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BORDERLAND EXPRESSWAY PROJECT UPDATE

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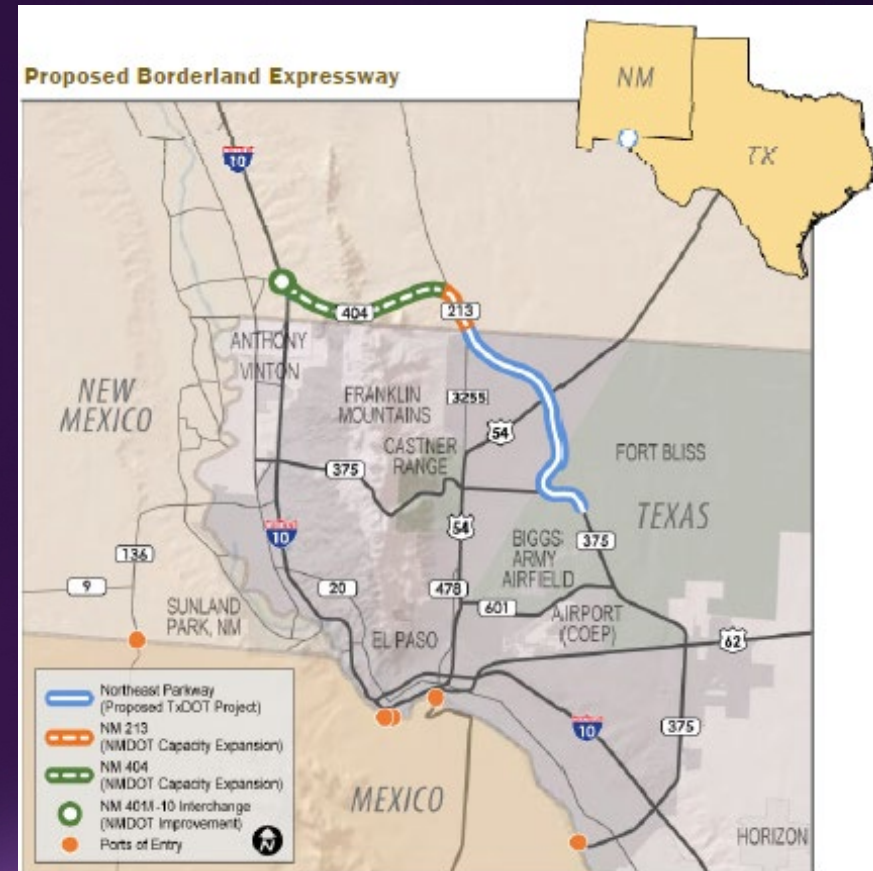
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Project Description

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 Partners

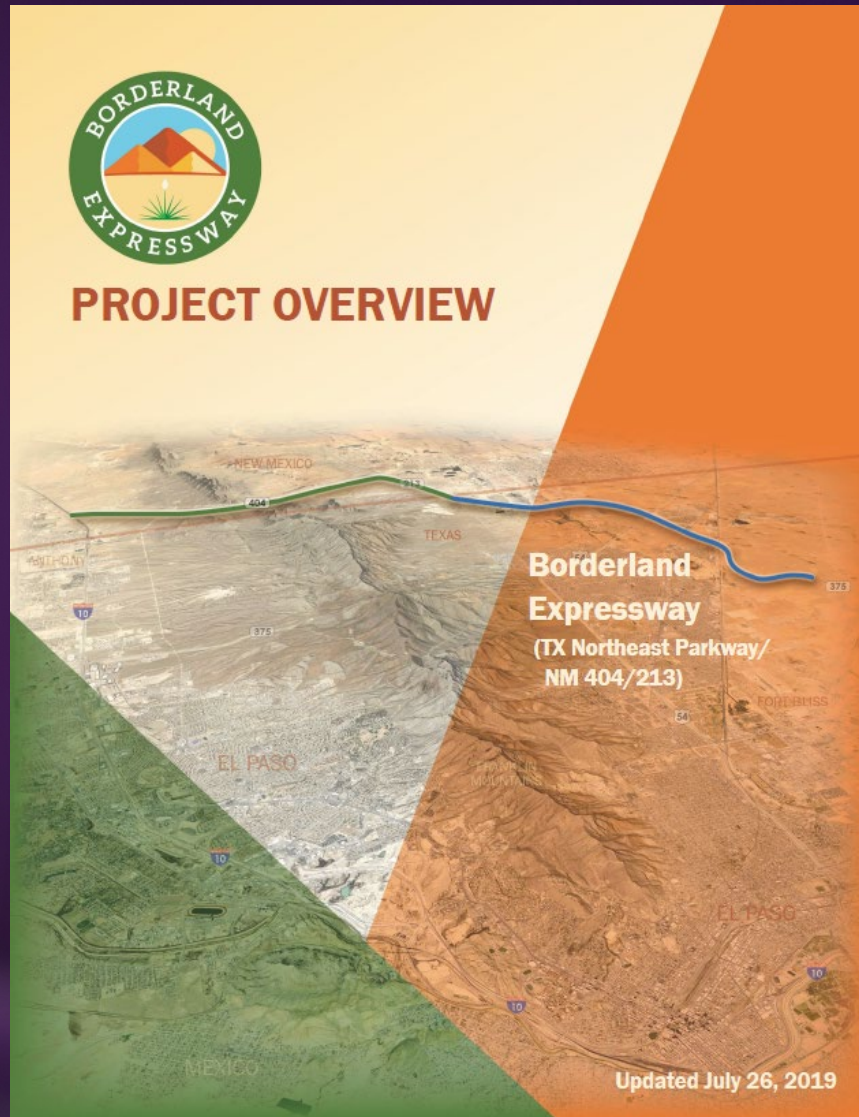
The Borderland Expressway Project is complex and crosses multiple jurisdictions. Therefore, to achieve success, the project requires many project partners, which includes the following, among others:

- Ft. Bliss/U.S. Military
- Texas Department of Transportation
- New Mexico Department of Transportation
- City of El Paso
- County of El Paso
- Dona Ana County
- El Paso Water
- El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization
- University of Texas at El Paso
- Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority

Project Partners



PROJECT OVERVIEW



The Borderland Expressway Coalition was created as an ad hoc group of project stakeholders that is interested in advancing the project. The Borderland Coalition meets monthly to discuss and coordinate progress of various project components. Attendees include many of the Project Partners referenced in the previous slide and work products include a project overview, video and whitepaper. An economic evaluation is also underway, in coordination with TxDOT.

Project Status

- TxDOT is managing the development of the Northeast Parkway.
- Schematic design is nearly complete and Environmental Assessment activities are ongoing with a public hearing planned for Fall 2019.
- NMDOT is working on the New Mexico sections of the Borderland Expressway. NM404 widening will let next year. The RFP for preliminary design on NM213 will be issued soon.
- Funding has been allocated from the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) these 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

In preliminary discussions, the Project Partners have identified the CRRMA as a potential project sponsor, due to the unique abilities inherent to RMAs. Of particular note, the CRRMA's ease in working across jurisdictional lines becomes a valuable asset with a project that crosses multiple city, county and state lines.

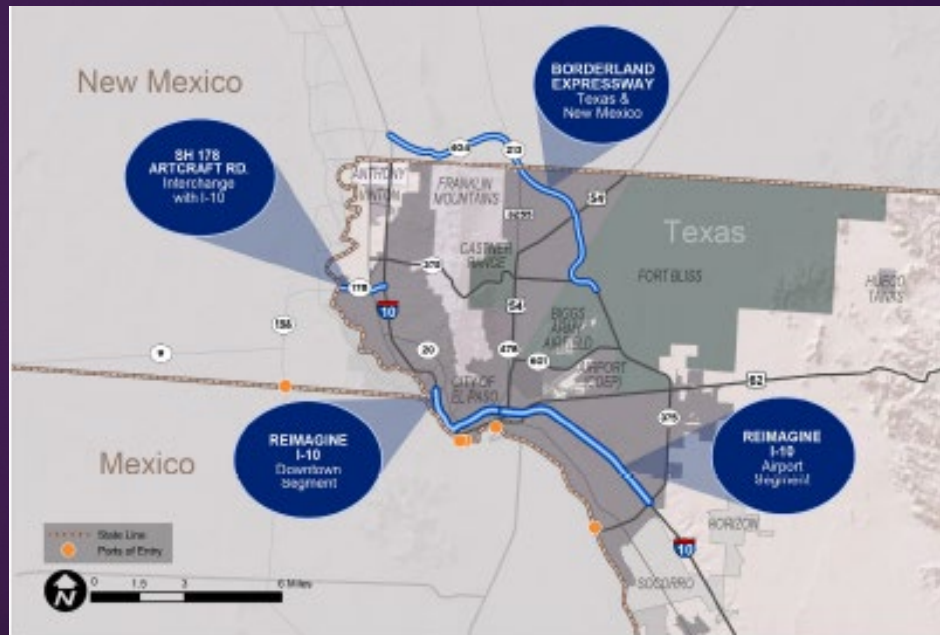
To date, the CRRMA Board has approved two Board Resolutions related to this project:

- April 12, 2017 – direct staff to work with TxDOT to develop options for the development of the NE Parkway Project; and
- May 9, 2018 – direct staff to develop a Borderland Expressway Project MOU for project partners that would help define roles of the CRRMA and others in order to develop the project.

Project Status

- Briefings have been provided to many local elected and agency officials, including County Commissioners, City Council members, El Paso MPO Board, El Paso Water Utility Board, Borderplex Alliance and others.
- Former Rep. Pickett briefed the governing board of the Texas Department of Transportation (TTC) on September 27, 2018.
- Meetings have also been held with various agency staff, including the City's Economic Development Department (access to TRZ No. 3) and EP Water (access to ROW).
- Briefings will continue to project stakeholders and interested parties as needed/requested.

Project Status



The El Paso MPO is working on a program of priority projects similar to the Comprehensive Mobility Plans previously implemented, which may include the Borderland Expressway.

In addition, the El Paso Mobility Coalition has identified four regionally significant projects that each compliment the other and has begun championing such projects as priorities for the region.

Questions?



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