



DOWNTOWN 

CONNECTING PEOPLE AND THE PAST



HISTORIC PRESERVATION AT TxDOT

TxDOT's Role in Historic Preservation

TxDOT has started a project to look at improvements to I-10 between Executive Center Boulevard and State Loop 478 (Copia Street) in El Paso, Texas. This project, also known as Downtown 10, does have historic places adjacent to the interstate, and we would like your help to preserve that history.



The Downtown 10 project stretches from Executive Center Blvd. to Copia St.



TxDOT looks for historic properties that are:

- At least 45 years old.
- And have a documented connection with a historic event or notable person.
- Or have notable architectural or engineering design.

Your Role in Historic Preservation

Public participation is the cornerstone of effective government and we know that Texans value the places that reflect a community's history.

Get Involved

- You can comment on Downtown 10 during the historic preservation process (also known as **Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**).
- “**Consulting Parties**” have vested interests in historic properties and play a special role.

Your participation in historic preservation at TxDOT is guided by **Sec. 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**.

The Section 106 Process



Step 1: NOTIFY

TxDOT will notify you when it starts a project, like Downtown 10, that might have impacts to historic resources. Do you have specialized input you want to share as a “Consulting Party?”

Step 2: IDENTIFY

TxDOT looks for places that are at least 45 years old. Your role: Tell us what is important to you and your community.

Step 3: EVALUATE

Work with TxDOT to determine if there are sites or structures that tell an important story about the community history. Why is this place important? Do you know its history? Do you have old photos?

Step 4: DECIDE

TxDOT uses all this information to determine how to balance progress with preservation. Can we change our project to avoid the historic place? If not, how can we preserve its story for future generations?



Lincoln School, c. 1915

Continuing TxDOT's Coordination in the Region

The former Lincoln Park Elementary School opened in 1915, and it has been a rich part of El Paso's history since that time. As TxDOT considered options for building new ramps at the I-10 and US 59 interchange, the community voiced their concerns about the school, which is located under the interchange. Through several work groups and public meetings, TxDOT modified their project plans and avoided demolishing the former school. Design changes also removed truck access to neighborhoods, improving air quality and safety. Thanks to the historic preservation process, TxDOT found an option that served the traveling public and saved one of El Paso's treasured buildings. For more information, visit www.i10connectelpaso.com.



Lincoln School, present day

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About TxDOT CRM

TxDOT's archeologists and historians make up the Cultural Resource Management (CRM) team. They are tasked with balancing progress with the need to preserve places that are important to the state's history and culture.

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