



I-10/Loop 375 Americas Interchange

TxDOT - El Paso District

2008 Comprehensive Mobility Plan Project #6

Project Name: I-10/Loop 375 (Americas) Interchange

Description: Build 4 direct connectors of 8
I-10 EB to LP 375 NB, LP375 SB to I-10 WB,
LP 375 NB to I-10 WB, and I-10 WB to LP 375 SB

CSJ: 2121-04-050, 065, 082, etc.

Project Limits: I-10 at LP 375

Highway: I-10 and LP 375

Estimated Total Cost: \$ 146,000,000 (2010)

ROW: Approximately 16 parcels out of 24 parcels.
Acquisition to begin FY 09.

Probable Funding Sources: America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and
TRZ (Transportation Reinvestment Zone).

Letting Year: 2010

Project Summary:

Loop 375 is a beltway around El Paso. The I-10/Loop 375 (Americas) Interchange is one of the major interchanges in the El Paso County for traffic traveling north, east, south and west. Loop 375 (Cesar Chavez Border Highway) connects the four ports of entry from Mexico (Paso Del Norte (Santa Fe Street Bridge)); Friendship Bridge (Stanton Street Bridge); Bridge of the Americas (Cordova Bridge or BOTA); and the Zaragoza International Bridge.

The I-10/Loop 375 (Americas) Interchange is proposed a four level, fully directional interchange, in its ultimate design, and will be built in phases. The first phase was the extension of the Loop 375 mainlanes from North Loop Road to Bob Hope and opened to the public in 2005.



Figure 1. Existing Interchange

In August 2008, The El Paso MPO approved the next phase of the Interchange which is included in the 2008 Comprehensive Mobility Plan. This phase consists of the construction of two of the eight direct connectors: the I-10 Eastbound to LP 375 Northbound, and the LP 375 Southbound to I-10 Westbound. Two additional interchanges were added in March 2009 with the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act, ARRA: the LP375 Northbound to I-10 Westbound, and the I-10 Westbound to LP 375 Southbound.

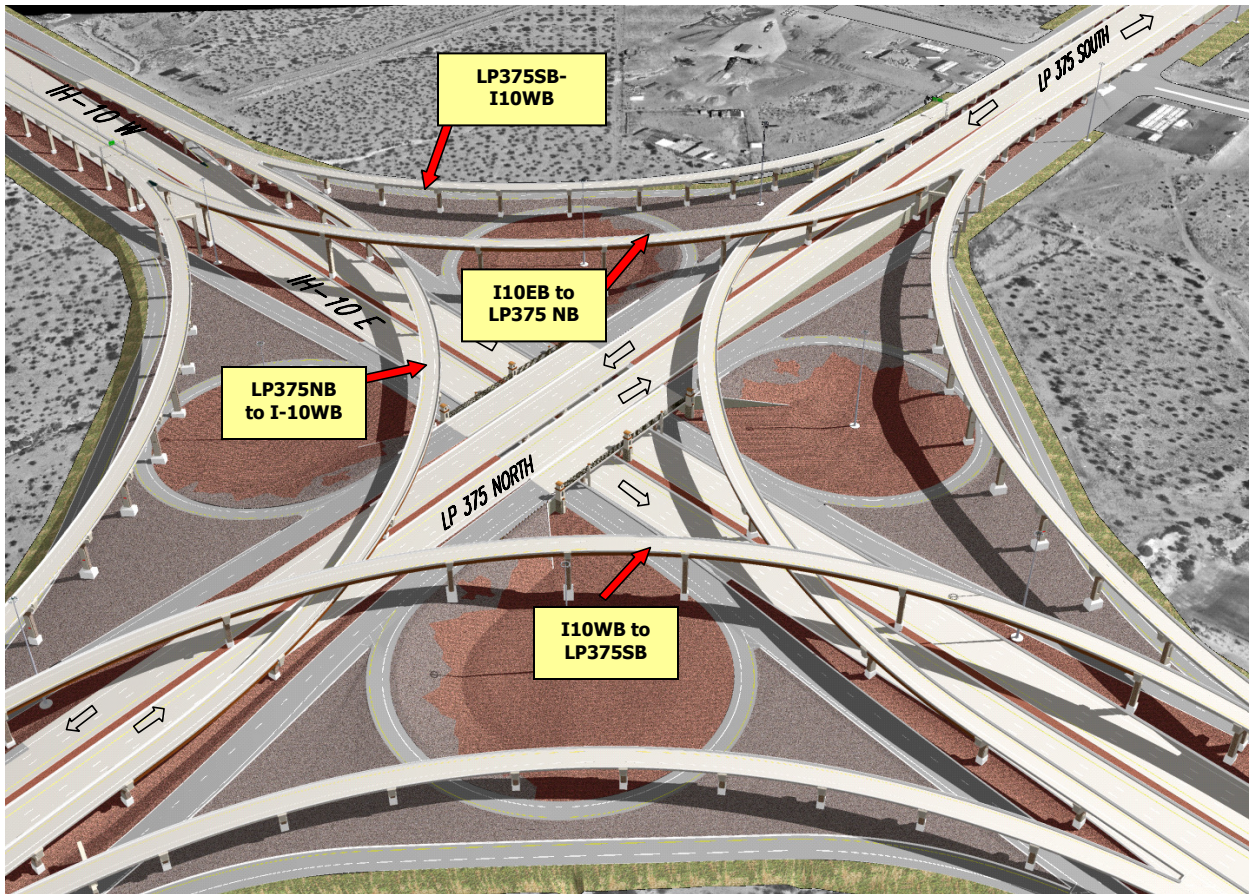


Figure 2 - 4 out of Direct Connectors:

I-10 EB to LP 375 NB, LP375 SB to I-10 WB, LP 375 NB to I-10 WB, and I-10 WB to LP 375 SB

Environmental Status:

An environmental assessment was prepared for the proposed project and approved by the Federal Highway Administration as a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on January 21, 2003. A re-evaluation for minor design and right of way changes was prepared and approved on November 8, 2007.

MTP/TIP Status:

The project is listed in the 2035 MTP as project ID number 1007B-15A in the 2035 Network. Phase IIA is in the 2035 MTP and Phase IIB is in the Needs-Based MPO plan awaiting funding.



Figure 3. Ultimate Design Conceptual Sketch