



Loop 375 (Joe Battle) – FM 659 (Zaragoza) Interchange

TxDOT - El Paso District

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Project Name: Loop 375 (Joe Battle Blvd.)/ FM 659 (Zaragoza Rd.) Interchange

Description: Build new interchange

CSJ: 2552-03-034

Project Limits: For PCE Limits (Environmental):

From the intersection of Loop 375 (Joe Battle Blvd.) and FM 659 (Zaragoza Road), approx. 1.0 mile to the north along Loop 375 (Joe Battle Blvd.) and approx. 1.0 mile to the northeast along FM 659 (Zaragoza Road) To approx. 1.0 mile to the south along Loop 375 (Joe Battle Blvd.).

For ROW Map & ROWIS:

The centerline station utilized was the intersection of the Zaragoza alignment and Loop 375+00 which is at STA 780+33.

Highway: LP 375 (Joe Battle Blvd.)

Estimated Construction Cost: \$20,000,000 (2008)

Const.	\$24 mil
ROW:	\$2.0 mil
P.E.:	\$2.4 mil
E&C:	\$2.4 mil
DES/BUILD:	\$1.2 mil
TOTAL:	\$32,000,000 (2011 Letting, at 4%/yr)

Probable Funding Source: Category 2 (Metro Area Mobility) and Transportation Reinvestment Zone, TRZ.

Letting Year: 2011



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Need and Purpose:

FM 659 is one of the major thoroughfares within the city limits of El Paso and is now host to increased development, both residential and commercial establishments. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has identified the need to improve capacity, operation, circulation, access, and safety on FM 659, and in particular the interchange with Loop 375. Therefore, the need arises to develop a schematic that is based on the analyses and identification of the most reasonable and feasible improvement alternatives to address mobility and operational issues. The proposed improvements to the FM 659 / Loop 375 interchange are expected to improve safety for the traveling public; promote and maintain the economic vitality of the area and address among others the following improvement actions:

- Reduce congestion
- Alleviate intersection conflicts
- Access management and driveway consolidation
- Provision of safety lighting
- Improvement of vehicular traffic flow
- Provision of safe and convenient access for increasing residential and commercial development along the Loop 375 (Joe Battle Blvd.) and Zaragoza corridors and at cross street intersection locations such as Montwood, Pebble Hills Blvd., and Edgemere Blvd.

Other improvement actions include improved geometrics, bicycle lane considerations, area drainage improvements, and Traffic Management System (TMS).

Environmental Status: Environmental documentation is under preparation. Public Involvement to start in Summer 2009.

MTP/TIP Status:

The project is listed in the 2035 MTP as project ID number F011X-15A in the 2025 Network.

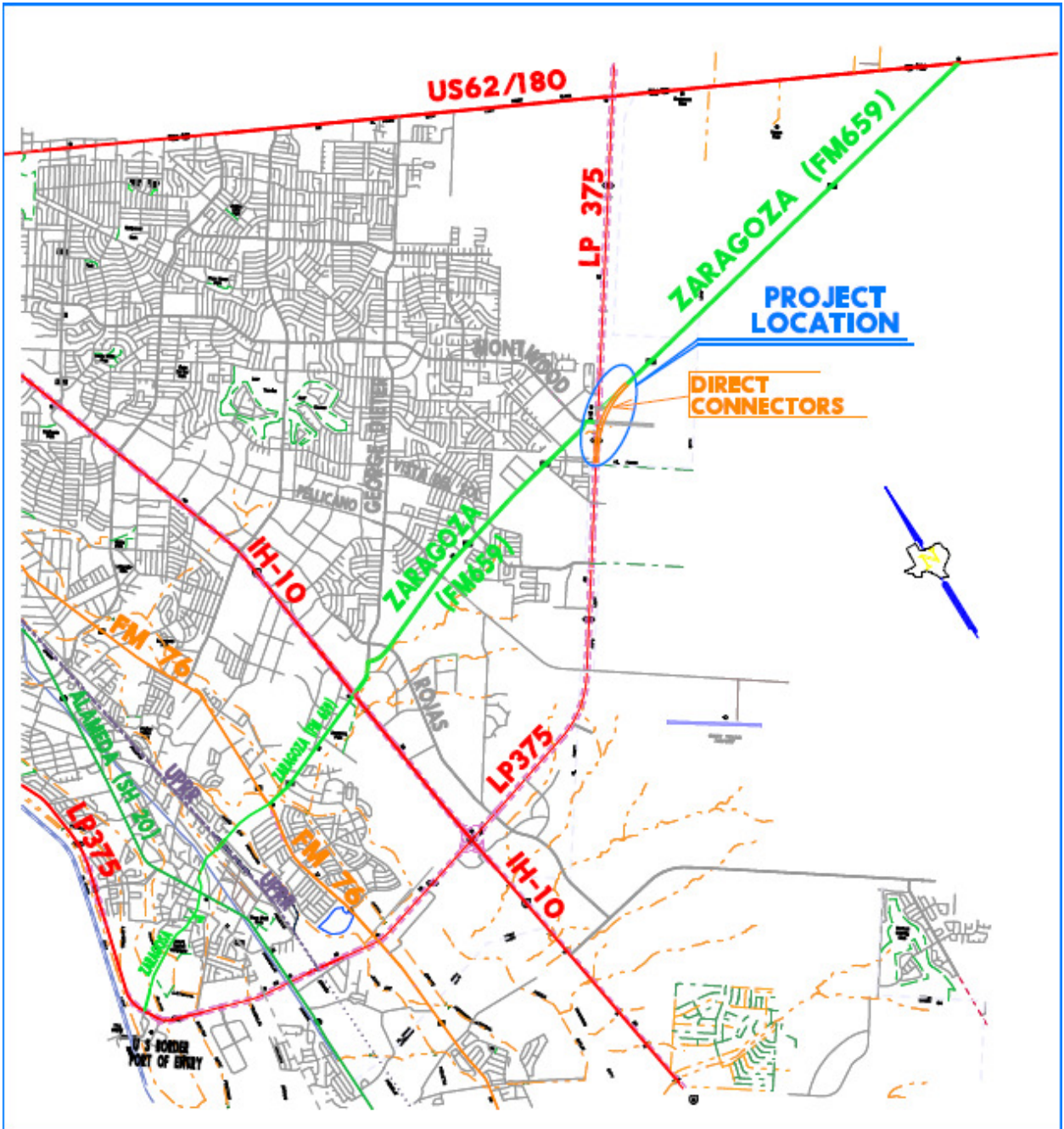


Figure 1 – Project Location Map

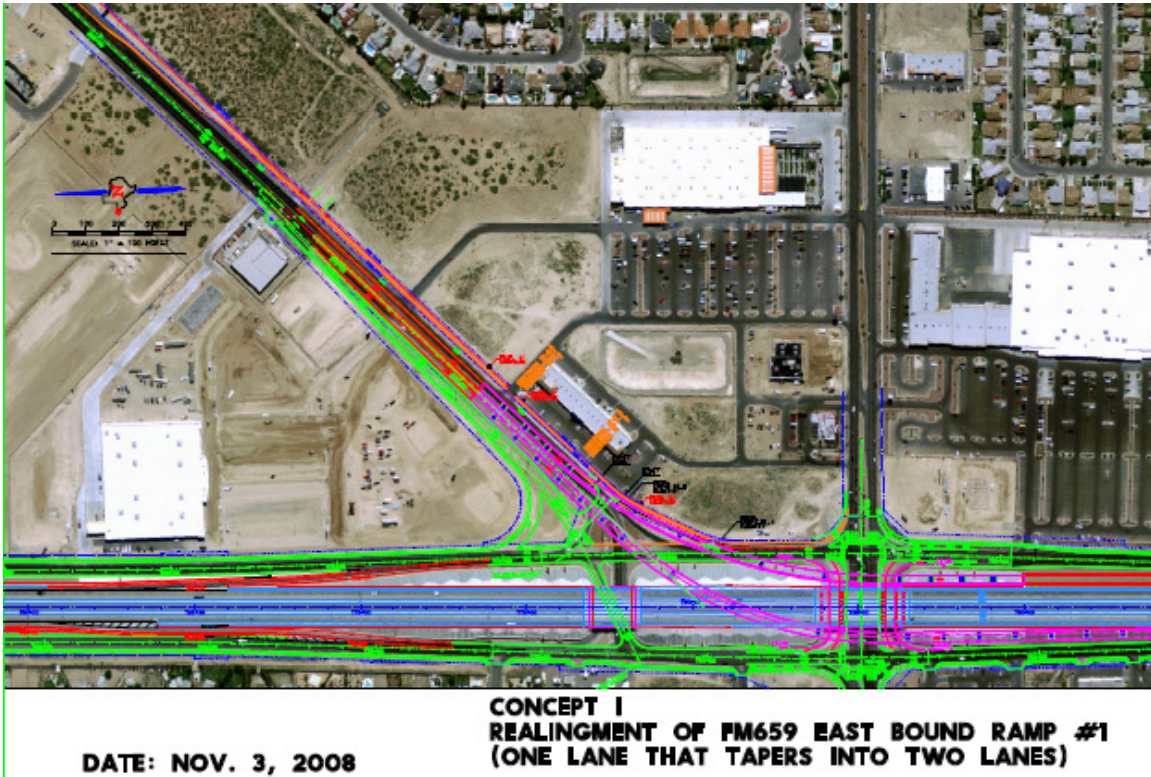


Figure 2, Loop 375 to/from FM 659 Direct Connectors

