Documentation of Opportunity to Comment

Project Location
Webb County

Laredo Outer Loop Feasibility Study

Project Limits
From the I-35/SH 255 interchange to the vicinity of the proposed Fifth Bridge crossing, near Rio Bravo

Description of Activities
Property owners potentially affected by changes made to the alignments within Segment 1, 2 and 3 were given the opportunity to review the changes and provide comments. All other property owners and the Laredo community could review changes through the project website, but comments from them were not expected.

Dates of Opportunity to Comment
Monday April 20, 2020 to May 4, 2020

Translation Services
All materials and meeting notice were translated into Spanish

Total Number of Property Owners who received a notice
14

Total Number of Commenters
1

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Section A. Comments Received

Comments pertaining to the Opportunity to Comment must have been postmarked by Monday, May 4, 2020. Two comments, from the same property owner, were received via email, which are included below with their corresponding responses. Comments received after the established deadline will be evaluated and considered but are not reflected in the summary analysis below. The received comments are included below.

Comment 1

Redacted
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Mark Salinas <Mark.Salinas@txdot.gov>
Redacted
Subject: Outer Loop

Mr. Salinas,

Why are there 2 roads in the map of Alginment B. One is at the Espejo-Molina intersection and the other is North of Espejo-Molina in blue?

Redacted

Comment 1 - Response

Redacted

From: Mark Salinas <Mark.Salinas@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 9:23 AM
To:
Cc: Redacted Roberto Rodriguez III
Subject: RE: Outer Loop

Redacted

The reason there are two roads for Alignment B is to be able to connect to the street on the westside of US83 in the far future as this area grows. Please feel free to let me know if you have additional questions or would like to further discuss, we are always here to assist you.

Thank you,
Have a great day Redacted

Comment 2

From: Redacted
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 7:43 PM
To: Roberto Rodriguez III <Roberto.Rodriguez@txdot.gov>
Subject: Laredo Outer Loop

Mr. Rodriguez,

As I studied the proposed Outer Loop by Rio Bravo, Tx. I noticed that in the segment 2, you are proposing a road on the north side of my property. What is the reasoning for the proposed road on the north side of my property?

Redacted

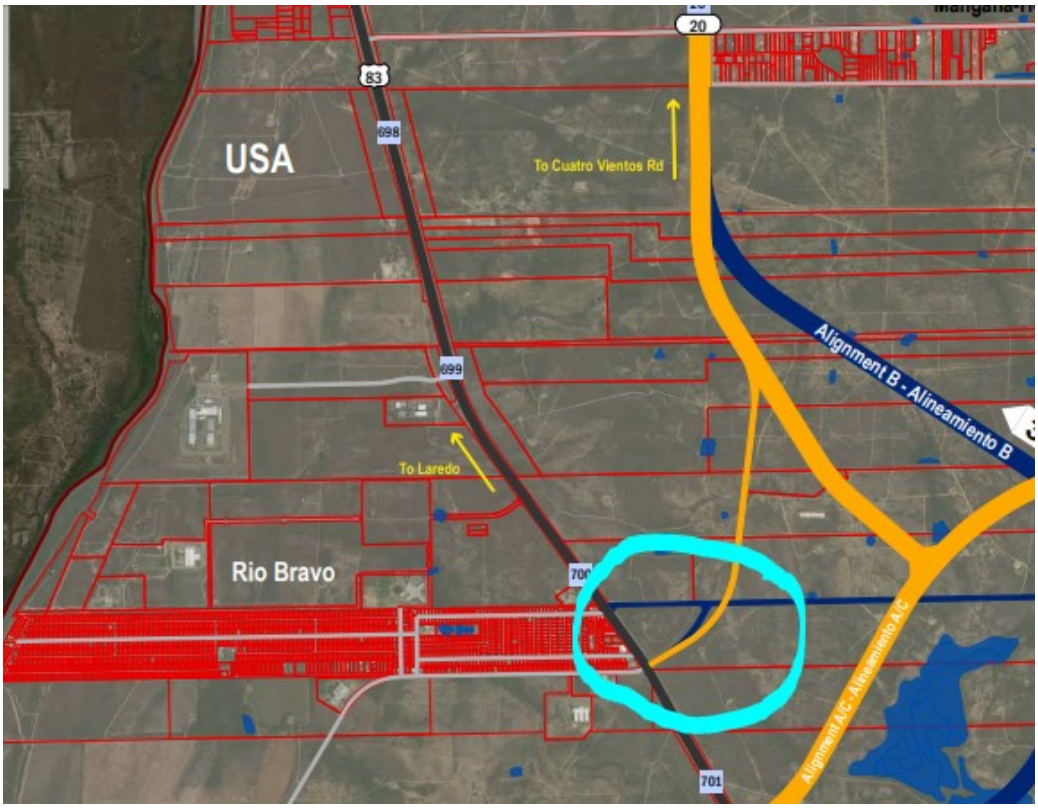
Comment 2 - Response

Redacted

From: Mark Salinas <Mark.Salinas@txdot.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Redacted
Cc: Roberto Rodriguez III
Subject: RE: Laredo Outer Loop

Redacted

Hope all is well and it is always a pleasure to hear from you! What you see inside the Aqua highlighted circle in the image below is a proposed road to connect the loop 20 extension and Espejo Molina for the Rio Bravo Community. This will allow them direct access to Loop 20/Cuatro Vientos and will help the motorist in a safety stand point from minimizing the amount of turns in order to find a way to use Loop 20/Cuatro Vientos to get to their destination.



Please feel free to contact us you have any additional questions or would like to further discuss. You may also send your response thru this email. We look forward in speaking with you and receive your comments.

Thank you,
Have a great day!

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Mark Salinas
Transportation Specialist
TP&D Laredo District
1817 Bob Bullock Loop
Laredo, TX 78043

Section B. Notices Provided

Opportunity to Comment notices, in English and Spanish, were mailed to fourteen (14) property owners potentially affected by changes made to the alignments within Segment 1, 2 and 3. Potentially affected property owners were defined as those directly crossed by the modified proposed alignments. Notices were mailed on April 17, 2020.

Opportunity to Comment - English

Texas Department of Transportation

Project Update and Opportunity to Comment

Laredo Outer Loop Feasibility Study

From the I-35/SH 255 interchange to the vicinity of the proposed Fifth Bridge crossing, near Rio Bravo

Webb County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is conducting a study on a proposed Laredo Outer Loop from the I-35/SH 255 interchange to the vicinity of the proposed Fifth Bridge crossing, near Rio Bravo in Webb County, Texas. The loop aims to provide additional capacity and accommodate future growth in Laredo by providing a new high-capacity connection through the County. The Laredo Outer Loop will extend for approximately 44 miles, from the I-35/SH 255 interchange to the vicinity of the proposed Fifth Bridge crossing, near Rio Bravo. The ultimate cross section of the facility will be a six-lane freeway with concrete barriers and two-lane frontage roads in each direction. The proposed alignment extends North-South to the East side of the Laredo city boundary (see map included on the back).

You are receiving this notice because records indicate that you may own property that is in the vicinity of the alignments that have been recently modified. Alignments within Segment 1, 2 and 3 have been modified to better serve adjacent communities as well as minimize the impact on the natural and built environment. Updated information will be available starting Monday April 20, 2020 at txdot.gov; search keyword "Laredo Outer Loop" to access the project webpage. Previous information related to the study will also be available at the project webpage.

Comments related to the project can be submitted using one of the following options on or before May 4, 2020:

- Fill out the comment card included in the envelope and mail it to the TxDOT Laredo District Office, Attn: Roberto Rodriguez P.E., TP&D-Advanced Planning Supervisor, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, TX 78043
- Email your comments to the following email address: Roberto.Rodriguez@txdot.gov with the subject line *Laredo Outer Loop*

If you have any questions regarding the Laredo Outer Loop, please contact Roberto Rodriguez, P.E., TP&D-Advanced Planning Supervisor, (956) 712-7735 or by email at Roberto.Rodriguez@txdot.gov

Special accommodations: TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. If you have special communication or accommodation needs, or have a 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. If you need to review information related to the project in a different format, special arrangements can be made. Please call (956) 712-7735 before April 27, 2020. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

April 15, 2020

Opportunity to Comment - Spanish

Actualización del Proyecto y Oportunidad para Comentar

Estudio de Factibilidad del Anillo Exterior Periférico de la Ciudad de Laredo

Desde la intersección de la Interestatal 35 y la Carretera Estatal SH 255 hasta las inmediaciones del Quinto Puente Fronterizo, cerca de la Ciudad de Río Bravo

Condado de Webb, Texas

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT por sus siglas en inglés) está desarrollando un estudio sobre el Anillo Exterior Periférico de la Ciudad de Laredo desde la intersección de la I-35 y la SH 255 hasta las inmediaciones del Quinto Puente Fronterizo, cerca de la Ciudad de Río Bravo. El Anillo Exterior Periférico tiene como objetivo incrementar la capacidad vial y acomodar el crecimiento futuro en Laredo al proporcionar una nueva conexión de alta capacidad a través del condado. El Anillo Exterior Periférico se extenderá por aproximadamente 44 millas, desde la intersección de la I-35 y la SH 255 hasta el Quinto Puente Fronterizo, cerca de la ciudad de Río Bravo. La sección transversal final de la carretera contará con seis carriles, separados por una barrera de concreto, y laterales de servicio de dos carriles. La carretera propuesta se extiende de Norte a Sur al Este de la Ciudad de Laredo (ver mapa incluido al reverso).

Usted está recibiendo este aviso porque los registros indican que puede ser propietario de una propiedad cercana a los alineamientos que se han modificado recientemente. Los alineamientos dentro de los segmentos 1, 2 y 3 se han modificado para servir mejor a las comunidades adyacentes y minimizar el impacto en el entorno natural y construido. La información actualizada estará disponible a partir del lunes 20 de abril de 2020 en txdot.gov; busque la palabra clave "Laredo Outer Loop" para acceder a la página web del proyecto. Información previa relacionada con el estudio también estará disponible en la página web del proyecto.

Los comentarios relacionados con el proyecto se pueden enviar utilizando una de las siguientes opciones antes del 4 de mayo de 2020:

- Llene una forma para comentarios incluida en el sobre y envíela por correo a TxDOT Laredo District Office, Att: Roberto Rodriguez, P.E., TP&D-Advanced Planning Supervisor, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, TX 78043
- Envíe sus comentarios por e-mail a la siguiente dirección: Roberto.Rodriguez@txdot.gov con el título *Laredo Outer Loop*.

Las respuestas a los comentarios recibidos estarán disponibles en la página web del proyecto una vez que se hayan preparado. Para asegurar que sus comentarios sean incluidos en el estudio, deben ser recibidos por escrito antes o durante el 4 de mayo de 2020.

Si tiene alguna pregunta en relación al Anillo Exterior Periférico, por favor contacte a Roberto Rodríguez, TP&D Supervisor de Planeación Avanzada al (956) 712-7735 o por e-mail a Roberto.Rodriguez@txdot.gov

Arreglos Especiales: TxDOT hace todo esfuerzo razonable para acomodar las necesidades del público. Si usted tiene necesidades especiales de comunicación o accesibilidad, como un intérprete, puede

15 de abril de 2020

Section C. Comment Cards

Comment cards, in English and Spanish, were mailed to property owners potentially affected by changes to the alignments within Segments 1, 2, and 3.

Comment Card - English

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Laredo Outer Loop Feasibility Study

Please provide your comments and suggestions below for the Laredo Outer Loop Feasibility Study and updated alignments within Segment 1, 2 and 3.

Comments:

Check any that apply to you:

- ☐ I am employed by TxDOT
- ☐ I do business with TxDOT
- ☐ I could benefit monetarily from the project or other items I am commenting on

Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5)

Join our email list:

NAME:

EMAIL:

ZIP:

Comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by May 4, 2020 to be considered in the summary of this study's public involvement.

Please mail completed cards to:
Texas Department of Transportation,
Laredo District. Attention: Roberto Rodriguez P.E.
TP&D-Advanced Planning Supervisor
1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, TX 78043
Or email: Roberto.Rodriguez@txdot.gov

For more information on how to get involved and to learn about the project, visit the txdot.gov and search for "Laredo Outer Loop"

Comment Card- Spanish

¡QUEREMOS ESCUCHARTE!

Estudio de Factibilidad para el Anillo Exterior Periférico de la Ciudad de Laredo

Por favor escriba sus comentarios y sugerencias con respecto al Estudio de Factibilidad para el Laredo Outer Loop y los alineamientos actualizados dentro de los Segmentos 1, 2 y 3.

Comentarios:

Seleccione la opción que aplica:

- ☐ Soy empleado de TxDOT
- ☐ Hago negocios con TxDOT
- ☐ Podría beneficiarme monetariamente del proyecto u otro elemento sobre el cual estoy comentando

Código de Transporte de Texas, §201.811(a)(5)

Únase a nuestra lista de correo:

NOMBRE:

EMAIL:

CÓDIGO POSTAL:

Los comentarios deben ser recibidos o ser sellados por el correo antes del 4 de mayo de 2020 para ser incluidos en el resumen la participación pública de este estudio.

Favor de enviar las tarjetas completas por correo a:
Departamento de Transporte de Texas,
Distrito de Laredo. Atención: Roberto Rodriguez, P.E.
TP&D Supervisor de Planeación Avanzada
1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, TX 78043
O por e-mail: Roberto.Rodriguez@txdot.gov

Para más información sobre los proyectos de transporte y cómo participar, visité txdot.gov y busqué "Laredo Outer Loop".

Section D. Evaluation Matrix

The evaluation matrix was updated to reflect the latest changes to the proposed alignments and account for potential impacts to environmental and human features.

Evaluation Matrix - English

Evaluation Matrix

DRAFT
Subject to Change

IMPACT COMPARED TO OTHER ALIGNMENTS: + LOWER — NEUTRAL × HIGHER

		SEGMENT 1			SEGMENT 2		SEGMENT 3		SEGMENT 4		SEGMENT 5		SEGMENT 6		
		ALGN A	ALGN C	ALGN B	ALGN A	ALGN C	ALGN B	ALGN A	ALGN C	ALGN B	ALGN A	ALGN C	ALGN B	ALGN A	ALGN B	ALGN C
SOCIO-ECONOMIC	POPULATION	—	—		—	—		—	—		×		+	—	—	—
	PARCELS WITHIN 1,000 FT. OF R.O.W	×		+	+	×	×	+	×	+	×		+	×	—	+
	RESIDENTIAL PARCELS	—	—		+	×	×	+	×	+	×		+	—	—	—
	COMMERCIAL PARCELS	—	—		+	×	—	—	×	+	×		+	×	+	+
	AGRICULTURAL PARCELS	×		+	×	+	—	—	×	+	×		+	×	—	+
	UTILITY PARCELS	—	—		+	×	—	—	—	—	+		×	—	—	—
	VACANT PARCELS	—	—		+	×	—	—	×	+	×		+	—	—	—
	BUILDINGS WITHIN R.O.W	—	—		+	×	+	×	×	+	—		—	×	+	+
	BUILDINGS WITHIN 1,000 FT. OF R.O.W	×		+	+	×	+	×	×	+	×		+	×	+	+
	COLONIAS INTERSECTED BY R.O.W	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—
	HISPANIC POPULATION	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	×		+	—	—	—
	POPULATION UNDER POVERTY LINE	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	×		+	—	—	—
	HOUSEHOLDS W/ LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	×		+	—	—	—
ENVIRONMENTAL	FLOODPLAIN WITHIN R.O.W (ACRES)	—	—		+	×	+	×	×	+	+		×	+	×	—
	WETLANDS WITHIN R.O.W (ACRES)	—	—		+	×	+	×	×	+	×		+	+	—	×
	LAKES WITHIN R.O.W (ACRES)	—	—		+	×	+	×	×	+	×		+	×	+	×
	BOTTOM WELLS WITHIN R.O.W	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—
	SURFACE WELLS WITHIN R.O.W	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—
	PIPELINES CROSSING R.O.W	—	—		×	+	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—
	LENGTH OF PIPELINES CROSSING THE R.O.W	×		+	+	×	×	+	×	+	+		×	+	×	—
	HAZMAT SITES WITHIN R.O.W	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—
	WILDLIFE HABITAT WITHIN R.O.W (ACRES)	+		×	+	×	+	×	+	×	×		+	×	+	—
	PRIME FARMLAND WITHIN R.O.W (ACRES)	×		+	+	×	+	×	×	+	+		×	×	—	+
ENGINEERING	SEGMENT LENGTH (MILES)	+		×	+	×	+	×	+	×	×		+	+	—	×
	RIGHT OF WAY - R.O.W (ACRES)	+		×	+	×	+	×	+	×	×		+	+	—	×
	TOTAL AREA OF BRIDGES (SQ.FT.)	×		+	+	×	+	×	×	+	+		×	+	×	—
	RAILROAD CROSSINGS	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—

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Evaluation Matrix - Spanish

Tabla de Evaluación

BORRADOR
Sujeto a Cambios

IMPACTO COMPARADO CON LOS OTROS ALINEAMIENTOS: + MENOR IMPACTO – NEUTRAL × MAYOR IMPACTO

		SEGMENTO 1			SEGMENTO 2		SEGMENTO 3		SEGMENTO 4		SEGMENTO 5		SEGMENTO 6		
		ALGN A	ALGN C	ALGN B	ALGN A	ALGN C	ALGN B	ALGN A	ALGN C	ALGN B	ALGN A	ALGN C	ALGN B	ALGN A	ALGN B	ALGN C
SOCIO-ECONÓMICO	POBLACIÓN	–		–	–		–	–		–	×		+	–	–	–
	TERRENOS A MENOS DE 1,000 PIES DEL DERECHO DE VÍA	×		+	+		×	×		+	×		+	×	–	+
	TERRENOS RESIDENCIALES	–		–	+		×	×		+	×		+	–	–	–
	TERRENOS COMERCIALES	–		–	+		×	–		–	×		+	×	+	+
	TERRENOS AGRÍCOLAS	×		+	×		+	–		–	×		+	×	–	+
	TERRENOS DE SERVICIOS	–		–	+		×	–		–	–		–	+	×	–	–	–
	TERRENOS VACANTE	–		–	+		×	–		–	×		+	×		+	–	–	–
	EDIFICIOS DENTRO DEL DERECHO DE VÍA	–		–	+		×	+		×	×		+	–		–	×	+	+
	EDIFICIOS A MENOS DE 1,000 PIES DEL DERECHO DE VÍA	×		+	+		×	+		×	×		+	×		+	×	+	+
	COLONIAS INTERSECTADAS POR EL DERECHO DE VíA	–		–	–		–	–		–	–		–	–		–	–	–	–
	POBLACIÓN HISPANA	–		–	–		–	–		–	–		–	×		+	–	–	–
	POBLACIÓN BAJO LA LÍNEA DE LA POBREZA	–		–	–		–	–		–	–		–	×		+	–	–	–
	HOGARES CON DOMINIO LIMITADO DEL INGLÉS	–		–	–		–	–		–	–		–	×		+	–	–	–
MEDIOAMBIENTAL	LLANURAS DE INUNDACIÓN EN EL DERECHO DE VÍA (ACR	–		–	+		×	+		×	×		+	+		×	+	×	–
	HUMEDALES EN EL DERECHO DE VÍA (ACRES)	–		–	+		×	+		×	×		+	×		+	+	–	×
	LAGOS EN EL DERECHO DE VÍA (ACRES)	–		–	+		×	+		×	×		+	×		+	×	+	×
	POZOS DE PROFUNDIDAD EN EL DERECHO DE VÍA	–		–	–		–	–		–	–		–	–		–	–	–	–
	POZOS SUPERFICIALES EN EL DERECHO DE VÍA	–		–	–		–	–		–	–		–	–		–	–	–	–
	OLEODUCTOS CRUZANDO EL DERECHO DE VÍA	–		–	×		+	–		–	–		–	–		–	–	–	–
	LONGITUD DE OLEODUCTOS CRUZANDO EL DERECHO DE	×		+	+		×	×		+	×		+	+		×	+	×	–
	SITIOS DE MATERIAL PELIGROSO DENTRO DEL DERECHO	–		–	–		–	–		–	–		–	–		–	–	–	–
	HÁBITAT DE VIDA SILVESTRE DENTRO DEL DERECHO DE V	+		×	+		×	+		×	+		×	×		+	×	+	–
	TIERRAS DE CULTIVO PPAL. EN EL DERECHO DE VÍA (ACR	×		+	+		×	+		×	×		+	+		×	×	–	+
INGENIERÍA	LONGITUD DEL SEGMENTO (MILLAS)	+		×	+		×	+		×	+		×	×		+	+	–	×
	DERECHO DE VÍA (ACRES)	+		×	+		×	+		×	+		×	×		+	+	–	×
	ÁREA TOTAL DE PUENTES (SQ.FT.)	×		+	+		×	+		×	×		+	+		×	+	×	–
	CRUCES DE FERROCARRIL	–		–	–		–	–		–	–		–	–		–	–	–	–

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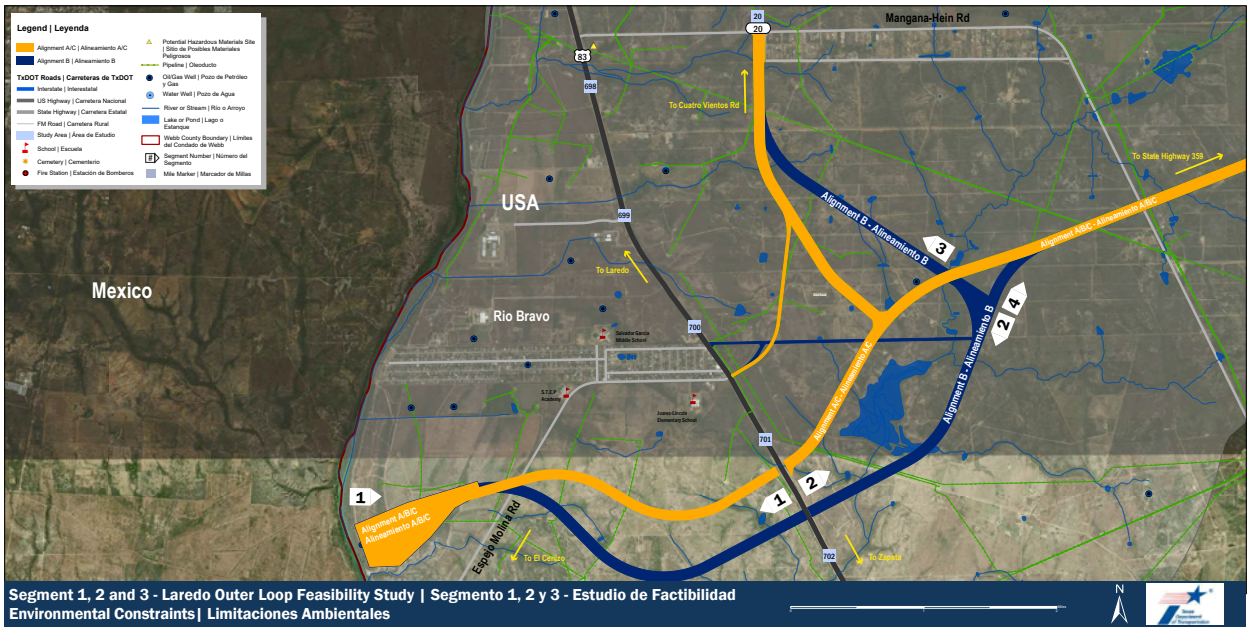
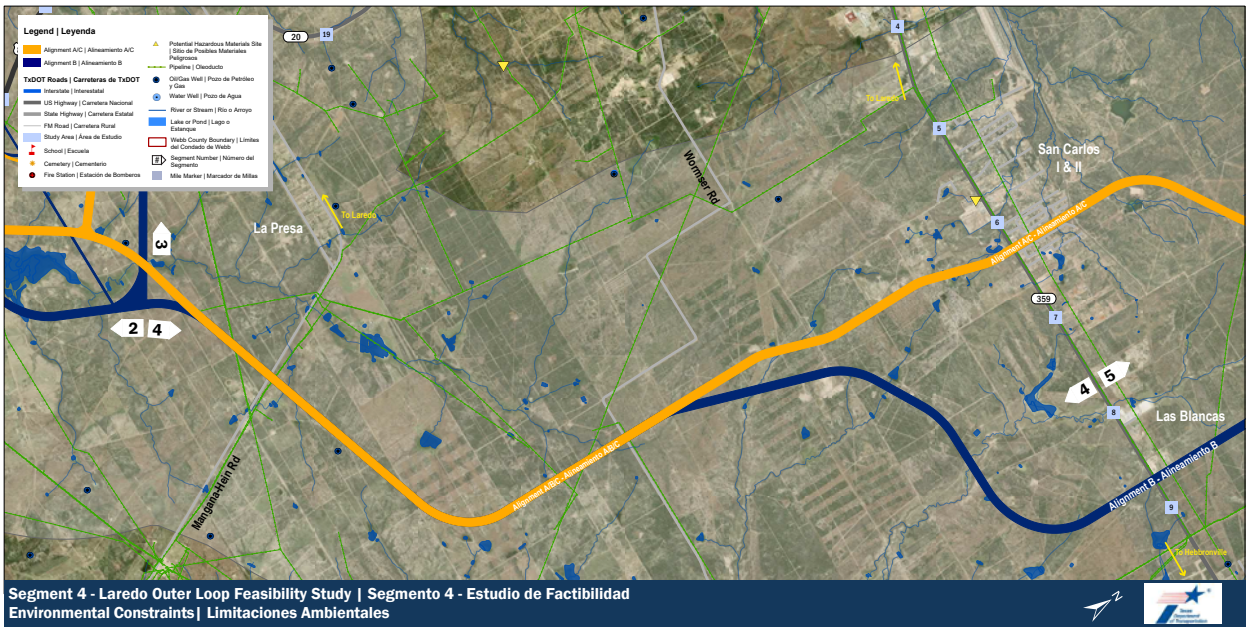
Section D. Maps

All environmental and parcel roll plots were updated to reflect the latest changes to the proposed alignments and account for potential impacts.

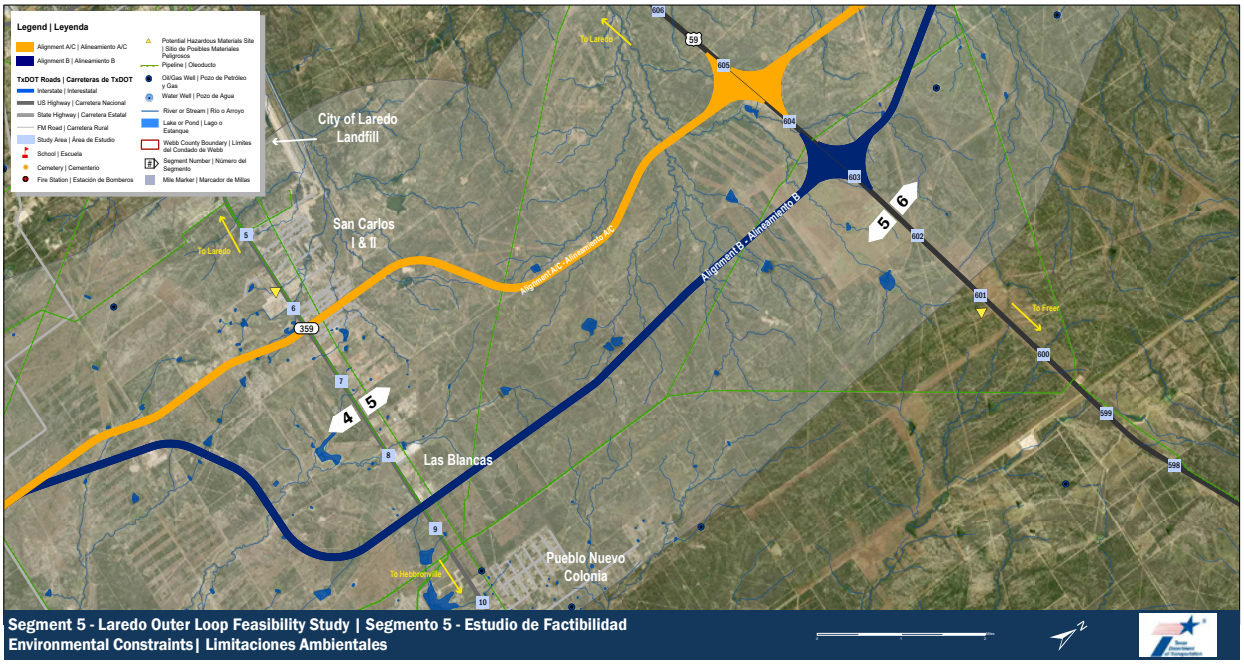
Environmental Roll Plot - Segment 1, 2, and 3



Environmental Roll Plot - Segment 4



Environmental Roll Plot - Segment 5



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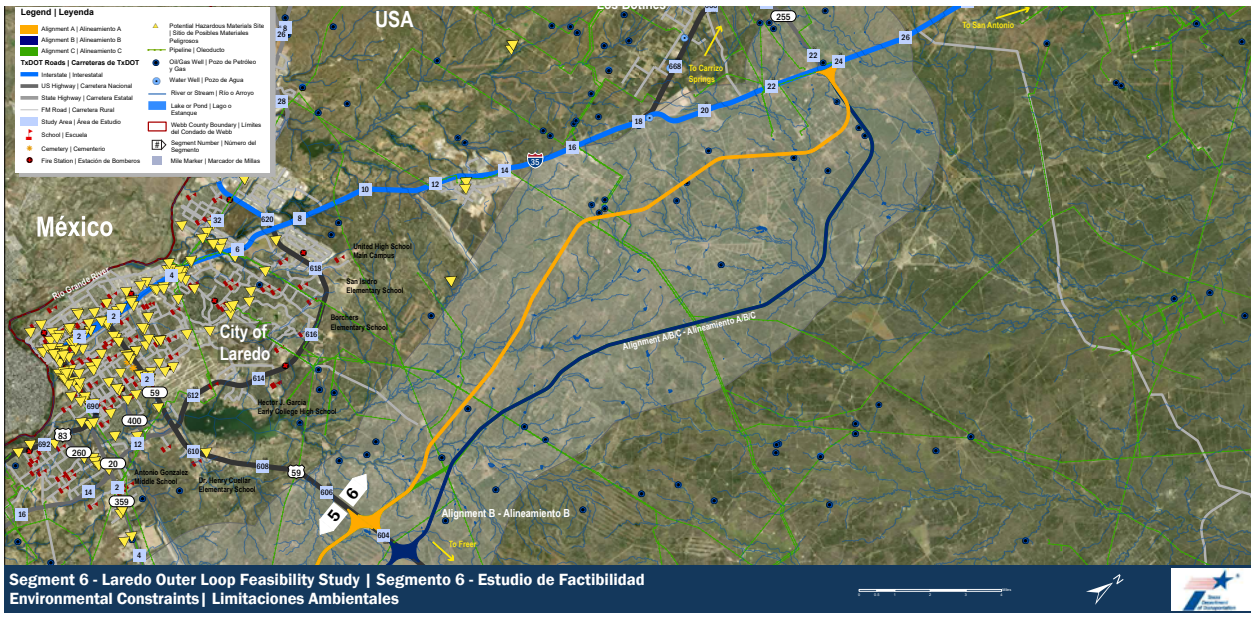
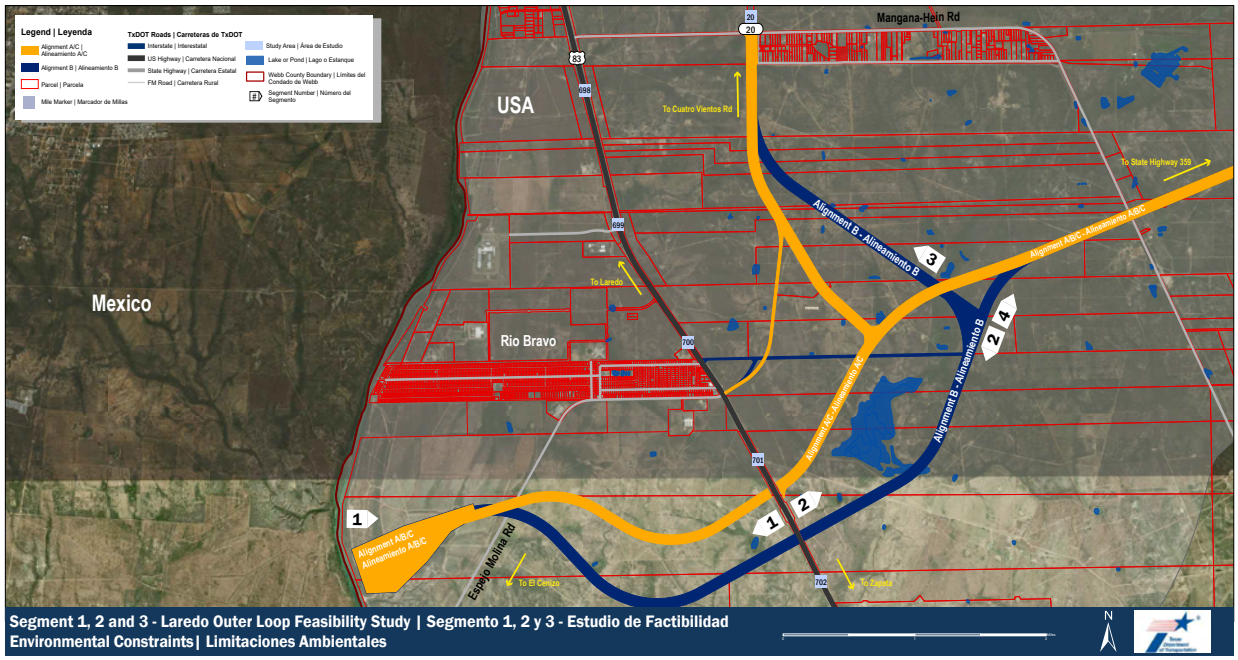
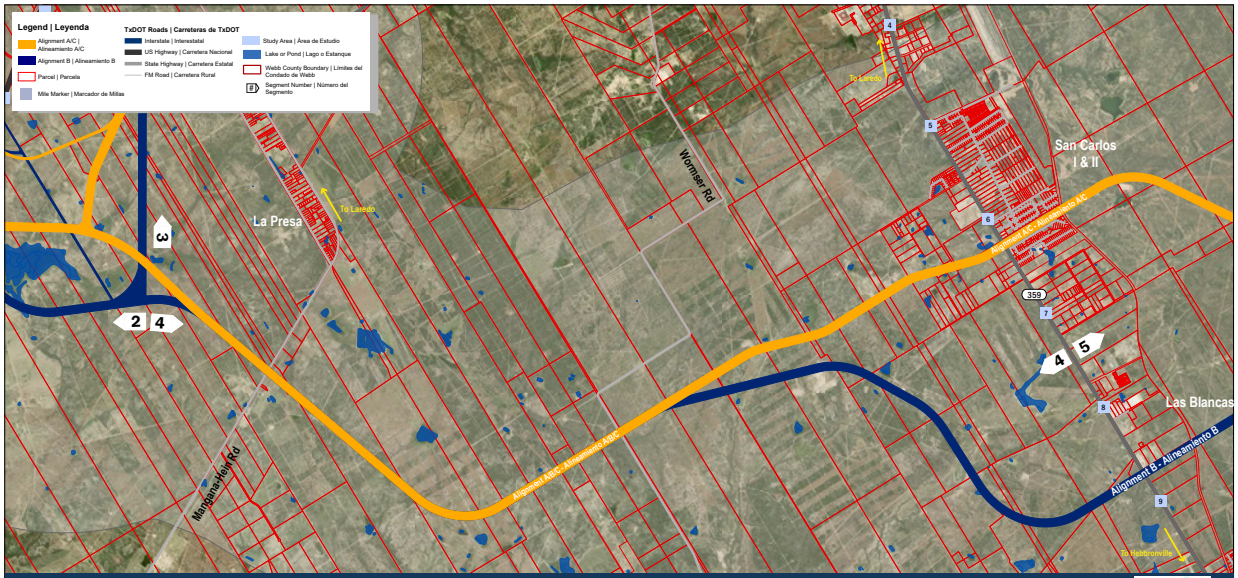


Parcel Roll Plot - Segment 1, 2, and 3



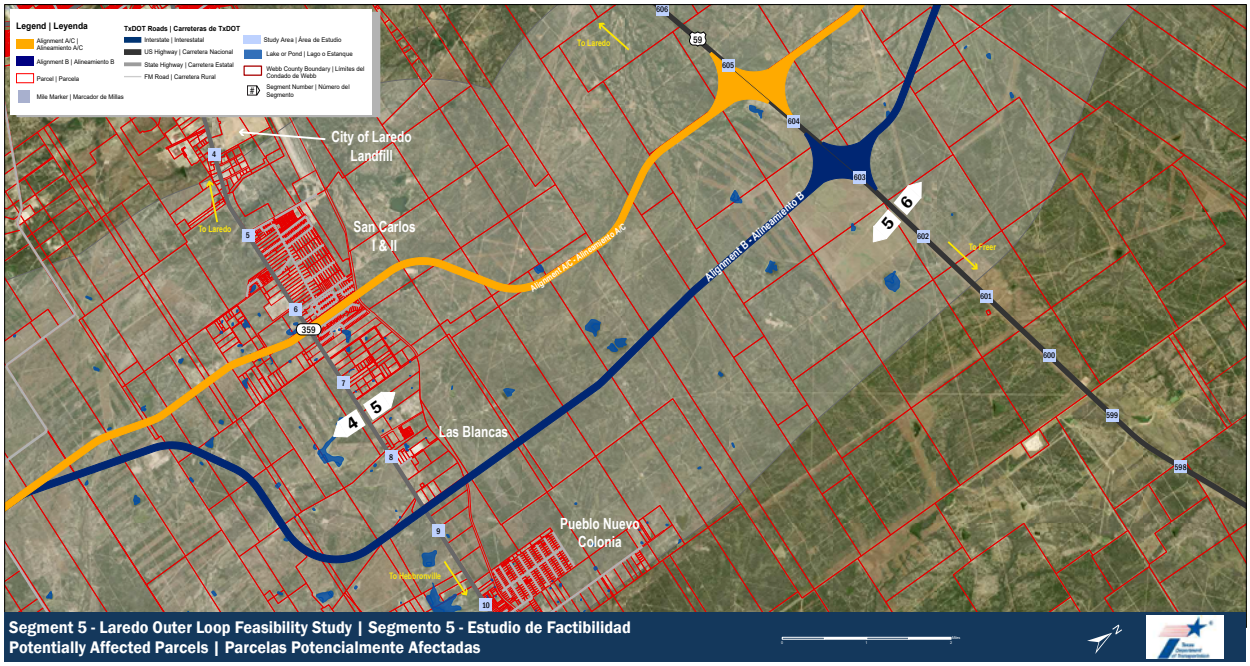
Segment 1, 2 and 3 - Laredo Outer Loop Feasibility Study | Segmento 1, 2 y 3 - Estudio de Factibilidad
Environmental Constraints| Limitaciones Ambientales

Parcel Roll Plot - Segment 4



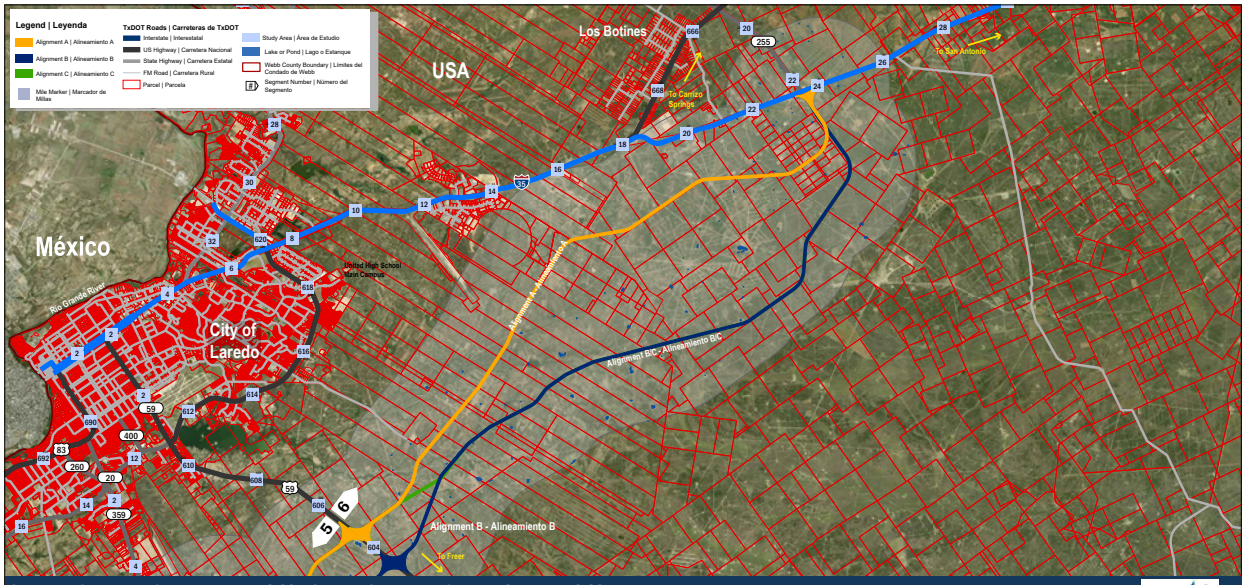
Segment 4 - Laredo Outer Loop Feasibility Study | Segmento 4 - Estudio de Factibilidad
Potentially Affected Parcels | Parcelas Potencialmente Afectadas

Parcel Roll Plot - Segment 5



Segment 5 - Laredo Outer Loop Feasibility Study | Segmento 5 - Estudio de Factibilidad
Potentially Affected Parcels | Parcelas Potencialmente Afectadas

Parcel Roll Plot - Segment 6



Segment 6 - Laredo Outer Loop Feasibility Study | Segmento 6 - Estudio de Factibilidad
Environmental Constraints| Limitaciones Ambientales