



VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING #2

FEBRUARY 24TH - MARCH 16TH, 2021

WELCOME TO THE DOWNTOWN 10 PROJECT

From Executive Center Boulevard to State Loop 478 (Copia Street)

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto, están siendo o han sido realizadas por TxDOT de conformidad con la Reglamentación 23, Sección 327 del Código de Estados Unidos y un Memorando de Entendimiento con fecha del 9 de diciembre de 2019, ejecutado por la FHWA (Administración Federal de Carreteras) y TxDOT.

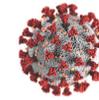


Given the COVID-19 outbreak, TxDOT has changed the in-person public meeting process to a virtual format:

The virtual public meeting on the TxDOT website provides the same information as an in-person meeting:

- Project information
- Estimated timeline
- Process for submitting comments
- Key contacts

What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



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Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.



Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



DOWNTOWN 10 PROJECT OVERVIEW



DOWNTOWN 10 PROJECT

The proposed Downtown 10 project limits extend from Executive Center Boulevard to State Loop 478 (Copia Street), traveling through downtown El Paso. The purpose of the project is to provide long-term transportation solutions for the El Paso region. These solutions will improve mobility and long-term congestion management, reduce and improve incident management, and bring the facility up to current design standards. The proposed improvements include reconstruction of the mainlanes, retaining walls, bridges, ramps, and cross streets to overcome deterioration of pavement and bridges. Multimodal connections for pedestrians, cyclists, bus and streetcar users are also an important element of the proposed improvements.

PREVIOUS STUDIES

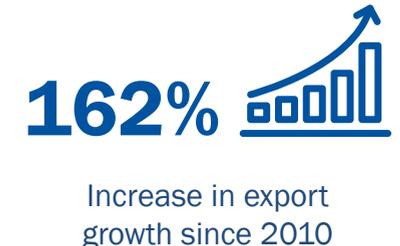
Reimagine I-10 Corridor Study

In 2016, TxDOT conducted a study of the I-10 corridor from the New Mexico-Texas state line to Tornillo, which runs 56 miles long. The Segment 2 - Downtown 10 portion was identified as a priority.

Mesa Study

The traffic engineering and planning study identified and evaluated all transportation aspects associated with the Mesa Street (SH 20) corridor from Doniphan Drive (SH 20) to Texas Avenue (SH 20).

PROJECT LENGTH: 5.6 MI **PROJECT LIMITS:** EXECUTIVE CENTER BLVD TO LOOP 478 (COPIA ST)



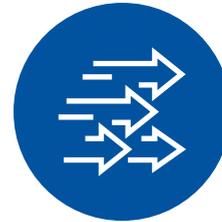
Need and Purpose is the factual foundation to screen and compare design alternatives and demonstrate – through measurable and quantifiable metrics – where improvements are needed.

NEED FOR THE PROJECT

The need for the proposed project was identified and refined through the Reimagine I-10 Corridor Study process, which included input from project workgroups and the public. Participation from these entities, combined with background research, helped to define a preliminary assessment of the need for the proposed project.

PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

By providing a long-term transportation solution for the City of El Paso, El Paso County, and the region, the purpose of the proposed project is to:



Traffic congestion and mobility issues



Improve mobility and long-term congestion management



Concerns surrounding incident management



Reduce conflict points and improve incident management



Failure to meet current design standards



Bring facility up to current design standards

Goals define the conceptual direction of a project and help develop potential conceptual solutions.



MOBILITY

Enhancing connectivity citywide, regionally, and nationally

- Daily commutes
- Safety
- Uptown and Downtown connectivity

Alleviating growing traffic congestion

- Transportation systems management and operation
- Provide trip reliability
- Incident management



ENVIRONMENTAL

Minimizing potential impacts to the environment such as:

- Residences
- Businesses
- Communities
- Natural Resources
- Human Resources



MULTIMODAL

Improving multimodal connections

- Walkability
- Pedestrian access
- Bicycle access
- Transit mobility
- Freight mobility



DESIGN

Addressing design elements such as:

- Pavement condition and potholes
- Reconstructing aging structures such as bridges
- Meeting current design requirements
- Being mindful of construction costs

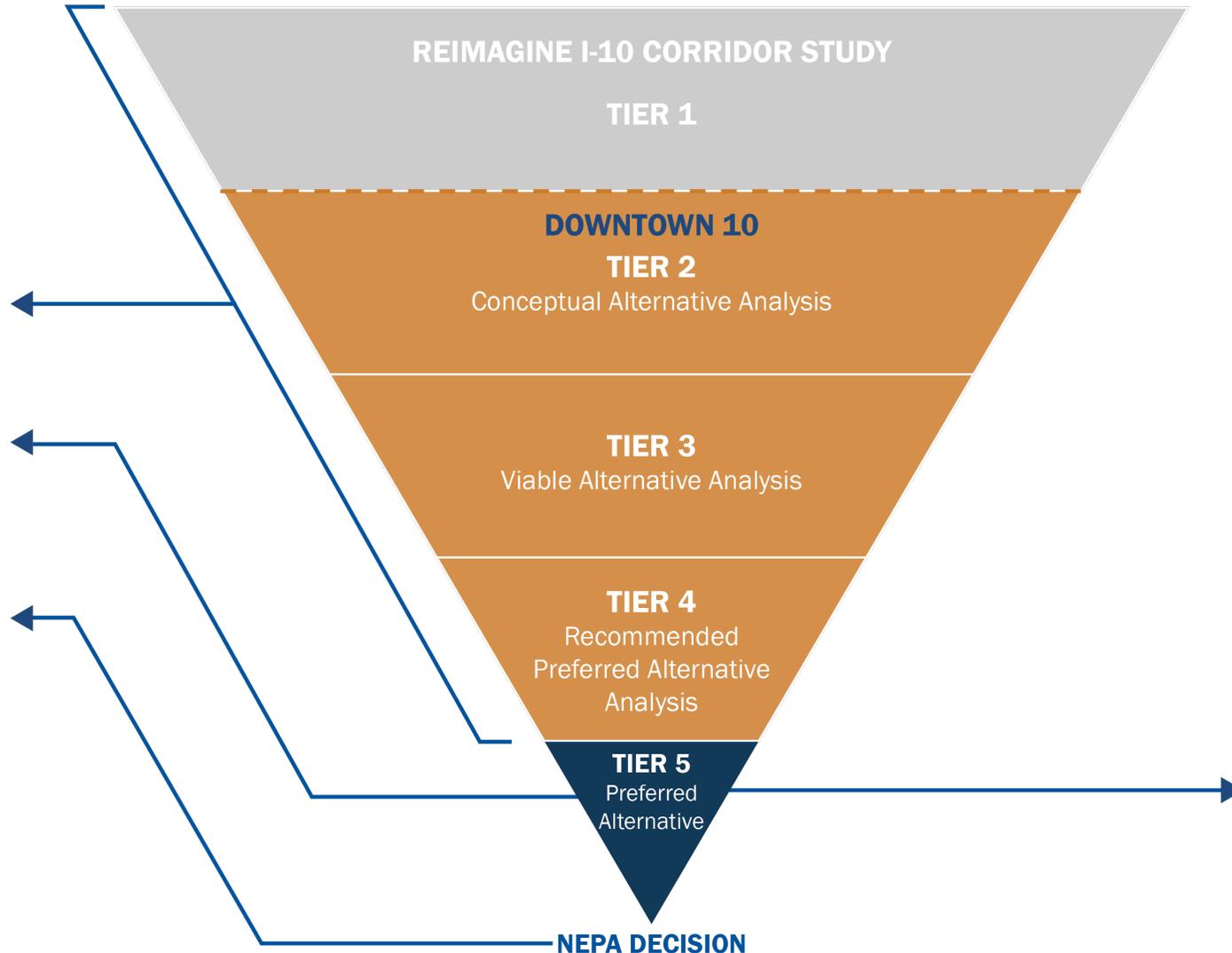
LEVERAGE CURRENT AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) PROCESS

Conceptual ROW footprints created for each tier are revised and, if possible, minimized as alternatives are refined.

ROW established for use in conducting environmental investigations and potential mitigation, where necessary.

After Environmental Decision, ROW negotiations and purchasing will be initiated- this process can take several years to complete.



TIER 5

The environmental process occurs throughout the lifespan of the project, and includes evaluation of potential environmental impacts in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other state and federal environmental regulations.

In Tier 5 of the NEPA Process, the environmental process will include evaluation of the preferred alternative(s) and no build and includes detailed assessments of potential impacts to the natural and human environment, including:

- Vegetation
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Water Resources
- Air Quality
- Archeological Resources
- Historic Resources
- Hazardous Materials
- Utilities
- Community Impacts
- Environmental Justice and Limited English Proficiency
- Access and Travel Patterns
- Visual Impacts

These assessments will be documented in technical reports which will be available for public review at the time of the public hearing.

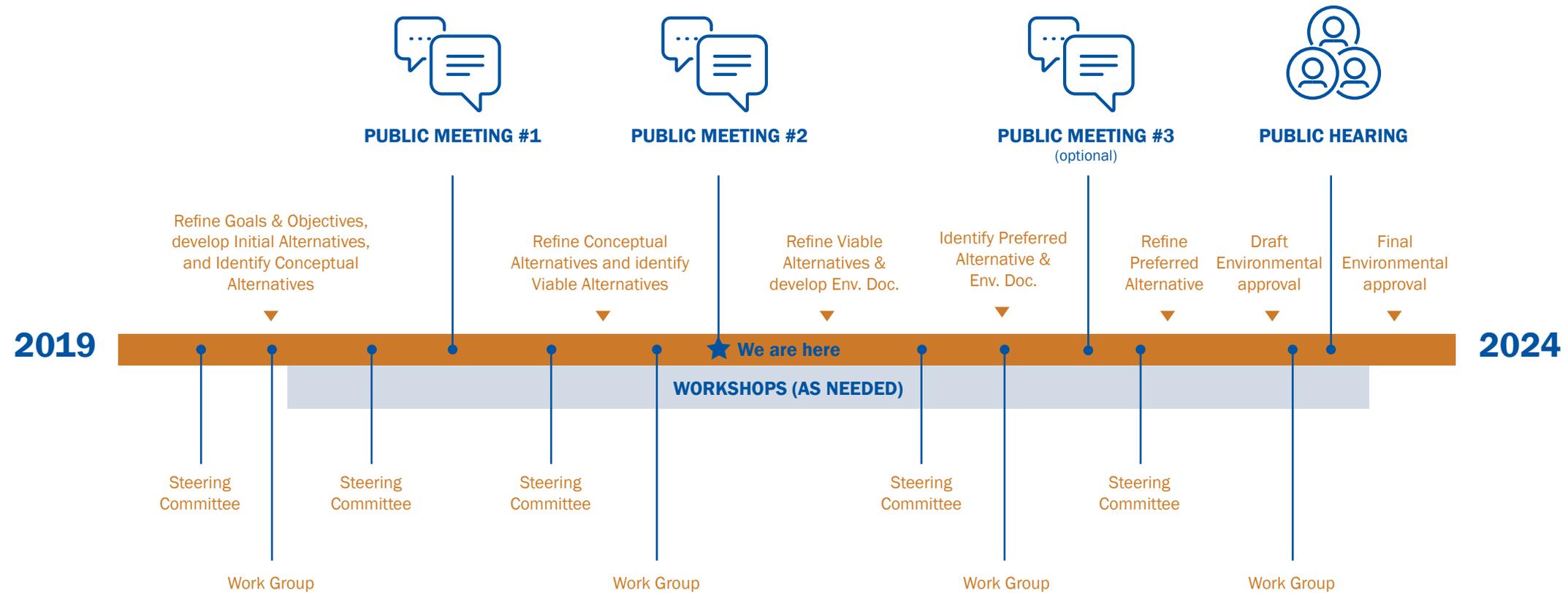
- In our first round of public outreach, several individuals requested more information regarding historic resources process, and some specifically requested Consulting Party status in Public Meeting comments.
- The following organizations have requested to become Consulting Parties to date:
 - El Paso County Historical Society
 - Sunset Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association
 - El Paso County Historical Commission
 - City of El Paso Historic Preservation Officer
 - National Park Service
- Do you know of others with specific knowledge of local historic resources that should be contacted?
- We will continue to provide information at all meetings regarding the Section 106 Process and Consulting Party role.
- Once a preferred alternative is identified, the project team will conduct historic surveys and begin meetings with Consulting Parties.

For more information about the Section 106 Process, please visit the project website to review our Downtown 10 Talk





PROJECT TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS



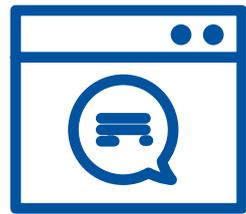
Work on the Downtown 10 project began in 2019 with a series of meetings and workshops with individuals, elected officials, stakeholders, and steering committee members. We began the Downtown 10 project by initiating the corridor traffic analysis and the existing conditions data collection. Goals and objectives were refined from the Reimagine I-10 Corridor Study and viable alternatives have been identified.

Today, we are pleased to have you join us in the second public meeting for Downtown 10 where we look forward to receiving your comments. Over the next few months, we will take your input to refine and identify alternatives and data as well as continue to meet with the community.

By the year 2023, we plan to present a final preferred alternative and environmental document to the public. TxDOT will then move into the next state of project development which is design and construction, subject to funding allocation.



HOW TO COMMENT



Comments may be submitted through the Virtual Public Meeting Site



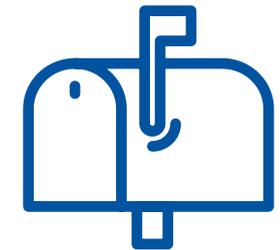
Comments can be made using the interactive comment map found here.



Verbal comments may be made by calling (915) 209-0027



E-mail comments to:
Downtown10@txdot.gov



Mail comments to:
TxDOT El Paso District Office
Attn: Downtown 10
13301 Gateway West
El Paso, TX 79928-5410

Responses to comments will be available online at:

www.TxDOT.gov (keyword: "Downtown 10") & **www.reimaginei10.com/downtown10** once prepared.

Deadline for comments to be post-marked or received:
Tuesday, March 16, 2021

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