



# US 70/84 Railroad Crossing Elimination Project

Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option

Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (MT)





# Agenda

- Project Overview
- Previous Public Engagement Recap
- Revisions Proposed
- Environmental Analysis
- Project Funding
- Project Timeline
- How to Provide Feedback
- Questions




# Material location

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**“Farwell Railroad Bridge Project”**

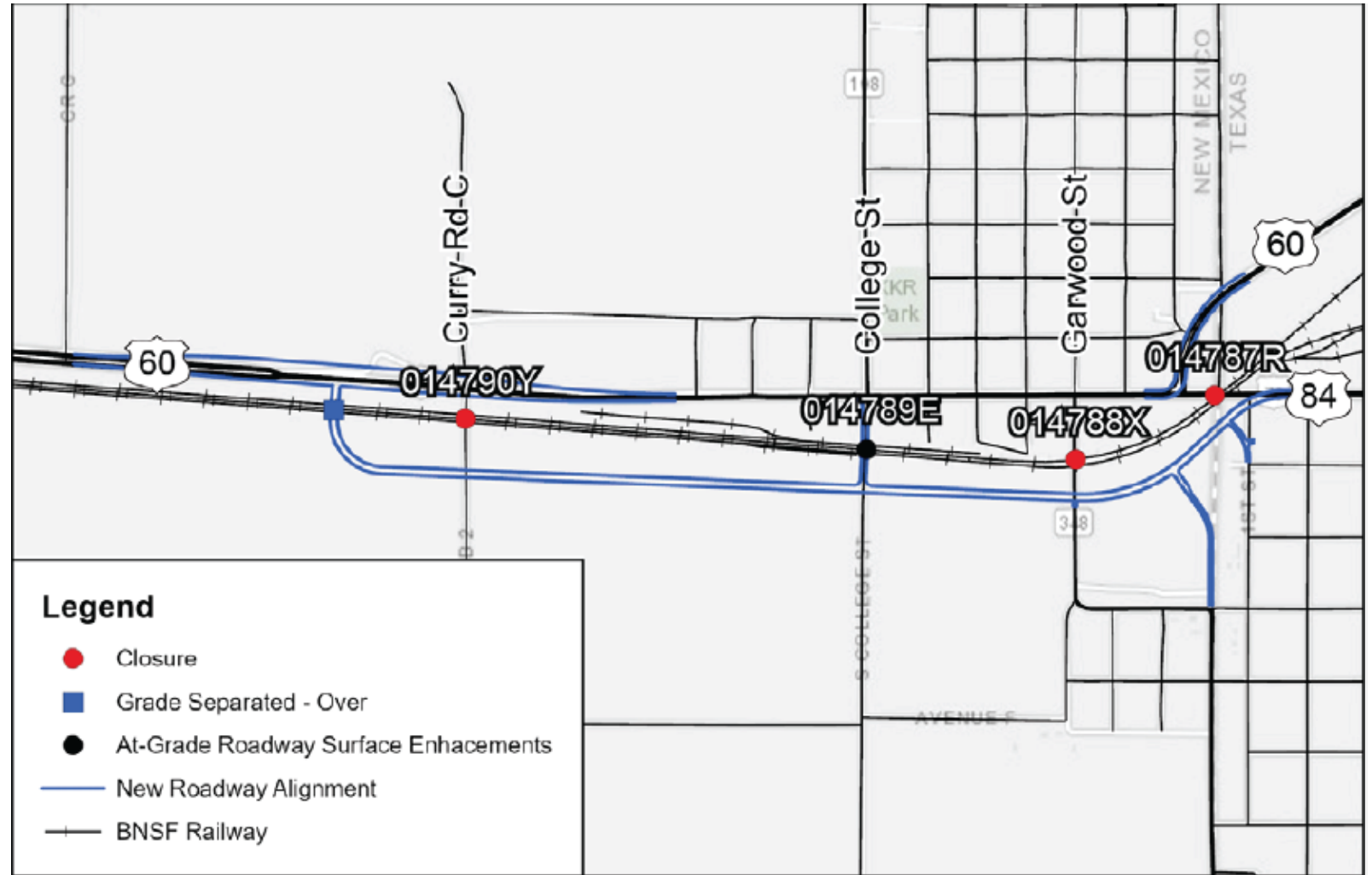
# Purpose and Need

- » Reduce congestion at at-grade railroad crossings
- » Improve mobility on US 60/70/84 and US 60
- » Improve access for emergency response vehicles when train crossings are occupying this stretch of highway
- » Provide safer travel ways for the public with removal of at-grade crossings



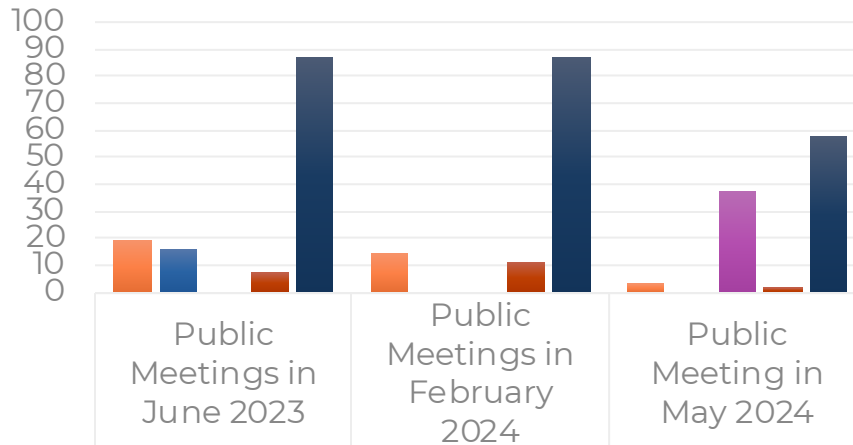
# Railroad Crossing Closures

- Closing of the at-grade railroad crossing on US 70/US 84 at the Texas-New Mexico state line (014787R)
- Closing of the at-grade railroad crossing on Garwood Street (014788X)
- Closing of the at-grade railroad crossing on Curry Rd C (014790Y)



# Recap of Engagement

## Public Outreach Analysis from Previous Engagements



- » Public Outreach #1 (June 2023)
  - » Showed two alternatives and a no build
  - » Alternative # 2 (FM 292) was eliminated as result
- » Public Outreach # 2 (February 2024)
  - » Showed one alternative and no build
  - » Alternative #1 (Stateline) was revised and Alternative # 3 (Texico Bridge) was developed
- » Public Outreach # 3 (May 2024)
  - » Showed Alternative #1, #3, and no build
  - » Alternative # 1 (Stateline) was eliminated and Alternative # 3 shows weighted support for further development



# Previous Concerns Received

## » Pedestrian/ADA/Bicycles

- » Pedestrian Facilities have been added to the schematic to provide connectivity from US 60 and S. College St. in Texico to 1<sup>st</sup> Street and US 70/84 in Farwell. Currently, the footprint of pedestrian facilities are preliminary. The facilities on S. College St. are undergoing review by BNSF for feasibility.

## » Signals/Speed

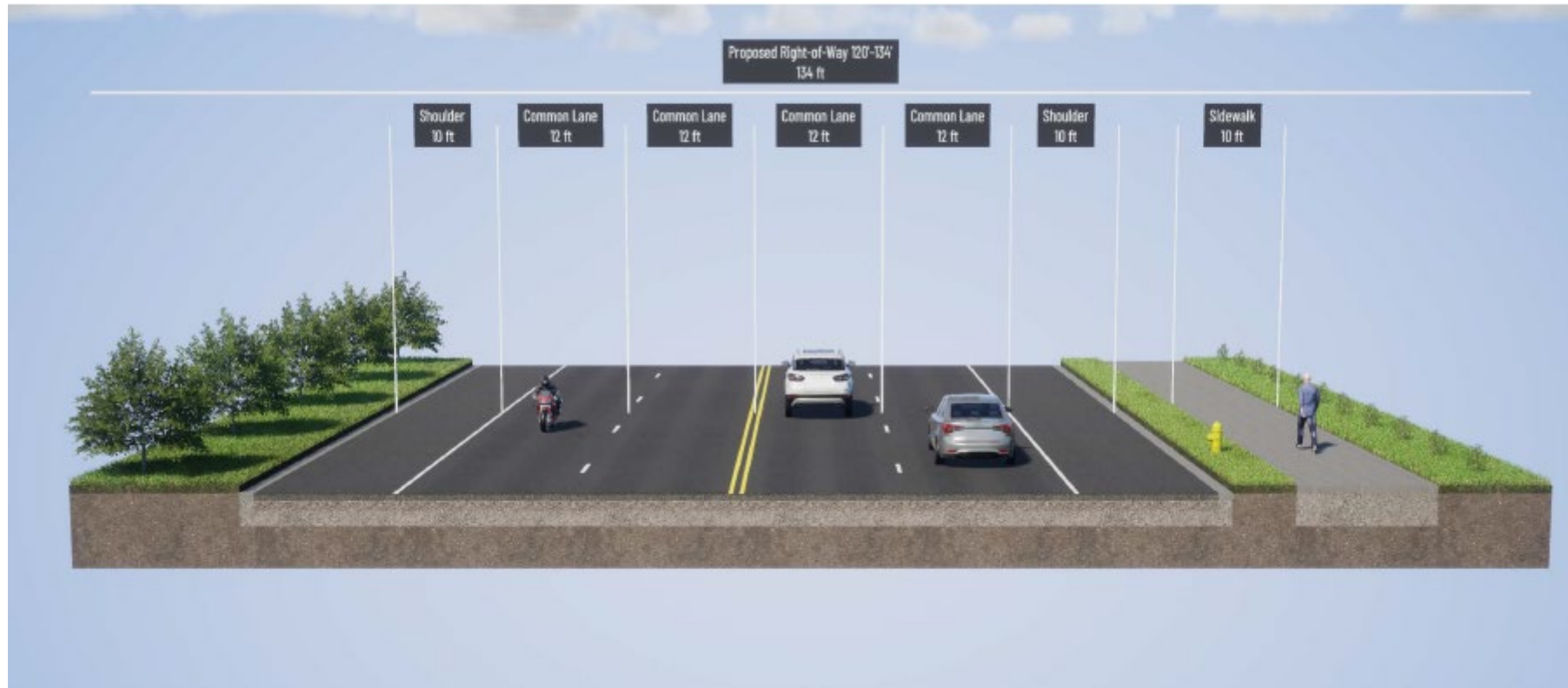
- » Signals must be warranted through a review process of traffic volumes and will be evaluated later in project development phase.
- » Speed limit will be concurrent with the existing speed limits present on US 60 inside the city limits.

## » Drainage

- » Locations of detention ponds and drainage structures are evaluated later in project design phases and are not shown in the project schematic phase.

# US 70/84 Roadway

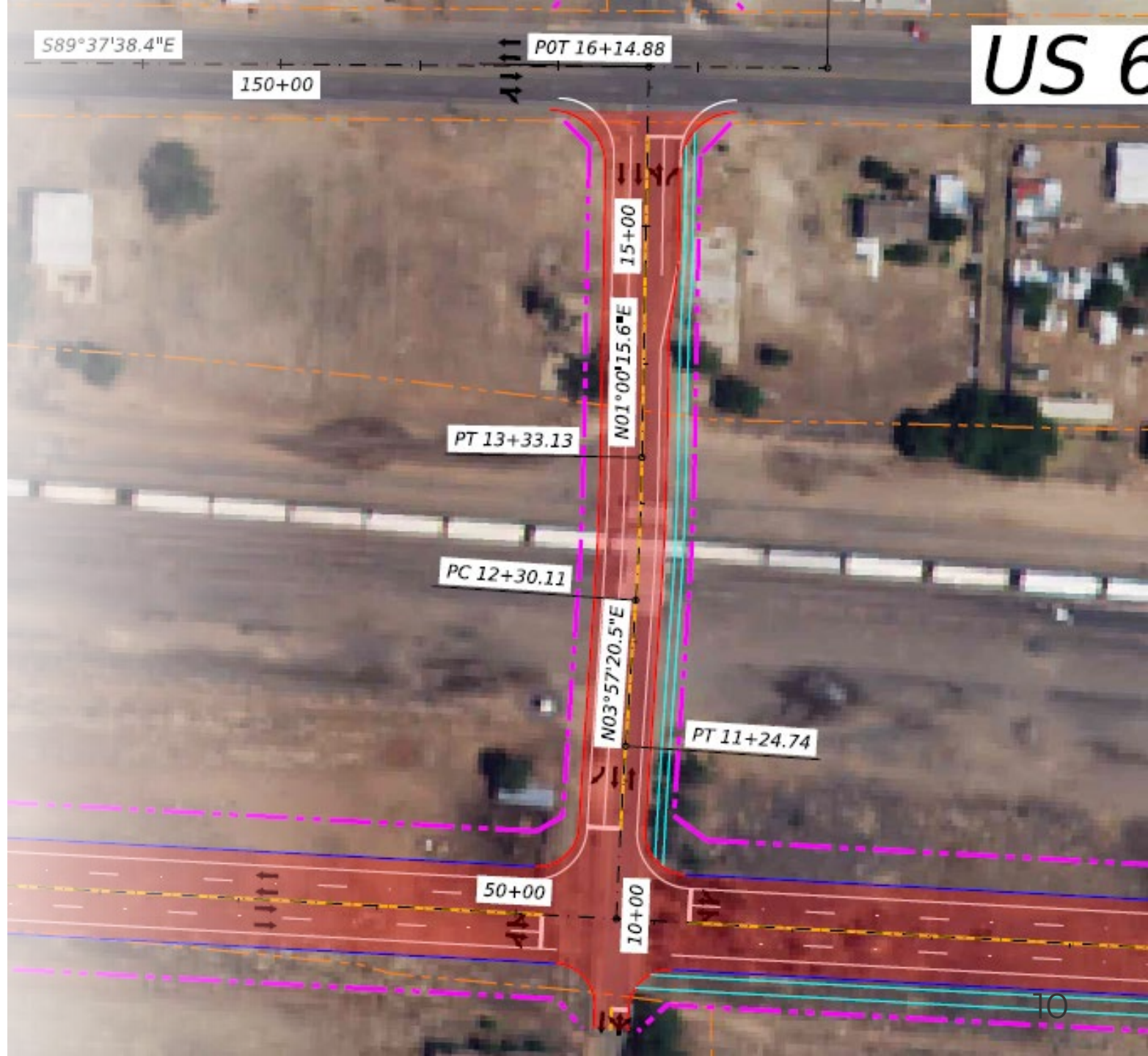
Proposed US 70/84 Roadway (IN TEXICO)





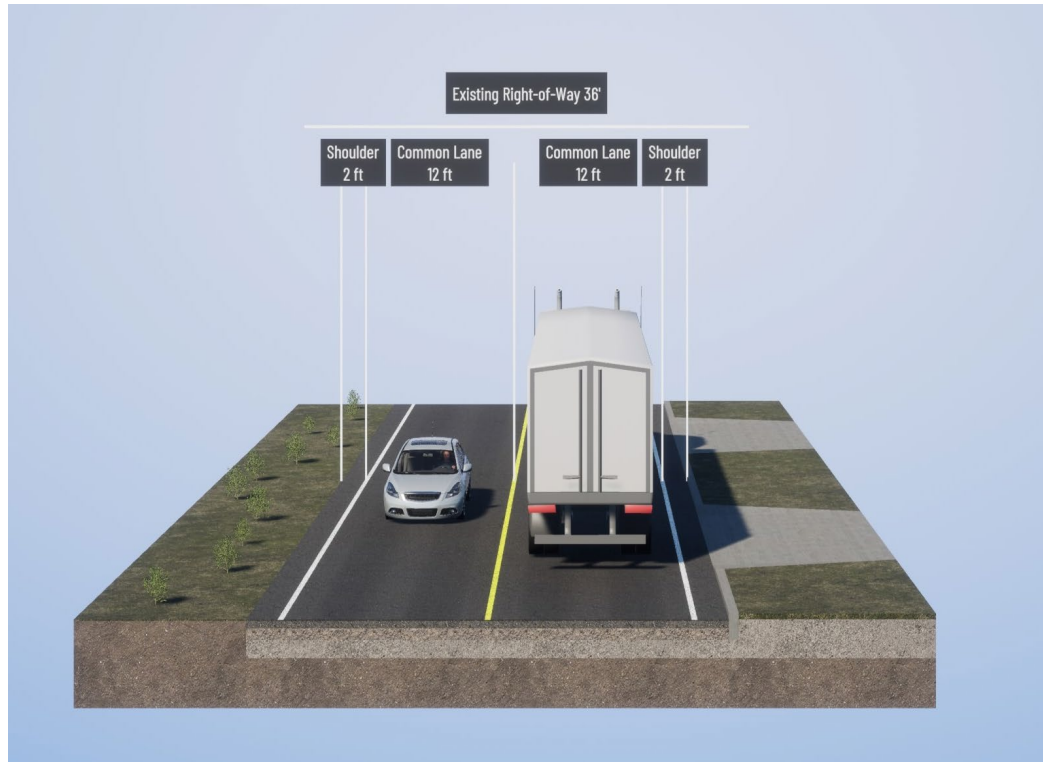
# Proposed Design Revisions

# S. College Street Revisions

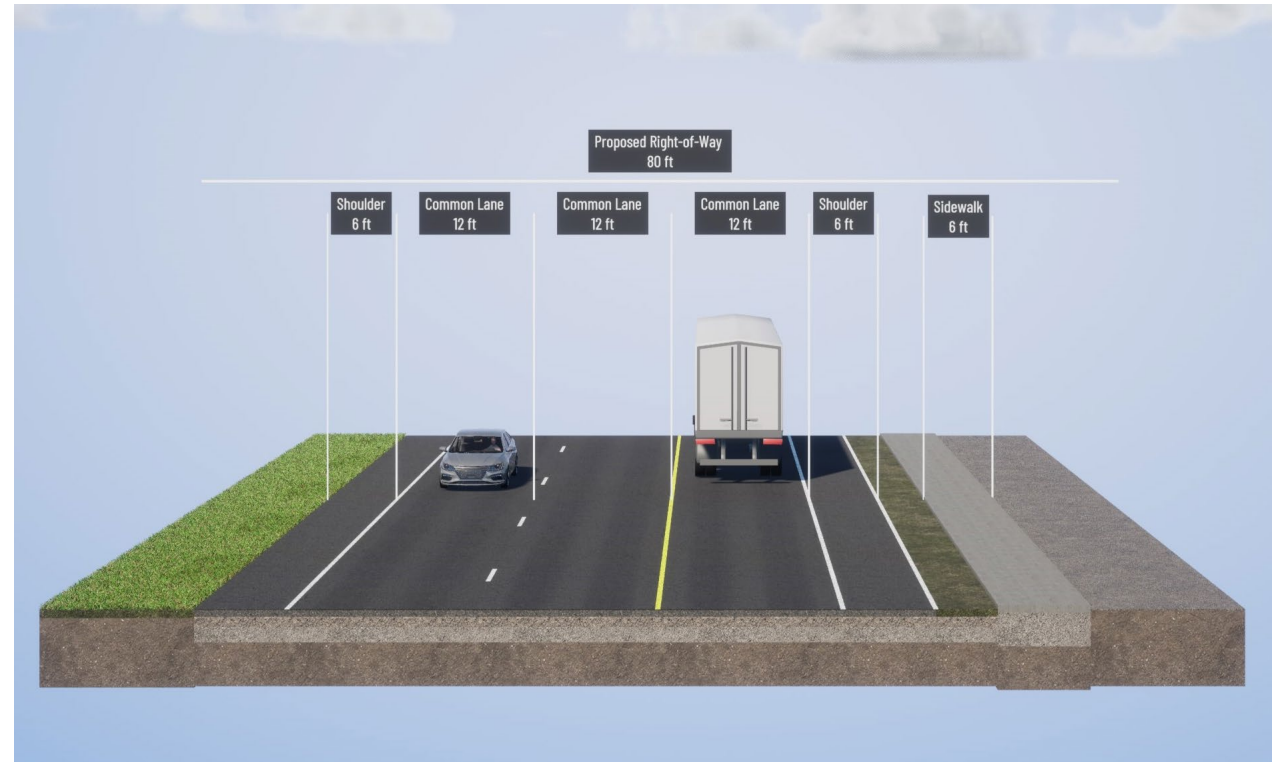




## Existing S. College Street



## Proposed S. College Street

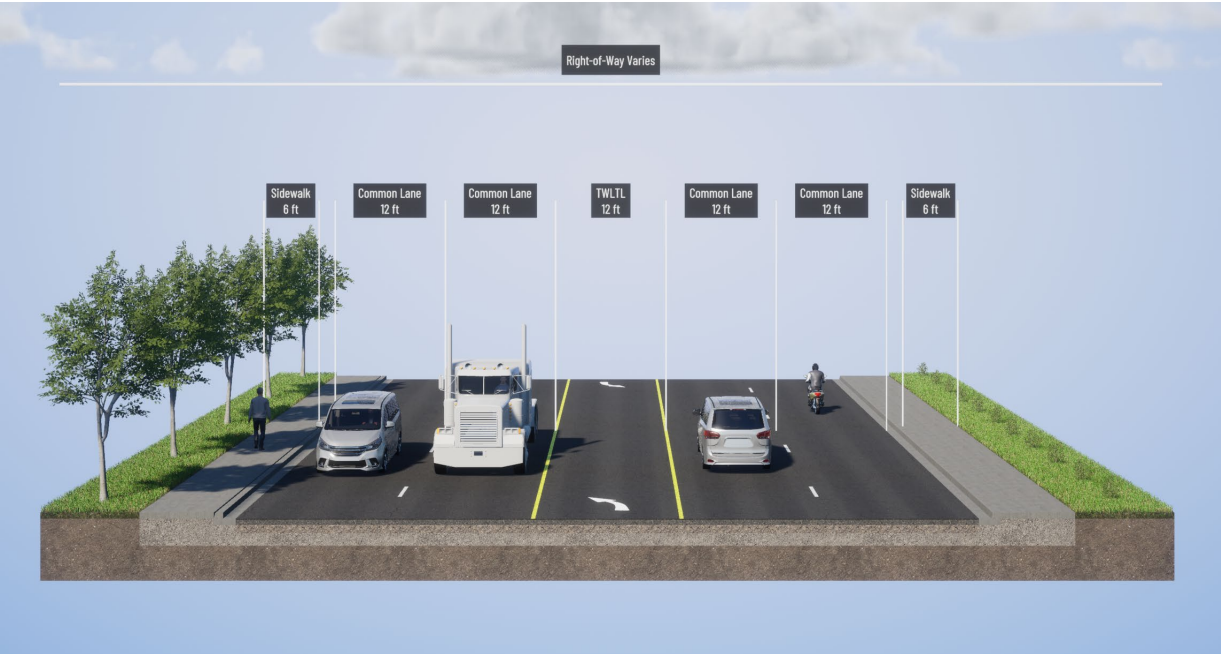


# US 60 Revisions

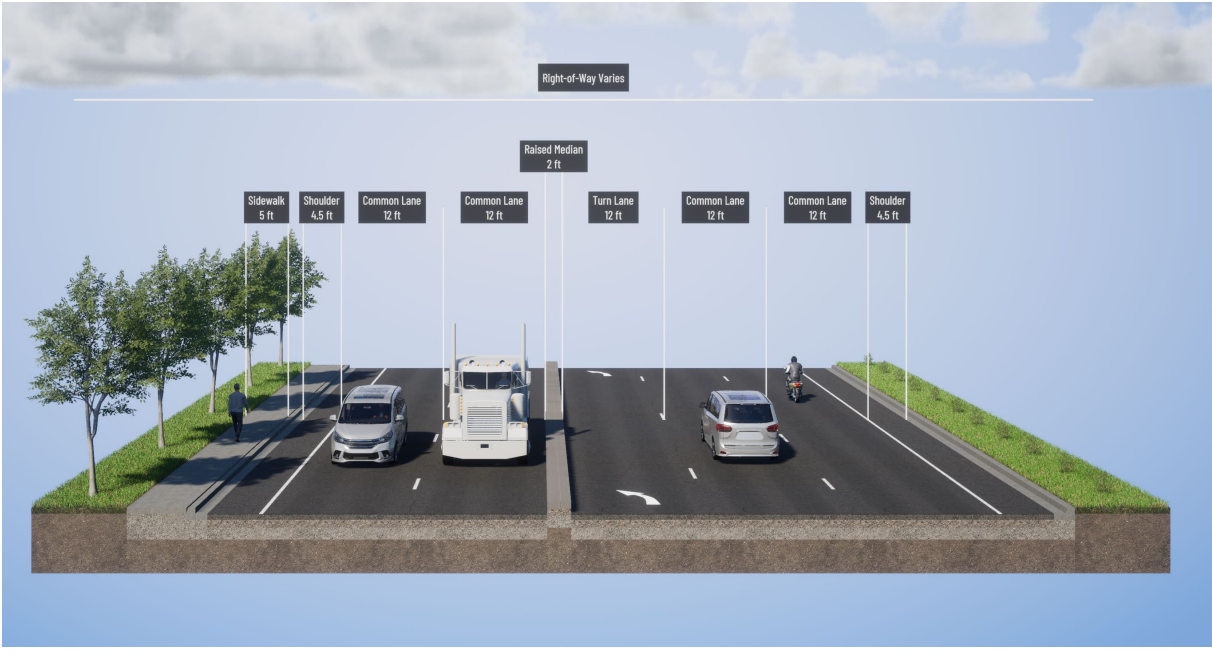




# Existing US 60 Roadway

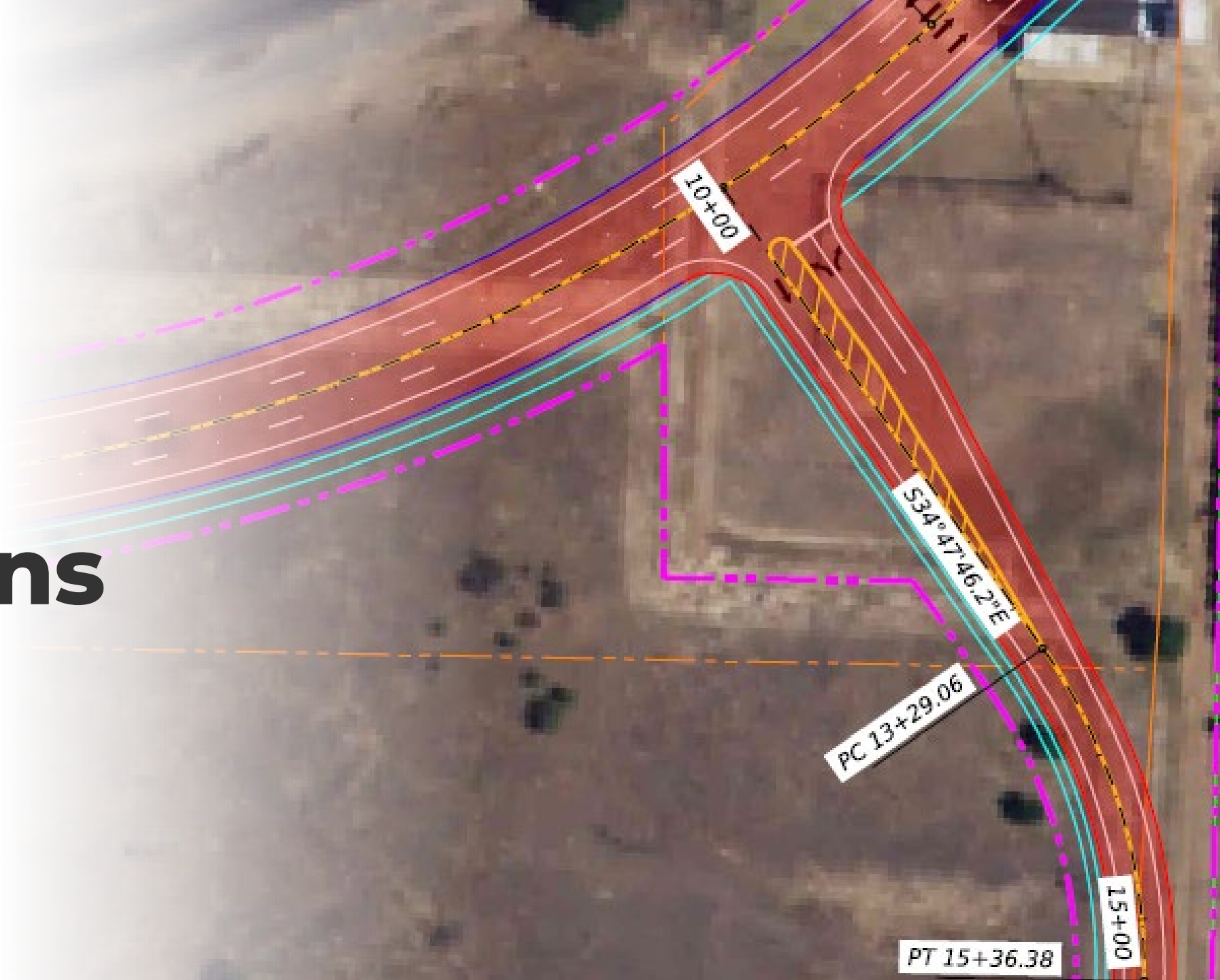


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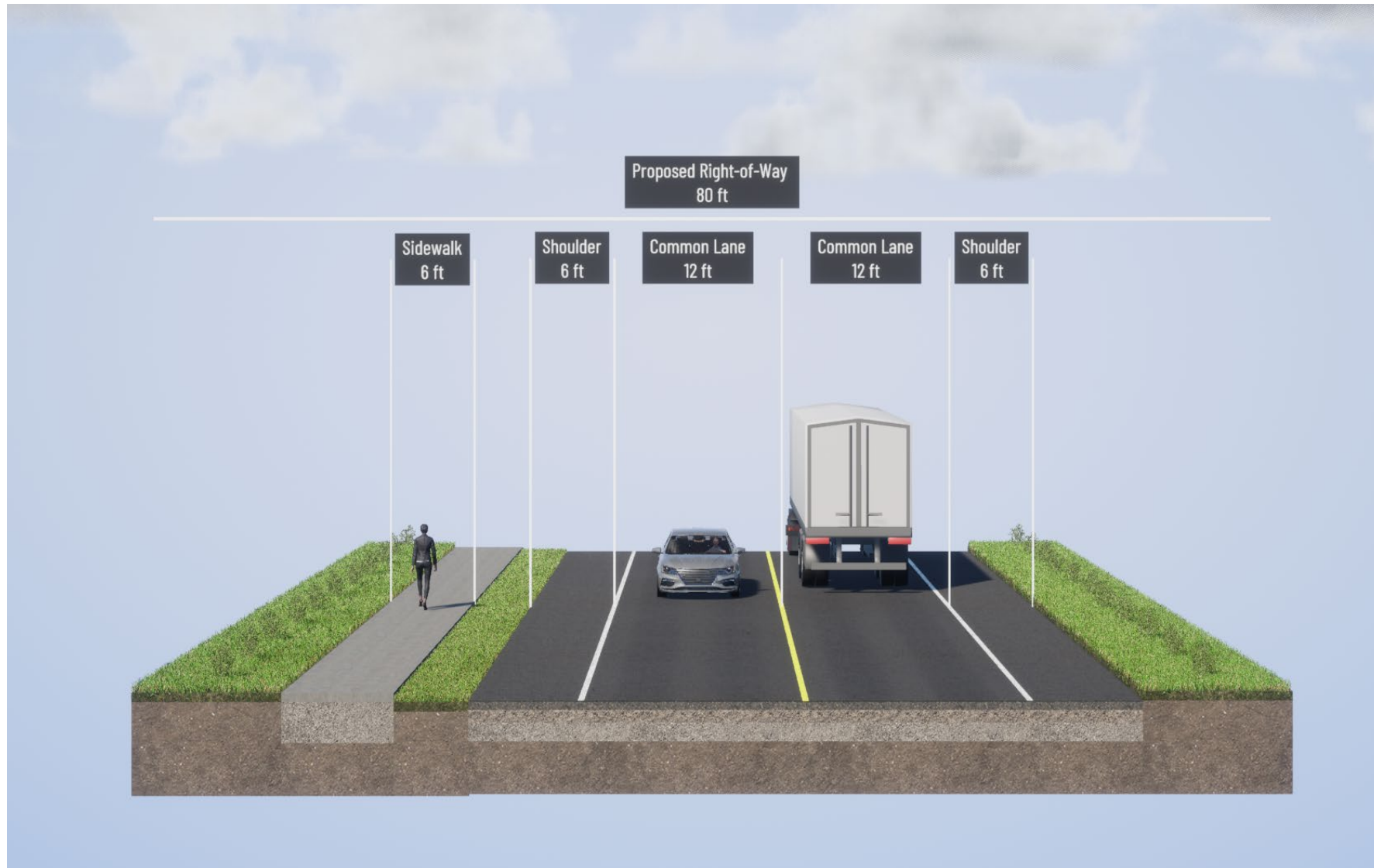




# SH 348 Revisions



# Proposed SH 348 N. Roadway



# Environmental Assessment



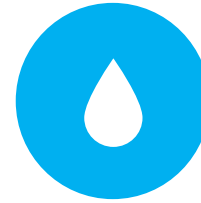
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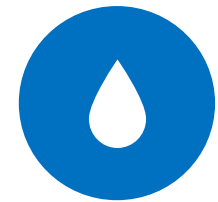
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# Planning and Funding

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), have partnered to seek federal funding for this project.

In partnership, both agencies submitted for a Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant through the Federal Railroad Administration. Determination of award is anticipated to be published by Early Spring 2025.

Both agencies are partaking in the overall project schematic and design. This development of this partnership allows for both agencies to meet the expectation of the environmental assessment documentation and to allow for the overall progress of the project development to construction.

The anticipated cost for this project is currently at \$90 million.

# Right-of-Way

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- » Approximately 45 acres to be acquired with this project
- » Displacements anticipated
- » Affected property owners have been contacted
- » Please visit the project meeting page for more information



# Project Timeline



*\*Advancement from step to step is contingent upon the outcome of the previous step and the availability of funding.*

*Dependent on the scope, the study recommendations could be broken into several environmental and construction projects that extend over a longer period of time.*



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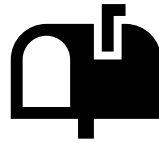
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# How to submit comments

All comments must be received, or post marked by [Friday, Nov. 1, 2024](#), to be addressed in the Public Meeting Document



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