from stakeholders, define corridor challenges and opportunities, and recommend short-, mid-, and long-term improvements to enhance mobility and safety.

Organizations Involved in the US 67 Master Plan

CITY OFFICIALS

- City of Presidio
- City of Alpine
- City of Ft. Stockton
- Town of Van Horn

PARKS / AGENCIES

- Big Bend National Park
- Davis Mountains State Park
- McDonald Observatory
- McDonald Observatory, College of Natural Sciences
- International Boundary and Water Commission
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection Head Quarters
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection Big Bend Sector
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection El Paso Sector
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection Presidio HOC
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)
- Big Bend Regional Hospital District
- Big Bend Regional Medical Center

RADIO / NEWSPAPER / TV

- KRTS-Marfa Public Radio
- Alpine Radio (KXLF & KALP)
- Valentine Radio
- Alpine Awauncha
- Fort Stockton Pioneer
- Jeff Davis County Mountain Dispatch
- "Big Bend Now (Big Bend Sentinel, Presidio International)"
- Big Bend Gazette
- KWES News@59
- KDSA-TV CBS 7
- KPET FOX 24

COUNTY OFFICIALS

- Presidio County
- Pecos County
- Jeff Davis County

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

- Texas House Member
- Texas Senate

ADVOCACY GROUPS

- "Big Bend Conservancy (Friends of Big Bend)"
- Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club
- Big Bend Defense Coalition
- Defend Big Bend
- Big Bend Conservation Alliance
- Rio Grande Council of Governments
- Texas AGM AgriLife Extension
- Big Bend Leadership
- Sul Ross University
- Chissey Foundation, Marfa
- Big Bend Community Action Committee
- Brewster County Office of Emergency Management
- Alpine Downtown Association Depot Committee.
- Alpine Big Bend "Save Ambar"
- Alpine Downtown Association
- Alpine Downtown Association and La Archa Artist

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- Presidio Independent School District
- Marfa Independent School District
- Alpine Independent School District
- Marathon Independent School District
- Fort Stockton Independent School District

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE /OTHER

- Big Bend Chamber of Commerce
- Presidio Municipal Development District
- Marfa Chamber of Commerce
- Alpine Chamber of Commerce
- Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce
- Ft. Stockton Chamber of Commerce

FREIGHT

- Alpine Rancher/Leader
- Big Bend Regional Sierra Club
- Big Bend Telephone
- Brewster County
- Bulklet Transport Services
- Chili Factory in Presidio
- City of Marfa
- Classic Transportation (Alpine)
- Customs Broker, Presidio City Council
- El Comodoro
- Fort Stockton Chamber of Commerce
- Grauel pit northeast of Alpine
- Highland Concrete (Alpine)
- Presidio International Port Authority
- R&D Trucking (Presidio)
- Sammet Sanchez Trucking (Presidio)
- Texas Trucking Association
- Union Pacific Railroad

TRUCK

- TxDOT El Paso District
- TxDOT Odessa District
- TxDOT Public Involvement Section, TPP
- TxDOT Freight and International Trade, TPP

U.S. CONGRESS

- United States House of Representatives

U.S. SENATE

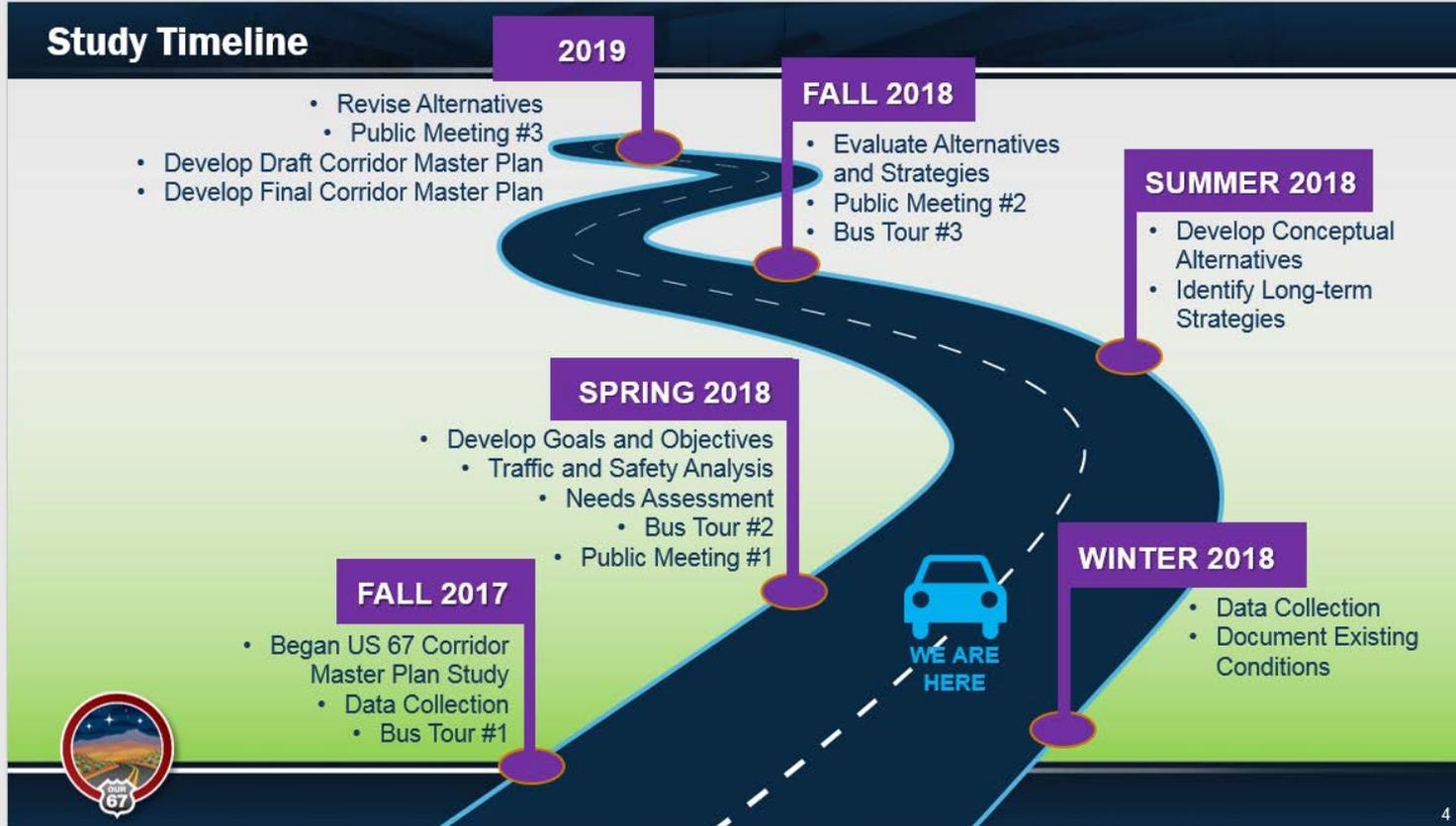
- United States Senate

OTHERS

- Real Estate/Business Entity (Obico Creek Ranch)
- Texas Specific Transportation LTD.
- PCAD (Former Presidio County Judge)
- Member of Public
- Farmer/Rancher
- Ft. Davis Rancher
- Marfa Realtor
- Marfa Business Leader
- State/National Park
- Mexican Consulate
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- American Trucking Association, International Motor Carrier
- Energy Transfer, Pipeline
- Costco Owner
- Marfa Organizations (Rotary, Women's Art, Historical Commission)
- Ft. Ocean Associates, Inc.
- Hernandez Law Group



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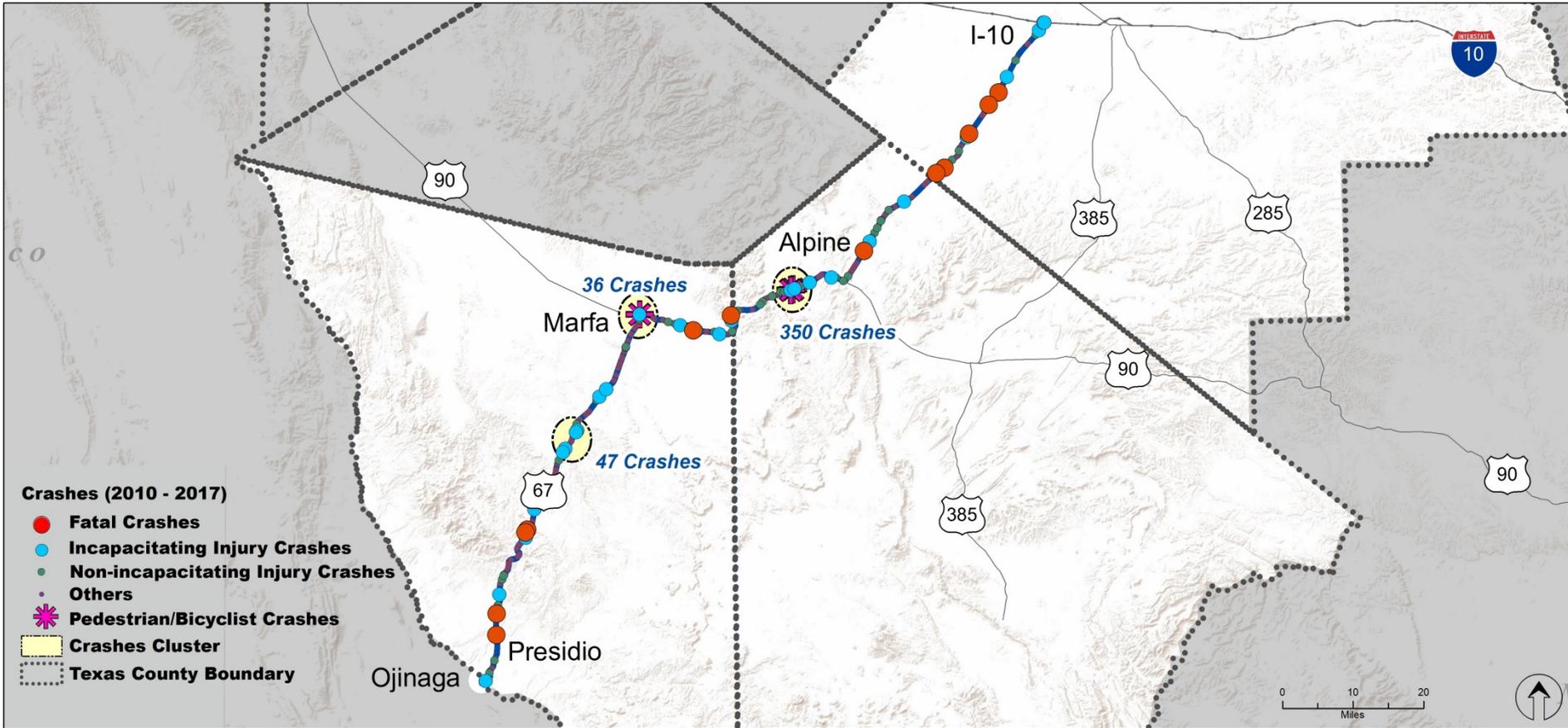


Station 4 Draft Exhibits – Goals for the Corridor Master Plan

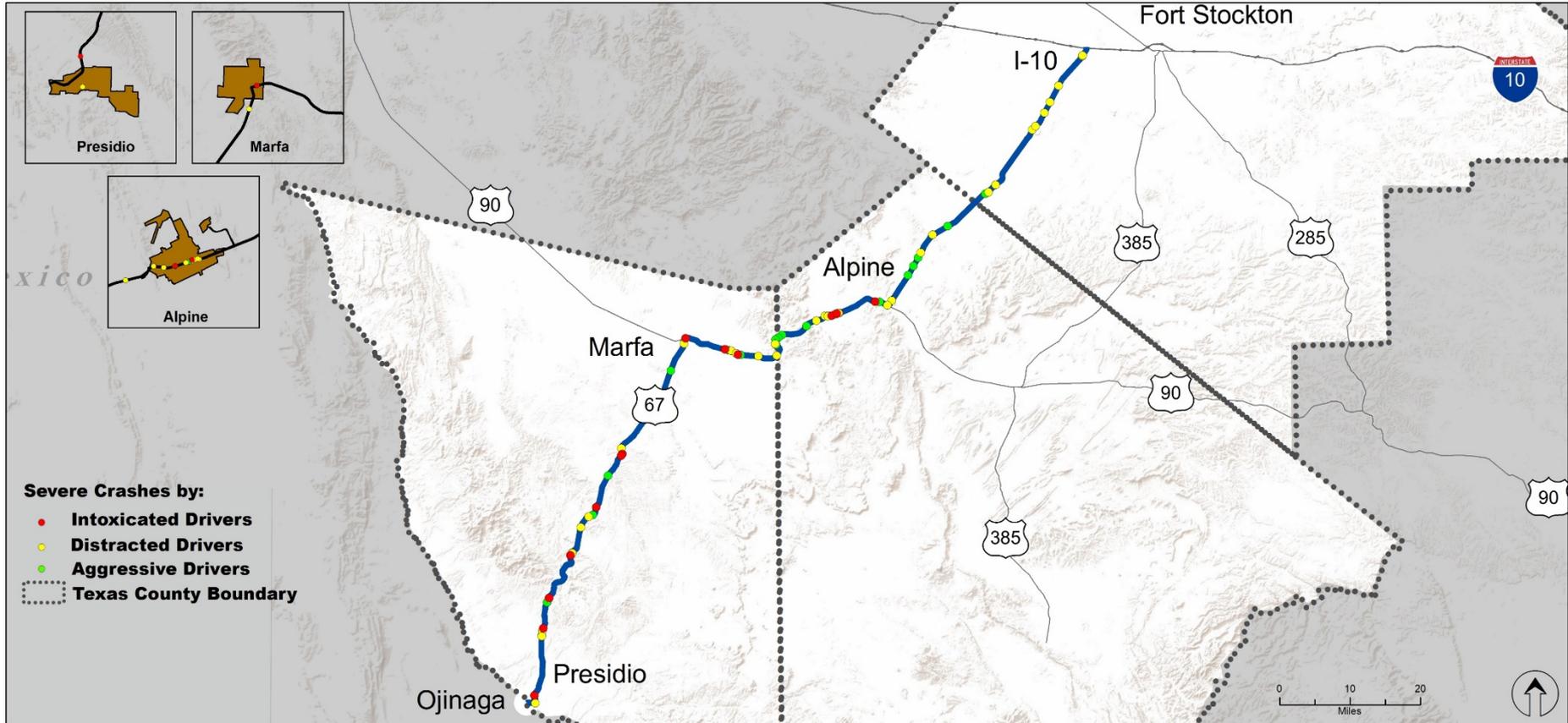
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GOALS FOR THE CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN		PLEASE USE DOTS TO INDICATE WHICH CRITERIA ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU
 SAFETY	Focus on safety issues and minimizing crashes	
 MOBILITY	Focus on improving mobility and speed	
 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Focus on jobs, business, and tourism development	
 MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIVITY	Focus on offering connections to non-automobile modes	
 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION	Make the corridor more bicycle and pedestrian friendly	
 STATE OF GOOD REPAIR	Focus on maintaining existing infrastructure on the corridor	
 SUSTAINABILITY	Promote environmental sustainability and healthy communities	
 EMERGENCY RESPONSE / MANAGEMENT	Focus on rapid, effective response to public safety emergencies	
 OTHER	Please specify in the space to the right	

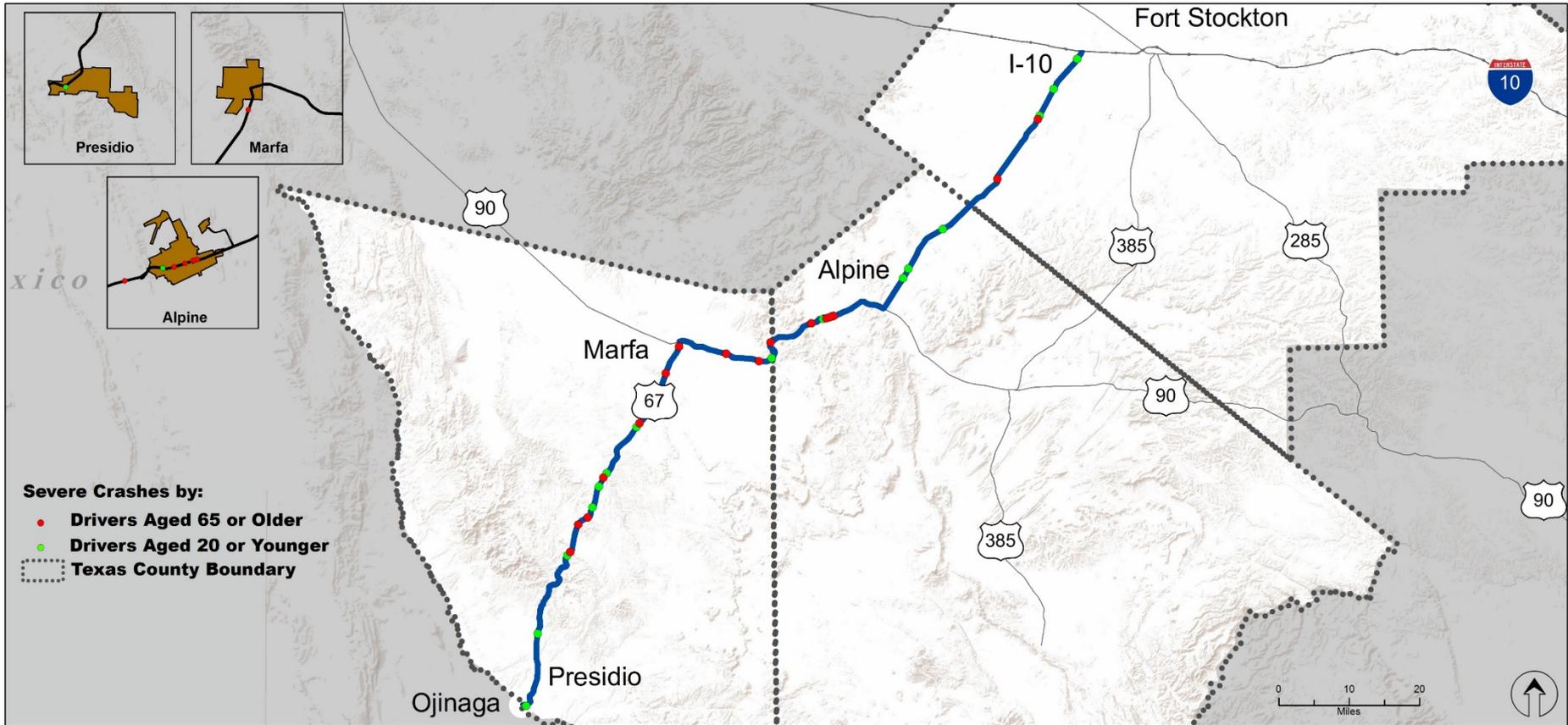
Station 5 Draft Exhibits – Safety Concerns: Crashes Along the Corridor 2010–2017



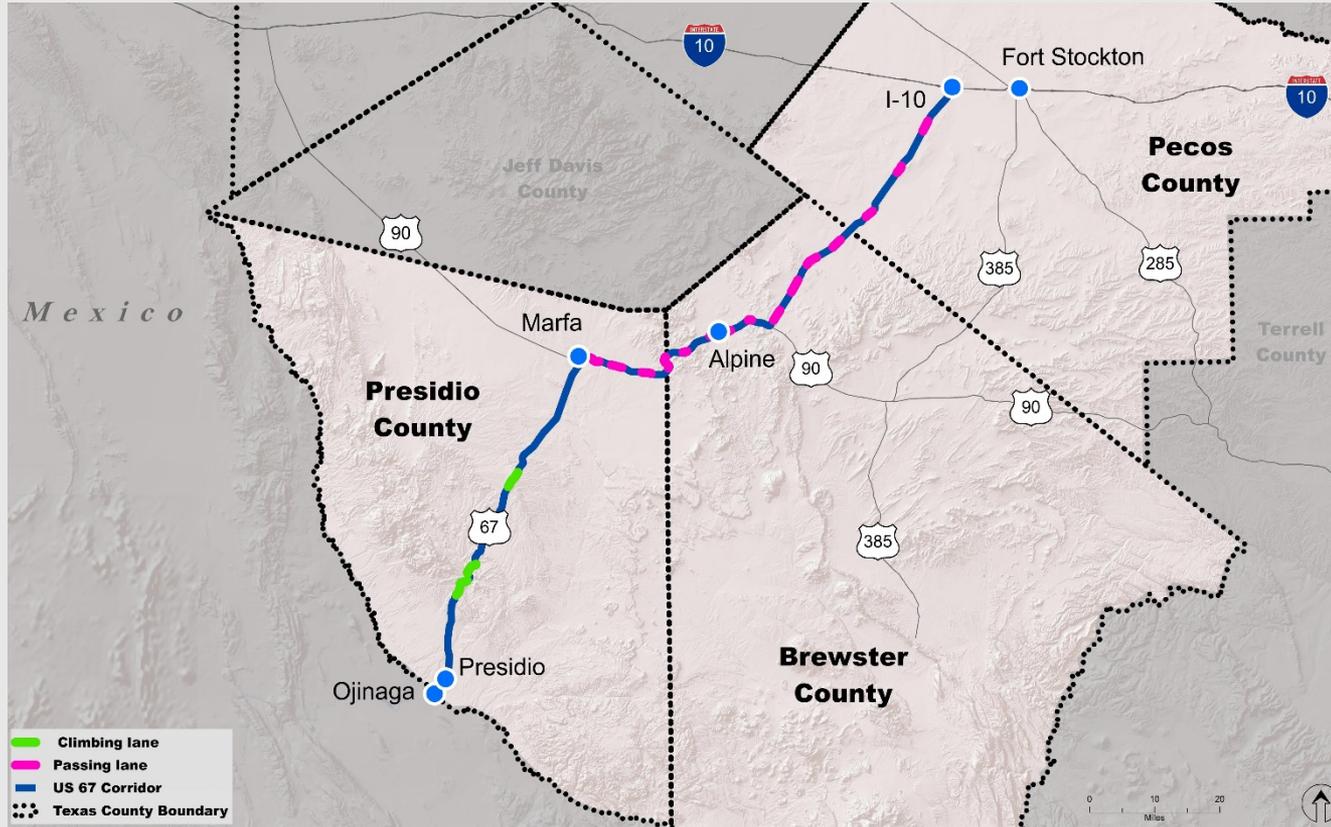
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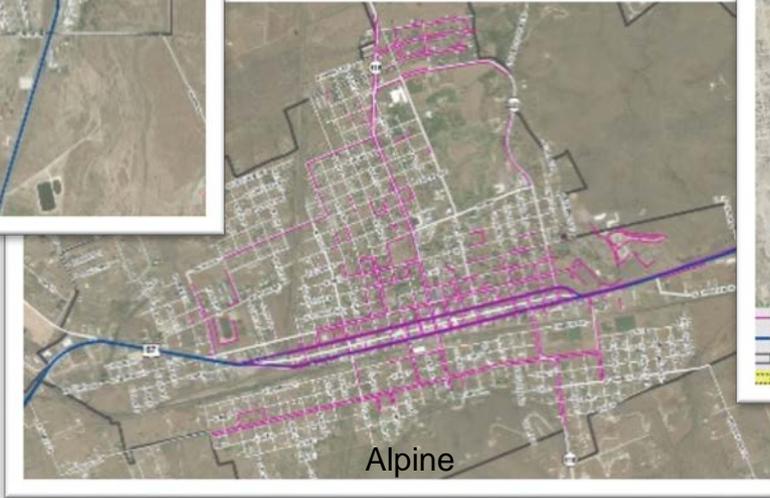
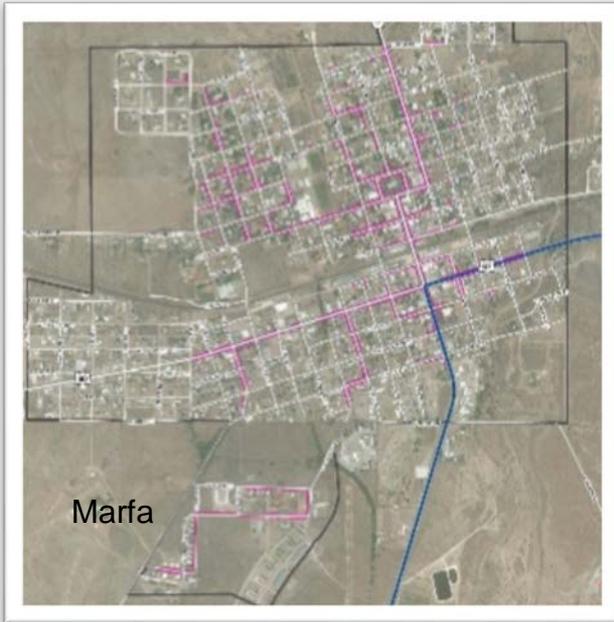
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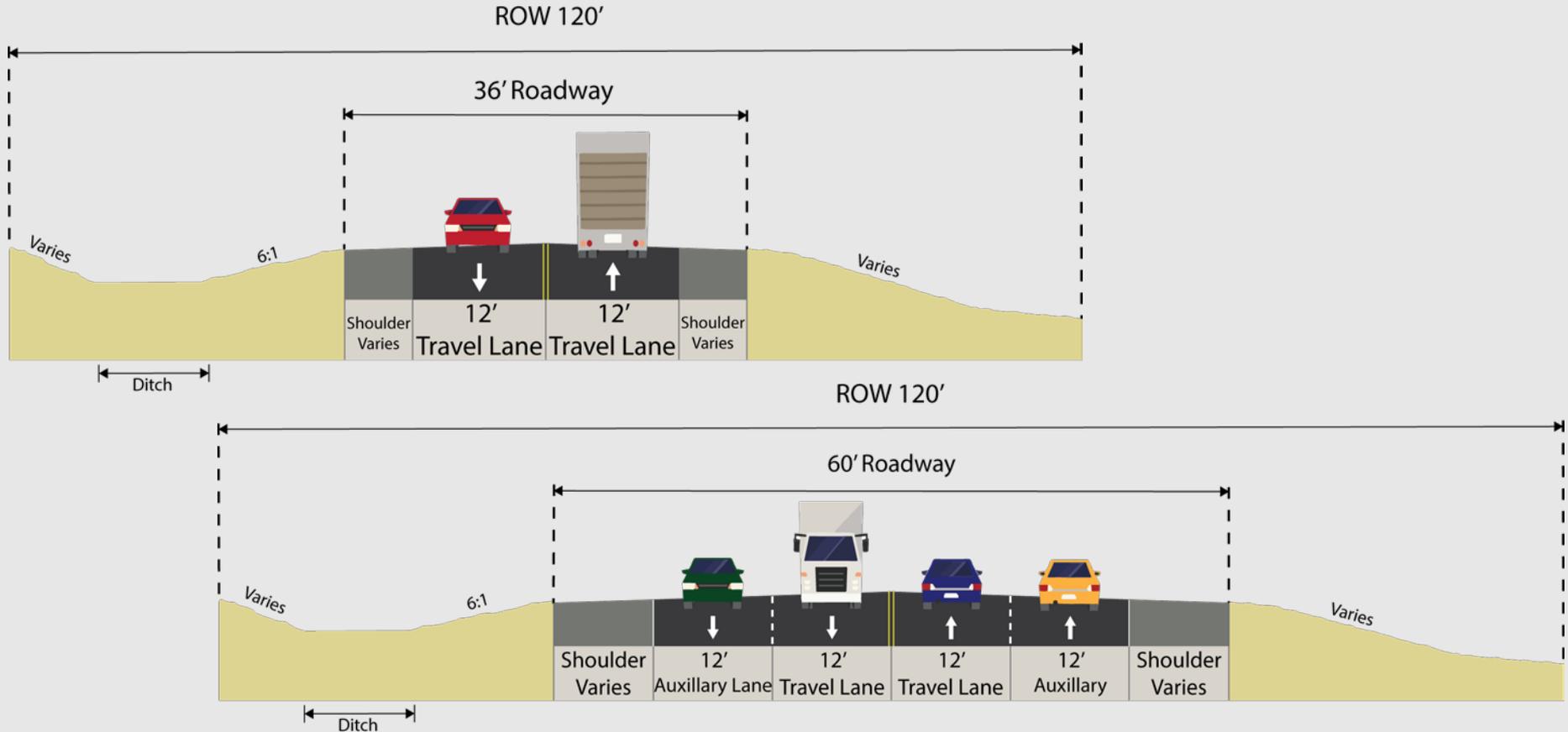
Station 6 Draft Exhibits – Passing/Climbing Lanes



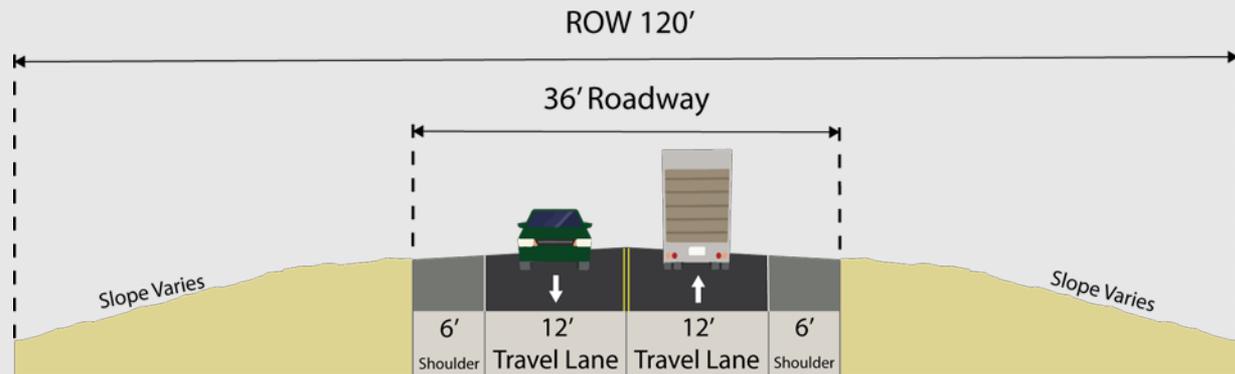
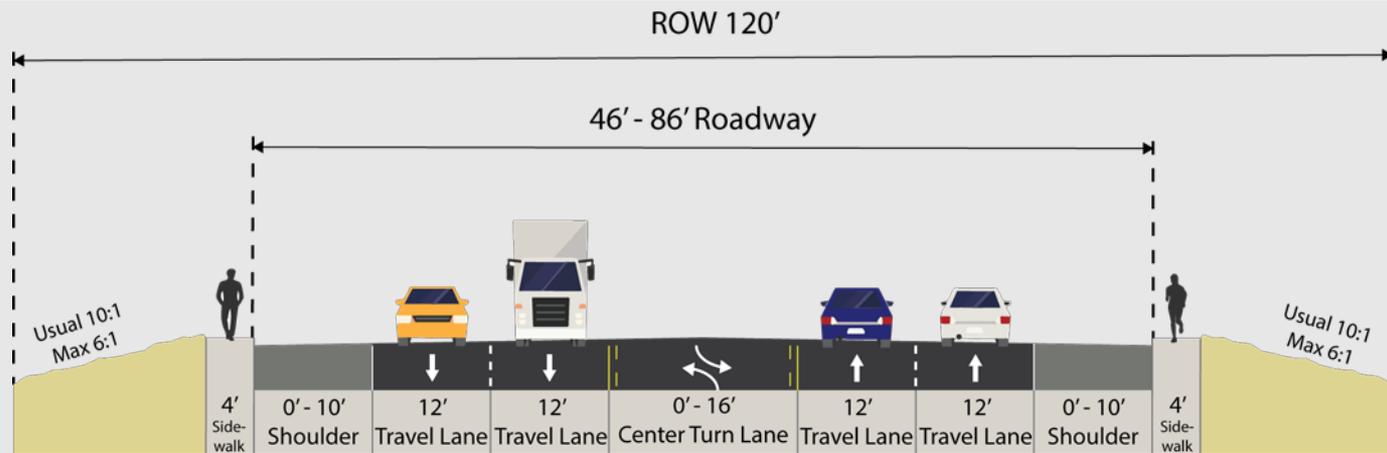
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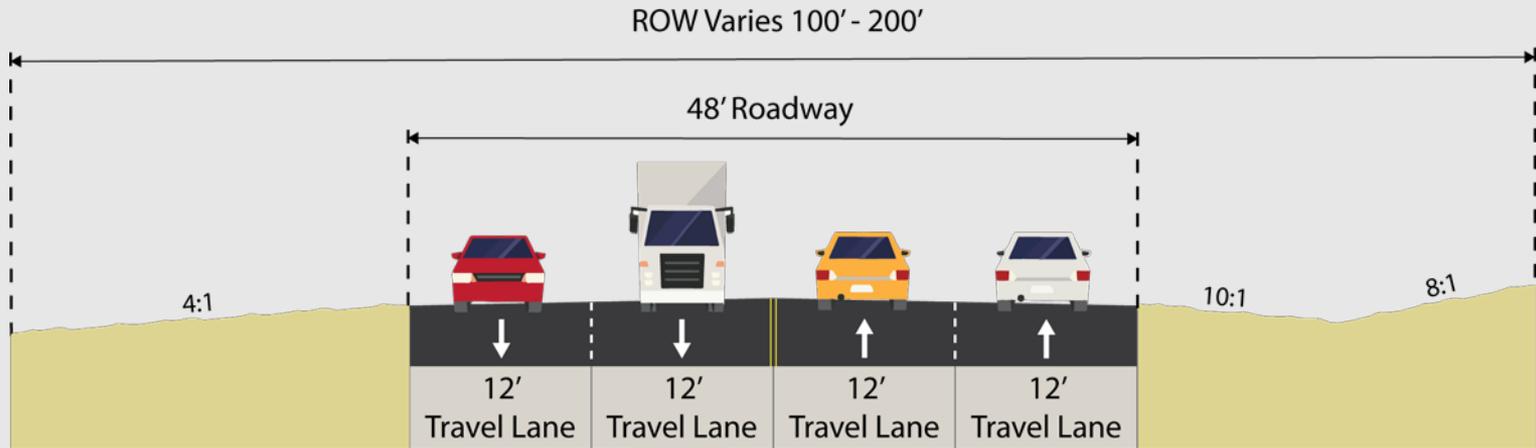
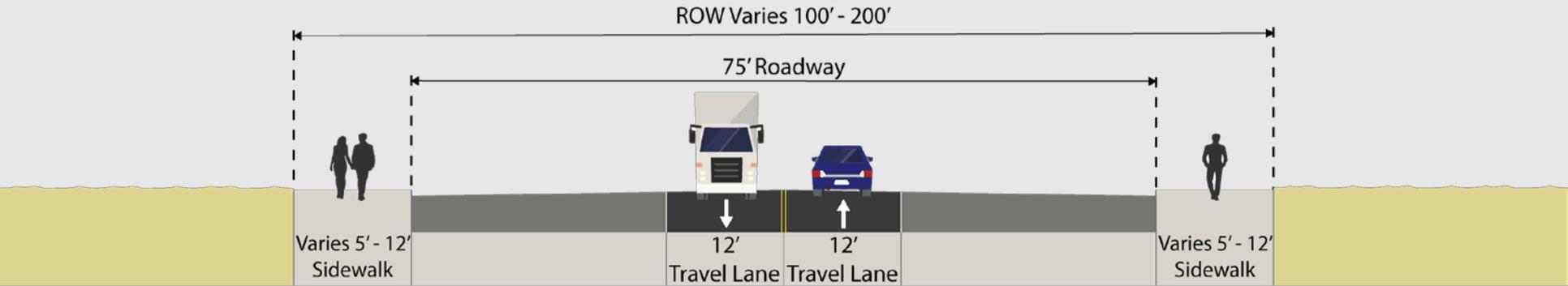
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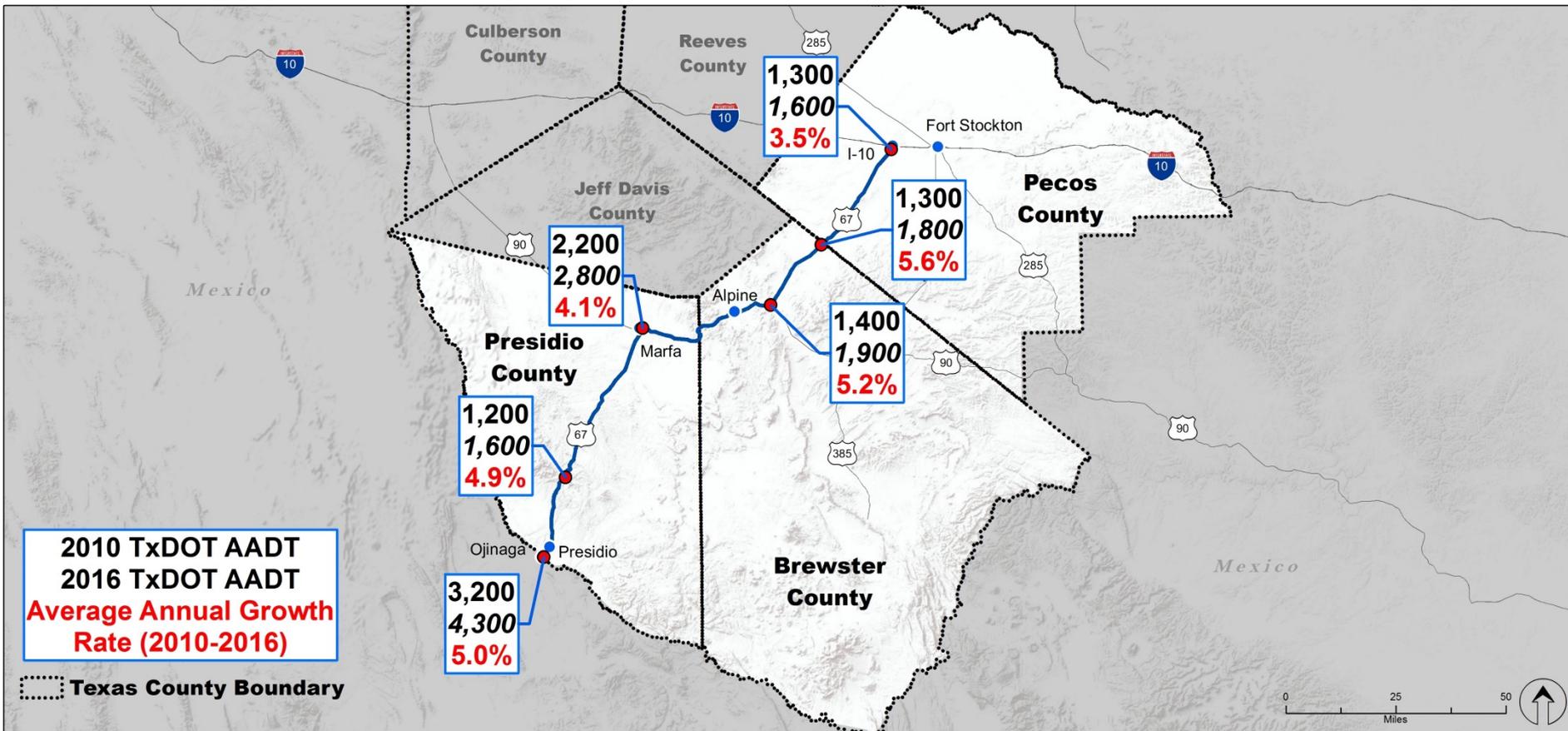
Station 6 Draft Exhibits – US 67 from US 90 Split to Marfa: Typical Cross Sections



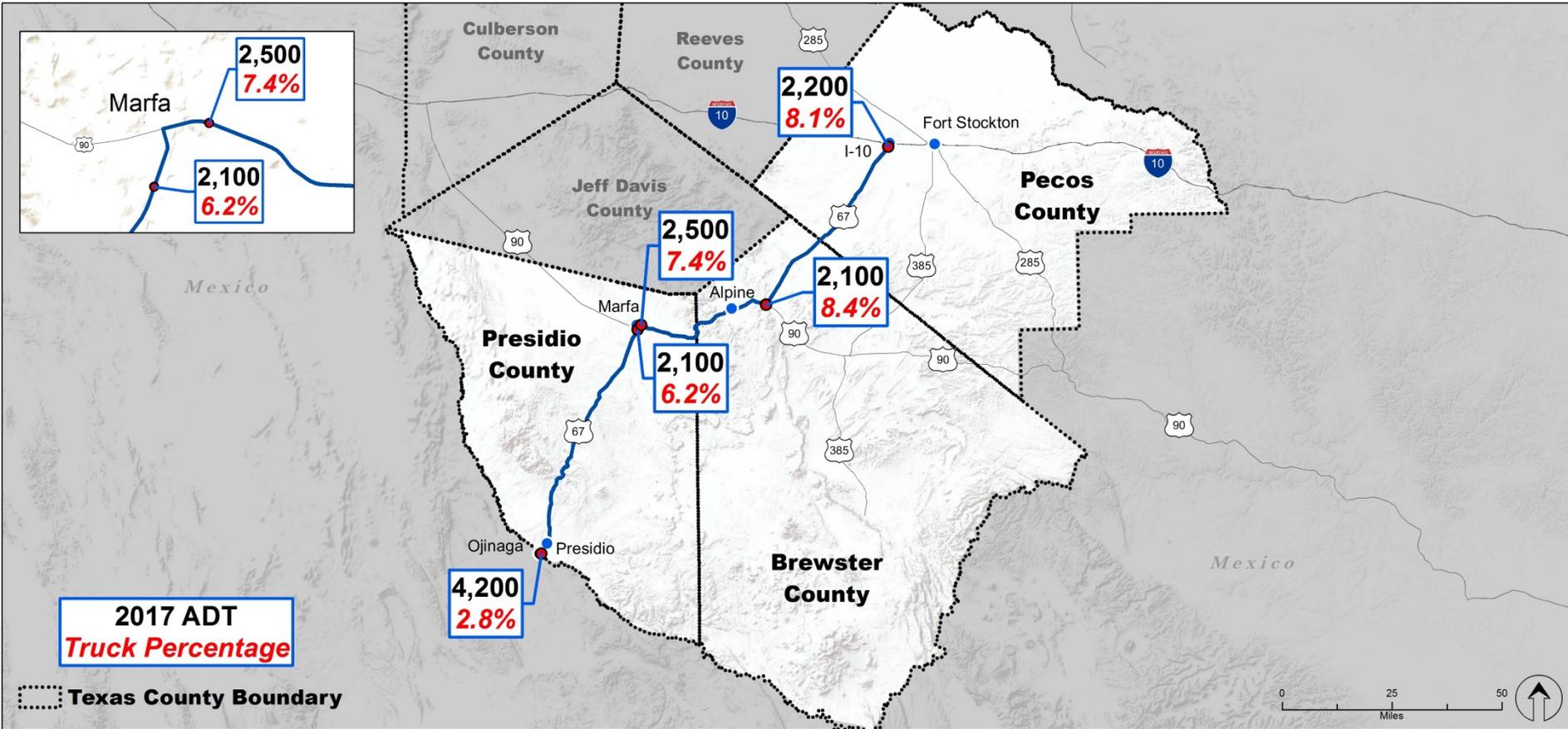
Station 6 Draft Exhibits – US 67 from Marfa to Presidio: Typical Cross Sections



Station 6 Draft Exhibits – Historic Traffic Volumes



Station 6 Draft Exhibits – 2017 Average Daily Traffic



Station 6 Draft Exhibits – Freight

- In 2015, US 67 carried:
 - About 89,000 tons of truck freight, valued at more than \$71 million
- In 2015, Union Pacific and Texas Pacifico railroads carried:
 - 10.9 million tons of cargo valued at more than \$31 billion
 - Most of this freight was on the Union Pacific mainline
 - Texas Pacifico handled less than 375,000 tons/\$200 million



Source: TRANSEARCH

Station 7 Draft Exhibits – Challenges and Needs

- Environmental constraints along corridor
- Online map portal to allow participants to provide input, ideas and thoughts
- Roll plots for participants to mark up
 - Higher resolution for each community
 - Plots for other sections along corridor



Station 7 Draft Exhibits – Online Map Portal

The screenshot displays the 'US 67 Corridor Master Plan' online map portal. The browser address bar shows 'maps.viewprogis.com'. The page title is 'US 67 Corridor Master Plan' with sub-headers 'Subarea Planning' and 'Scenario Development'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The map shows a red study area boundary passing through Presidio and Brewster counties. Key features include airports (purple airplane icons), border crossings (red circle with a white bar), and county lines (yellow shaded areas). A legend on the right side of the map lists the following features:

- Study Area Boundary
- Freight Network
 - Primary Network
 - Secondary Network
- Railroad
- Airport
- Border Crossing
 - Yes
- County Line
- State Park Boundary

The map also shows a 'Basemap' button in the bottom right corner. The footer of the page includes 'VIEWPRO US67 Project Site TxDOT Disclaimer Terms of Use' and social media icons for Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

Station 8 Draft Exhibits – Comments

- How to provide comments today
 - Tablets or computers with MindMixer
 - Staff will walk participants through the registration process either on the tablets or on their smartphones
 - Video comments
- How to provide comments later
 - Poster with a QR code and link directing people to the MindMixer tool



Welcome to US 67 Corridor Master Plan Community Involvement Site.

TxDOT is conducting a study for a 142 mile long section of US 67 between the IH-10 intersection near Fort Stockton and the Presidio International Bridge. Join the conversation and help develop current and future transportation needs!

 Connect with Facebook or [Sign Up with Email](#)



Important Announcement:

Instructions for using this site

[Read More](#)



Topics

Join the discussion and add to current topics. [View All Topics](#)

Question and Answers

- Questions or comments for the study team?
- Ideas for further study?

Moving Forward/Next Steps

- CWG meeting #2 – April 5, 2018
- Presentation to Alpine Downtown Association – April 5, 2018
- US 67 Booth @ Presidio Arts Festival – April 7, 2018
- April 10, 2018 – presentation to Marfa City Council (to be confirmed)
- April 28, 2018 - Blackwell School Alliance block party (to be confirmed)

- Public meeting series No. 1 – May 2018
- Bus tour #2 – Summer 2018
- Needs analysis: One-on-one and focus group interviews

Wrap Up - Study Contact /Website Information

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Project websites:

<http://us67.mindmixer.com>

<https://maps.viewprogis.com/vp/us67>

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