



I-10 WEST EXPANSION PROJECT

PUBLIC HEARING

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.

February 16, 2017

Public Hearing Outline

- 1 Introductions
- 2 Meeting Format
- 3 Project Overview
- 4 Environmental Overview
- 5 Project Schedule and Funding
- 6 Next Steps
- 7 Public Comment Session



- Elected Officials Present
- TxDOT Representatives
- Project Team Members
 - Partner Agency Representatives

■ Purpose of the Public Hearing:

To solicit feedback from the community regarding proposed improvements

■ Public Hearing Procedures and Protocols:

– Sign up at speaker registration table

– Provide your name and organization (if applicable)

– Limit comments to three minutes

– Questions may be directed to project staff following the verbal comment period

■ Open House

Additional Public Comment Opportunities

Give Comment Card to TxDOT Staff Tonight

Provide Comments Verbally to the Court Reporter

Email Comments To:

I10WestExpansionProject@Dannenbaum.com

Mail Comments To:

I-10 West Expansion Project Team

415 Embassy Oaks, Suite 102

San Antonio, TX 78216

Deadline For Comments: Friday, March 3, 2017

Project Location Map



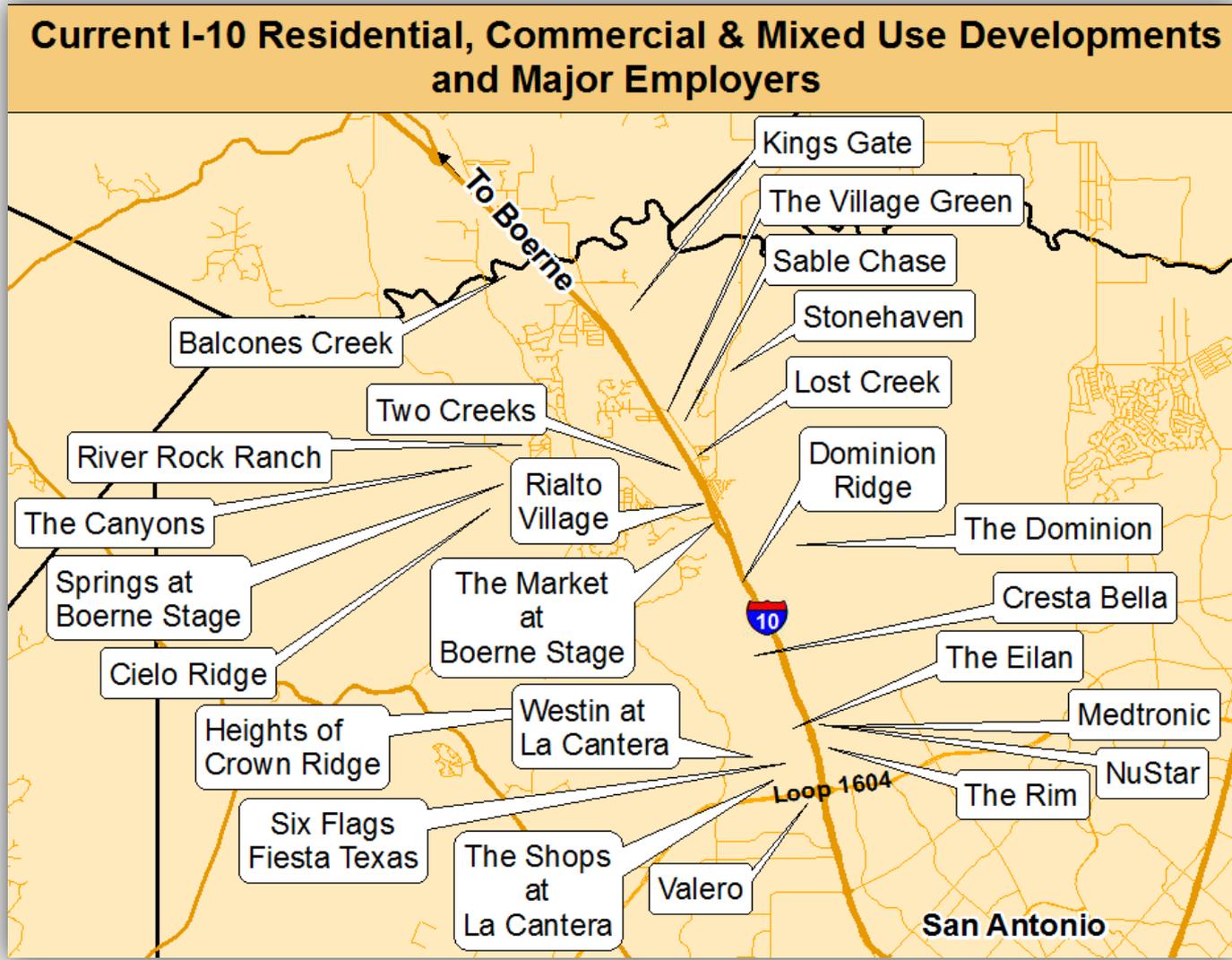
Project Description

- Widen I-10 from FM 3351 to La Cantera Pkwy from an existing 4-lane facility to an 8-lane facility.
- Provide one additional lane in each direction for High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV), such as carpools, vanpools, and buses; as well as one additional lane in each direction for General Purpose (GP) traffic.
- All proposed improvements within existing ROW.
- Project over both the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones.
- Project falls within the Upper Leon Creek watershed.

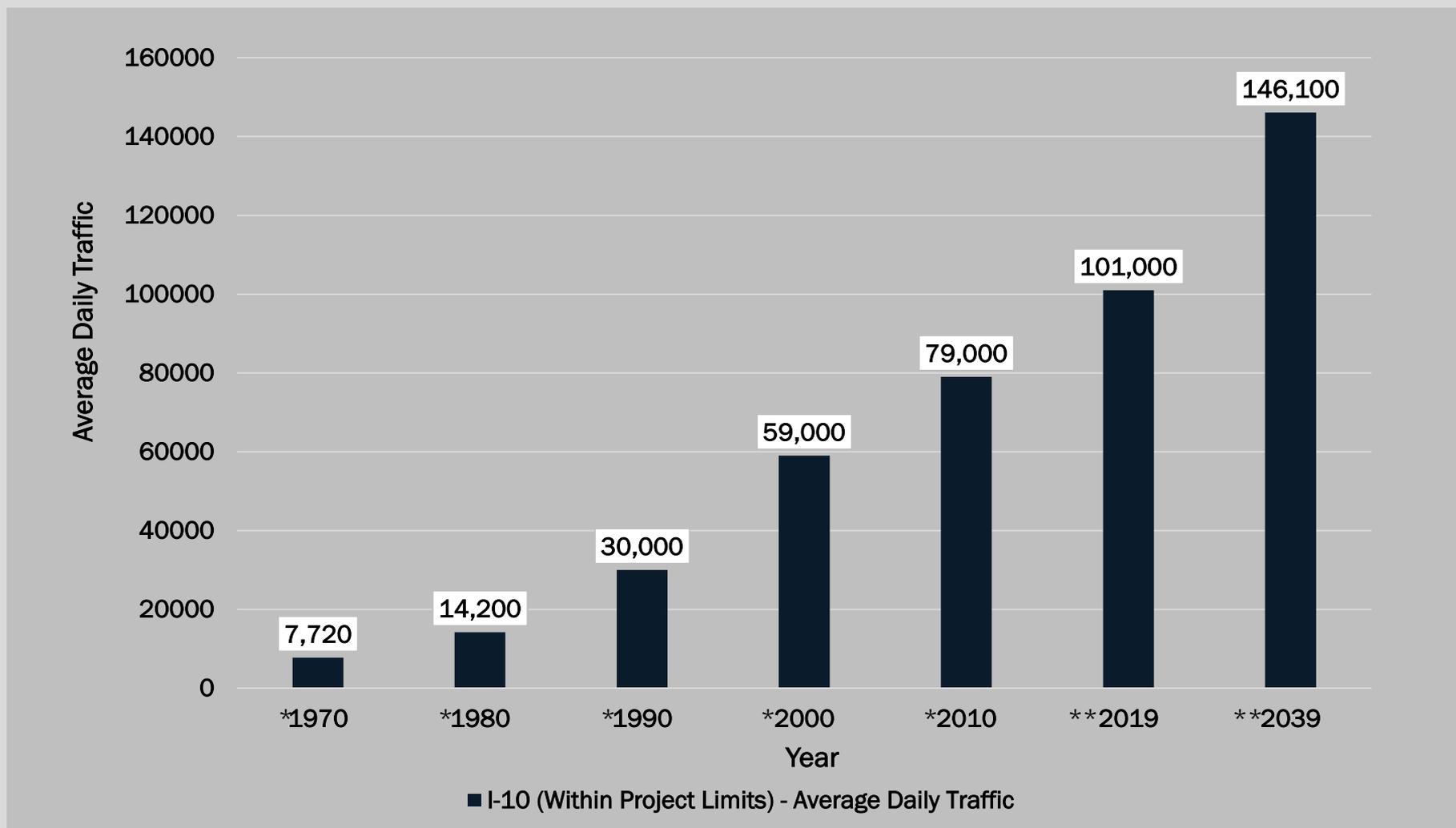
Project Purpose & Need

- The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility on I-10 between FM 3351 (Ralph Fair Rd) and La Cantera Pkwy to accommodate current and future traffic volumes.
- The proposed project is needed because the capacity of I-10 between FM 3351 (Ralph Fair Rd) and La Cantera Pkwy is inadequate to meet current and future traffic volumes, resulting in reduced mobility (i.e. congestion).

I-10 Corridor Development



Existing & Projected Traffic Volume



*TxDOT Traffic Count Maps; Traffic count collected on I-10 near Leon Springs.

**TPP Memo (08/24/2014); Projected ADT for I-10 between FM 3351 (Ralph Fair Rd) and Dominion Drive.

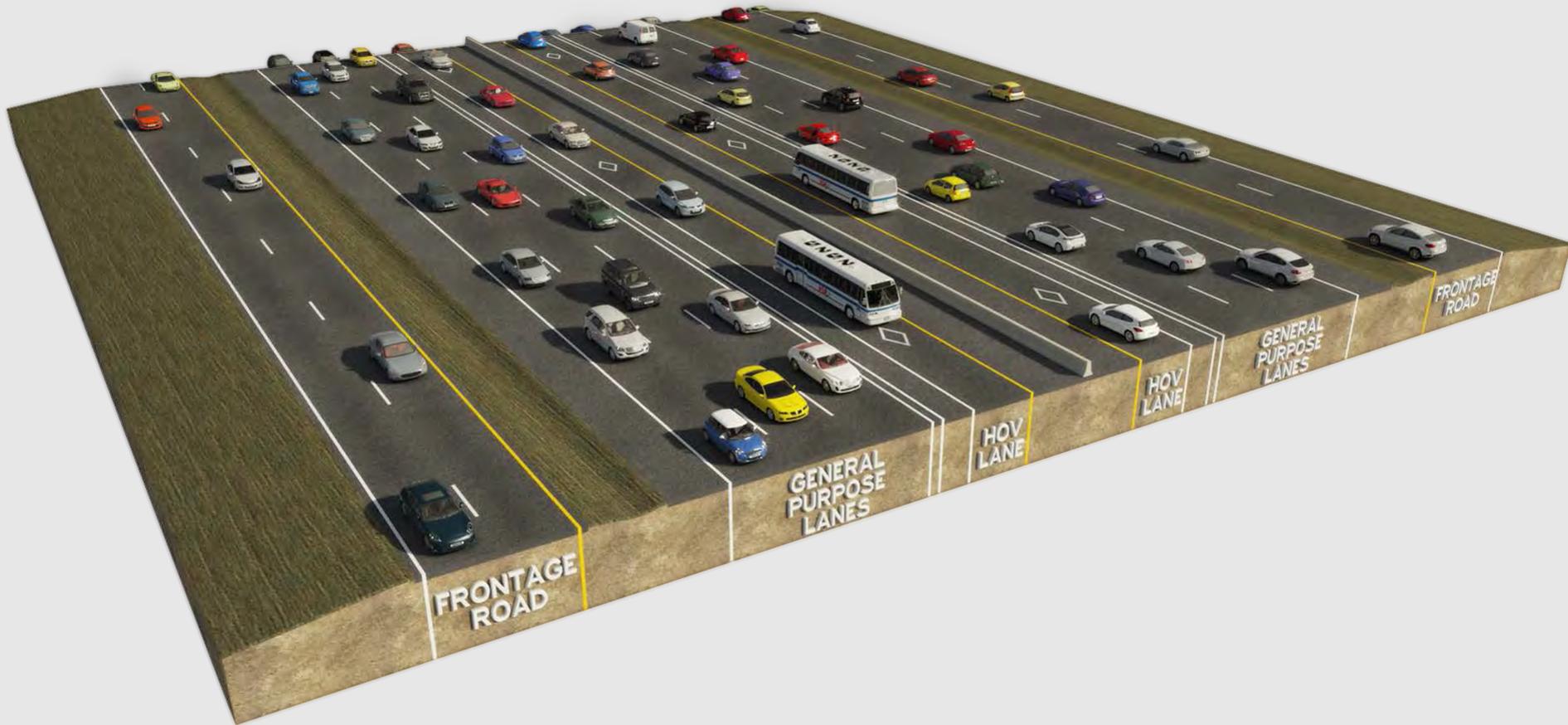
Project Resolution / Approval

- This project was originally proposed to incorporate a tolling component; however, through the public involvement process and actions of the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Policy Board and TxDOT Commission, the tolling component has been removed from the plan.
- The AAMPO has included this project within the Transportation Improvement Program for the region.
- On May 26, 2016, the TxDOT Commission passed the necessary actions to move forward with the project.

Existing Typical Section – “No-Build” Alternative



Proposed Typical Section – “Build Alternative”



What is an HOV lane?

- An HOV lane, sometimes called a carpool lane, is a special lane reserved for the use of carpools, vanpools, buses, motorcycles, and emergency response vehicles.
- These special lanes enable those who carpool or ride the bus to bypass the traffic in the adjacent, unrestricted General Purpose lanes. Lanes are identified as "2+" or "3+" which refers to the minimum number of occupants to qualify.

What are the benefits of HOV lanes?

- Reduction in Congestion
- Increase in Ridership/Vanpools/Mass Transit Service
- Moving More People
- Improvement to Safety
- Establishment of Corridor Reliability
- Long-Term Mobility Choice

Existing & Projected Level of Service

Level of Service & Speed Analysis Results

Location	2019 "No Build"		2039 "No Build"		2019 "Build"		2039 "Build"	
	LOS	Speed	LOS	Speed	LOS	Speed	LOS	Speed
I-10 General Purpose Lanes	D - E	58	F	48	B - C	66	C - D	63



Environmental Considerations

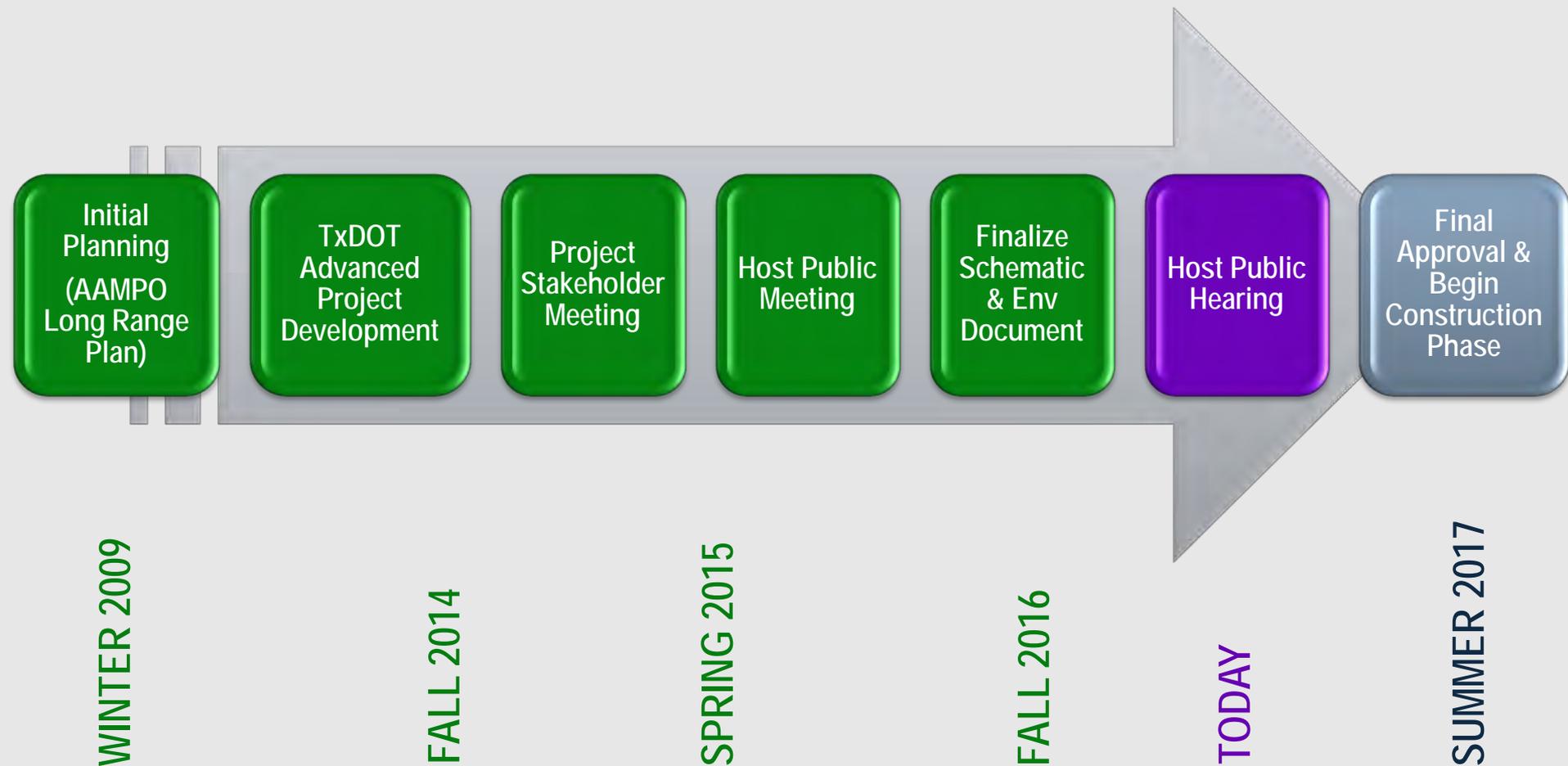
A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared along with the following technical reports:

- Air Quality Technical Report
- Asbestos and Lead Testing Reports
- Biological Assessment/Biological Opinion
- Biological Technical Report
- Community Impacts Assessment Report
- Cumulative Impacts Assessment
- Geologic Assessment / Karst Survey
- Hazardous Materials Site Assessment
- Indirect Impacts Analysis
- Traffic Noise Analysis Technical Report
- USFWS Biological Opinion
- Water Resources Technical Report

➤ The project would include mitigation for water resources and rare species

➤ The Draft EA is available for public review upon request

Project Development Schedule



I-10 West Expansion Project - Funding & Tentative Schedule

Project Funding:

- I-10 Estimated Total Project Cost - \$70 Million
- Funding - Commission Discretionary (Category 12)

Projected Timeline:

- Environmental Clearance - Spring 2017
- Construction Letting - May 2017
- Construction Start Date - Fall 2017
- Anticipated Completion Date - Early 2020

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3:00 TIMER

**We greatly appreciate your
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