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## **CRRMA BOARD PRESENTATION**

### **BORDERLAND EXPRESSWAY PROJECT UPDATE**

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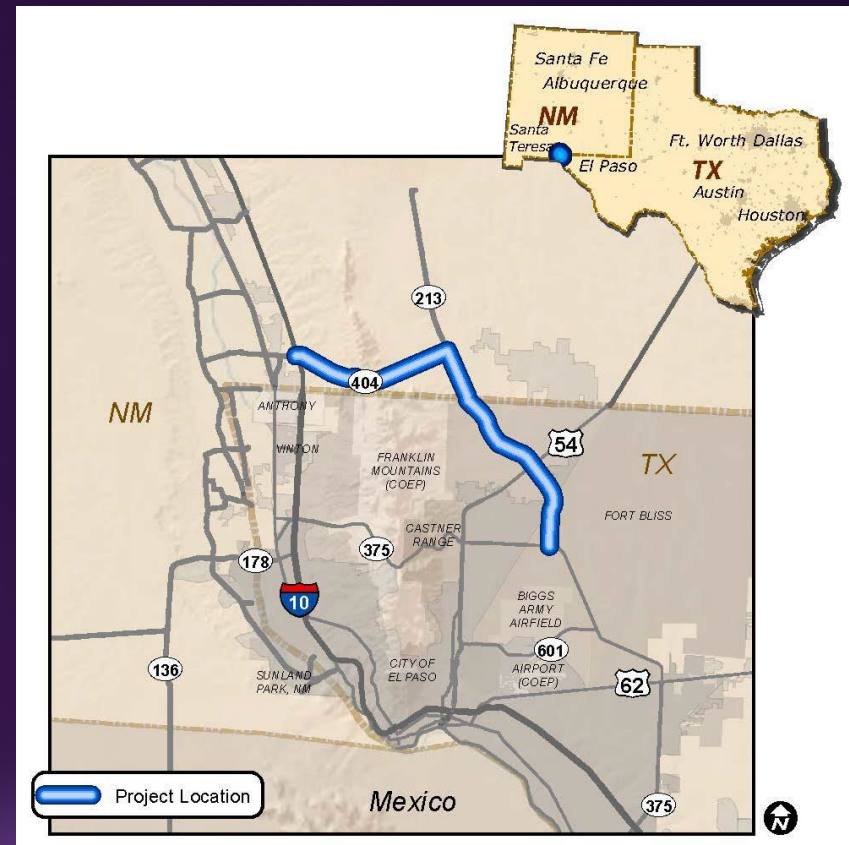
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# Project Description

The Borderland Expressway Project consists of Texas (Northeast Parkway) and New Mexico (NM404 & NM213) components.

The Northeast Parkway Project is new construction, while NM activities mainly consist of upgrades to existing roadways (reconstruction/widening).



# Project Status

- TxDOT is managing the development of the Northeast Parkway.
- Environmental Assessment is ongoing with a public hearing to present findings scheduled for Fall/Winter 2018 and approval anticipated for Spring 2019.
- NMDOT is working on the sections of Borderland Expressway that are located in New Mexico.
- Funding has been allocated to NMDOT from the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for certain improvements.
- The MPO has included Texas and New Mexico elements from Borderland Expressway into the El Paso MPO 2045 Destino Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

# Project Status

- TxDOT hired a consultant team (HNTB) to manage the submission of a grant application for the Borderland Expressway Project through the INFRA Grant Program.
- HNTB continues development of the INFRA application.
- CRRMA Board directed staff to serve as the lead on the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for project stakeholders.
- A draft MOU has been developed and will continue to be revised with input from coalition members, as the project develops.



# Recent Developments

- A project briefing was presented to the governing board of the El Paso MPO (Transportation Policy Board, TPB) and a request was made for a resolution of support on September 21. The TPB requested that the item be routed through its Transportation Project Advisory Committee (TPAC).
- Rep. Pickett provided a project briefing to the governing board of the Texas Department of Transportation on September 27. During the briefing, Rep. Pickett requested that staff consider this project as a candidate for pass through financing – similar to the State Spur 601 Project financing.

# Recent Developments

- Project briefings were made to two TPAC meetings and the item returned to the TPB on November 16. The resolution of support was approved.
- Follow up meetings were held with the City of El Paso's Economic Development Department regarding the possibility of the City updating the Transportation Reinvestment Zone No. 3 projections.
- A project update was provided to Rep. Morgan on December 10.

# Recent Developments

## EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD OF THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION expressing its support for the Borderland Expressway Project, aka Northeast Parkway.

**WHEREAS**, the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (“El Paso MPO”) is the designated regional planning and transportation organization for the West Texas and Southern New Mexico regions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Policy Board (TPB), as the policy and decision-making body for the El Paso MPO, is charged with the responsibility of carrying out federally mandated transportation planning activities that include, but are not limited to, the development of long-term multimodal transportation plans, the coordinated selection of transportation improvements in a fiscally constrained manner, and public outreach, in coordination with state and local governmental entities, public transit agencies, and public and citizen stakeholders; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Policy Board for the El Paso MPO believes that funding of the Northeast Parkway and the broader Borderland Expressway Project will promote safe, effective, and efficient regional transportation projects that will serve the transportation needs of the El Paso MPO Study Area; and,

**WHEREAS**, on September 27, 2018, there were various agencies represented within the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization to request funding for the Northeast Parkway and the broader Borderland Expressway Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Transportation Policy Board of the El Paso MPO THAT the TPB hereby expresses its support for the Borderland Expressway Project, aka Northeast Parkway and is further supportive of efforts to secure funding from the Texas Department of Transportation, and any other potential funding sources, that would assist in the development of such projects.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED** on the 16th day of November, 2018.



# Questions?

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