Historic Resources Survey Summary¹ Downtown 10: I-10 from Executive Center Blvd. to State Loop 478 (Copia Street) El Paso, El Paso County, Texas TxDOT CSJ: 2121-02-166 September 2024

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) conducted a historic resources survey for the proposed improvements to Interstate Highway (I) 10 from Executive Center Boulevard to State Loop 478 (Copia Street). That survey is now ready for public comment, and you are invited to share your thoughts on the survey's draft findings.

PROJECT FACTS: The environmental process for this undertaking began in 2017 as the Reimagine I-10 Corridor Study (Study). The Study evaluated current and future transportation needs along the I-10 corridor from the Texas/New Mexico State Line in the northeast to FM 3380 near Tornillo, TX in the southwest. TxDOT evaluated this 56-mile-long study corridor using four conceptual corridor alternatives. TxDOT identified the Downtown 10 project as the first breakout project from that Study. The proposed Downtown 10 project National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process began in 2020 as an Environmental Assessment (EA), which studied eight Conceptual Build Alternatives and the No Build Alternative. In 2022, during project development, TxDOT determined that the project would be classified as an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This survey report focuses on alternatives considered during the development of the Preliminary Draft EA as well as the Draft EIS. Three Viable Alternatives (Alternatives D, G, and H) were initially proposed as part of the Preliminary Draft EA phase of the project, and during the Draft EIS phase of the project, TxDOT created a fourth alternative (Alternative I) based on engineering considerations and public input. As a result, the Area of Potential Effect (APE) is 150 feet from the Historic Analysis Area, which overlays the footprint of existing and proposed right-of-way (ROW) and easements for all Viable Alternatives (Alternatives D, G, H, and I). The area surveyed is shown on Figure 1.

The historic resources survey is intended to:

- 1. Identify areas where the proposed project has the potential to impact buildings, structures, landscapes, or neighborhoods (known as the Area of Potential Effect [APE]).
- Identify any potential historic properties within those areas that could be impacted by the proposed project. Historic properties are generally those that are at least 50 years old and that meet the National Park Service's requirements for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) due to their historic significance and historic appearance.

¹ Note that a majority of the information provided in this summary document has been copied from the **Abstract** of the Historic Resources Survey Report available at TxDOT's website.

SURVEY FACTS: This report was produced for the purpose of meeting requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). If readers of this document require additional information about the Section 106 process for this project, please visit TxDOT's <u>historic preservation</u> <u>brochure</u>. This historic resources survey report may also be used for compliance requirements associated with other cultural resource legislation related to environmental clearance as applicable, including Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Act and the Antiquities Code of Texas.

While historical markers are not protected by the above-referenced laws, it should be noted that Alternative I would require the relocation of two markers within TxDOT ROW between I-10 and North Coldwell Street/West Missouri Avenue, in an area locally known as Grace Chope Park. One marker is a El Paso Chamber of Commerce marker dedicating Grace Chope Park in 1988.² It is anticipated that TxDOT will coordinate the relocation of this marker with the City of El Paso and El Paso Chamber of Commerce. The other marker is an Official Texas Historical Marker (OTHM) commemorating the Old San Francisco Historic District. Based on TxDOT and Texas Historical Commission (THC) established protocol, it is anticipated that TxDOT will coordinate the relocation of this marker with the relocation of this marker with the THC Marker Programs and the El Paso County Historical Commission (CHC).

SURVEY FINDINGS: In December 2023 and January 2024, ICF completed the reconnaissance-level historic resources surveys and identified a total of 464 properties containing 601 historic-age resources (built in or before 1981) in the proposed project's APE. Of the inventoried resources, a total of 142 properties are individually listed or recommended eligible for listing in the NRHP and/or are contributing resources to historic districts that are listed or recommended eligible for listing in the NRHP. Attached are **Figures 2** through **36**, which show the parcel boundary for each inventoried resource.³

There are 24 individually NRHP-eligible or NRHP-listed historic properties listed below by resource number and address. The resources with an asterisk (*) denote resources that are also contributing resources to an NRHP-eligible or NRHP-listed historic district.

Resource No.	Name/Address	Individual NRHP Status/Recommendation
2	Smeltertown Cemetery, 28 San Marcos Dr.	NRHP-eligible
12A	Jesus and Mary Academy, 1518 Mundy Dr.*	NRHP-eligible
12C	Jesus and Mary Academy, 1518 Mundy Dr.*	NRHP-eligible
53	Holy Family Church, 900 W. Missouri Ave.*	NRHP-eligible
56A	Holy Family Church School, 813 W. Main Dr.*	NRHP-eligible
75	Sunset Grocery, 700 Mundy Dr.*	NRHP-eligible
120A	El Paso Union Depot, 700 W. San Francisco Ave.	NRHP-listed
135	The Palms, 329 W. Missouri Ave.*	NRHP-eligible
136	Former Upson Hotel, 312 Prospect St.	NRHP-eligible
137	Scottish Rite Temple, 301 W. Missouri Ave.	NRHP-eligible
138	Old B'nai Zion Synagogue, 906 N. El Paso St.	NRHP-listed

Individually NRHP-eligible and NRHP-listed historic properties within APE

² It should be noted that Grace Chope Park is within TxDOT's ROW and that its currently function is dictated by the Memorandum of Understanding between TxDOT and the City of El Paso.

³ Note that each figure has a small inset map depicting the location of the resource relative to the entire project area.

Resource No.	Name/Address	Individual NRHP Status/Recommendation
139	Former KTSM-TV Station, 801 N. Oregon St.	NRHP-eligible
140	Holocaust Museum, 715 N. Oregon St.	NRHP-eligible
142A	Trinity-First United Methodist Church Trinity Hall, 800 N. Oregon St.*	NRHP-eligible
142B	Trinity-First United Methodist Church Resler Hall, 800 N. Oregon St.*	NRHP-eligible
145	Trinity-First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Mesa St.*	NRHP-eligible
150	Norton Brothers' Yandell Drive Store, 215 W. Yandell Dr.*	NRHP-eligible
158A	The Church of St. Clement Episcopal Church, 810 N. Campbell St.*	NRHP-eligible
168	Private residence, 709 Wyoming Avenue	NRHP-eligible
181	El Paso & Southwestern Railroad Depot, 420 N. Campbell St.	NRHP-eligible
309A	Reddy Ice, 1621 Texas Ave.	NRHP-eligible
309B	Reddy Ice, 1621 Texas Ave.	NRHP-eligible
407	Concordia Cemetery, 3700 Yandell Dr.	NRHP-eligible
464	Lincoln Park School, 4001 Durazno Ave.	NRHP-eligible

Individually NRHP-eligible and NRHP-listed historic properties within APE

There are also 128 resources in the APE that are contributing to historic districts, as noted below. Note, several garages and secondary resources (inventoried with numeric and alpha characters) are accounted for in the table below, as well as 10 of the contributing resources listed below are also individually eligible and included in the table above.

Historic Districts within APE

Contributing Resources in APE (Resource Nos.)	Historic District Name	Historic District NRHP Status/Recommendation
5-8, 10-14, 17, 19, 21-33, 35-38, 40-41, 43-44, 46-53, 56-63, 66-85, 87-101, 103-110, 112-115, 117-119	Sunset Heights	NRHP-listed
127-135	Old San Francisco	NRHP-listed
142A-142B, 144-148, 150, 154, 158, 165-171, 173-177, 180	Rio Grande Amendment Area	NRHP-eligible

In accordance with the Section 106 process, this report includes an assessment of effects for NRHPlisted and NRHP-eligible properties. This report includes an evaluation of the direct effects (partial or complete parcel acquisition) associated with each Viable Alternative. This report also includes a short summary discussion of indirect effects, which will be evaluated in the future as other not-yetcompleted technical studies will inform the indirect effects assessment. The table below summarizes the Viable Alternatives' direct effects and potential Section 4(f) analyses.⁴

⁴ If NRHP-listed/NRHP-eligible contributing resources or individually NRHP-listed/NRHP-eligible properties are not listed in this table, the Viable Alternatives do not pose any direct effects to them.

NRHP-listed and NHRP-eligible Historic Properties and Districts with Direct Effects/Section 4(f) Analyses

Name/	NRHP status	Alternative	Alternative G	Alternative H	Alternative I
Address		D		Alternative H	Alternative i
NRHP-listed	Sunset Heights	Historic Distric	t Direct Adverse		
Sunset Heights Historic District	NRHP-listed Historic District	No Direct Adverse Effect; De Minimis Section 4(f) Impact Acquisition of ROW	Effect; Individual Section 4(f) Analysis Acquisition of ROW from contributing resource and non- contributing resource; parcel acquisition and displacement of	Direct Adverse Effect; Individual Section 4(f) Analysis Acquisition of parcels and displacement of contributing resources;	Direct Adverse Effect; Individual Section 4(f) Analysis Acquisition of parcels and displacement of contributing resources;
		from one vacant lot	contributing resources; acquisition of ROW from two vacant lots	acquisition of ROW from one vacant lot	acquisition of ROW from two vacant lots
Resource No. 13B: 1513 Sun Bowl Dr.	Contributing to the NRHP- listed Sunset Heights Historic District	Avoided	Acquisition of 0.285 acres of 1.08-acre parcel, which includes Resource No. 13A, which is outside the Sunset Heights Historic District boundary	Avoided	Avoided
Resource No. 118: Pearl Apartment s, 220 W. Yandell Dr.	Contributing to the NRHP- listed Sunset Heights Historic District	Avoided	Complete parcel acquisition; displacement	Complete parcel acquisition; displacement	Complete parcel acquisition; displacement
Resource No. 119: Jessica Apartment s, 721 N. El Paso St.	Contributing to the NRHP- listed Sunset Heights Historic District	Avoided	Complete parcel acquisition; displacement	Complete parcel acquisition; displacement	Complete parcel acquisition; displacement
	Old San Francis	co Historic Dis	trict		
Old San Francisco Historic District	NRHP-listed Historic District	No Direct Effect	No Direct Effect	No Direct Effect	No Direct Effect

NRHP-listed and NHRP-eligible Historic Properties and Districts with Direct Effects/Section 4(f) Analyses

Analyses Name/	NRHP status	Alternative	Alternative G	Alternative H	Alternative I	
Address NRHP-listed		D oric District/N				
Area						
Rio Grande Historic District/	NRHP-listed		Direct Adverse Effect; Individual Section 4(f) Analysis	No Direct Adverse Effect; De Minimis Section 4(f) Impact Minimal	No Direct Adverse Effect; De Minimis Section 4(f) Impact Minimal	
Rio Grande Historic District Amend- ment Area	district/ NRHP- eligible Amendment Area	No Direct Effect	Acquisition of parcels and displacement of contributing resources; acquisition of two lots with billboard signs	acquisition of ROW from contributing resources and two lots with billboard signs; demolition of non- contributing resource	acquisition of ROW from contributing resources and two lots with billboard signs; demolition of non- contributing resource	
Resource No. 173 702 Wyoming Ave.	Contributing to the NRHP- eligible Rio Grande Historic District Amendment Area	Avoided	Complete parcel acquisition; displacement	Avoided	Avoided	
Resource No. 174A 704 Wyoming Ave.	Contributing to the NRHP- eligible Rio Grande Historic District Amendment Area	Avoided	Complete parcel acquisition; displacement	Acquisition of 0.003 acre of 0.01-acre parcel; demolition of 174B non- contributing garage.	Acquisition of 0.003 acre of 0.1-acre parcel, demolition of 174B non- contributing garage.	
Resource No. 175 706 Wyoming Ave.	Contributing to the NRHP- eligible Rio Grande Historic District Amendment Area	Avoided	Complete parcel acquisition; displacement	Acquisition of 0.001 acre of 0.07-acre parcel; no building impacts	Acquisition of 0.0009 acre of 0.07-acre parcel; no building impacts	

NRHP-listed and NHRP-eligible Historic Properties and Districts with Direct Effects/Section 4(f) Analyses

Name/ Address	NRHP status	Alternative D	Alternative G	Alternative H	Alternative I
Resource No. 176 708 Wyoming Ave.	Contributing to the NRHP- eligible Rio Grande Historic District Amendment Area	Avoided	Complete parcel acquisition; displacement	Avoided	Avoided
Resource No. 180 611 N. Virginia St.	Contributing to the NRHP- eligible Rio Grande Historic District Amendment Area	Avoided	Complete parcel acquisition; displacement	Avoided	Avoided
Individually	NRHP-eligible R	esources withir	n the APE		
Resource No. 140 Holocaust Museum,	Individually NRHP-	No Direct Effect	Direct Adverse Effect; Individual Section 4(f) Analysis	Direct Adverse Effect; Individual Section 4(f) Analysis	Direct Adverse Effect; Individual Section 4(f) Analysis
715 N. Oregon St.	eligible		Complete parcel acquisition; displacement	Complete parcel acquisition; displacement	Complete parcel acquisition; displacement

The full survey report discusses the buildings, structures, or objects that are within the APE, which are mapped on **Figures 1** through **36** (attached). The Texas Historical Commission (THC) reviewed TxDOT's draft report, and they preliminarily evaluated the buildings, structures, and objects in the APE.

NEXT STEPS: Because of the public and stakeholder comments TxDOT received regarding some of the properties in the project APE, TxDOT is hosting a meeting to discuss the results of the draft historic resources survey report. If consulting parties and other members of the public bring new information about the potential historic significance of other properties in the report, TxDOT will consider the new information in its final report. Depending on the type and relevance of the information received, TxDOT may re-evaluate the NRHP eligibility of the properties.

We hope you can attend the September 26th meeting. Feel free to bring questions, concerns, and additional information about the properties in the project APE. If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to view the slides of the presentation or the full report, please contact us at <u>downtown10@txdot.gov</u>.







































































