

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Streets and Maintenance

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: February 28, 2017
Public Hearing: March 7, 2017

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Ted Marquez, Director, Streets and Maintenance (915) 212-0151

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 8

STRATEGIC GOALS: No. 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

SUBJECT:

Amend Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.010 (One-Way Streets), to amend Kansas Street, southbound between Schuster Avenue and Loop 375 of the El Paso City Code to Kansas Street, Southbound between Schuster Avenue and East Seventh Avenue.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

TxDOT's Loop 375 Border West Expressway Extension Project will provide better connectivity around the city; additional infrastructure to accommodate future growth; congestion relief; improved access to the university; downtown; and medical center; and better incident management and a safer roadway. Work Areas 1 and 2 are currently under construction, and the next phase will include Work Areas 3 and 4: Downtown Loop 375 Reconstruction. Converting a portion of Kansas Street from a one-way street to a two-way street will increase traffic circulation in neighborhood to accommodate new traffic patterns implemented by the limited access to the Border Highway.

SELECTION SUMMARY:

N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

December 19, 2011 Motion made and carried to approve the Resolution adding that Border A segment is the preferred alternative; that Chihuahuita should not be separated from the rest of the neighborhood; that elevations should be minimized; that community and cultural assets should be protected around the Asarco area; and that alignment should be made that allows for realignment of Paisano Street. *Motion passed.*

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East First Avenue, eastbound from Coles Street to its terminus to be ADOPTED. *Motion adopted.*

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

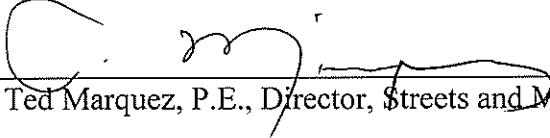
Account No: N/A
Funding Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:


Ted Marquez, P.E., Director, Streets and Maintenance

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.88 (SCHEDULES), SECTION 12.88.010 (SCHEDULE I- ONE-WAY STREETS), TO AMEND KANSAS STREET, SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN SCHUSTER AVENUE AND LOOP 375 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE TO KANSAS STREET, SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN SCHUSTER AVENUE AND EAST SEVENTH AVENUE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Section 1. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.010 (Schedule I- One-Way Streets), which reads:

1. Kansas Street, Southbound between Schuster Avenue and Loop 375 (Border Highway)

be amended to read as follows:

1. Kansas Street, Southbound between Schuster Avenue and East Seventh Avenue.

Section 2. Except as herein amended, Title 12, Chapter 12.88, of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED THIS ____ day of _____, 20____.

CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leaser,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Omar A. De La Rosa
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Ted Marquez
Department of Transportation, P. E., Director



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TxDOT Border West Expressway Project

Ordinance Amendments : Administrative Steps for Work Areas 3 & 4

District 8

March 7, 2016

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Strategic Plan Goal 2016:

Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

- 7.3 Enhance regional comprehensive transportation system

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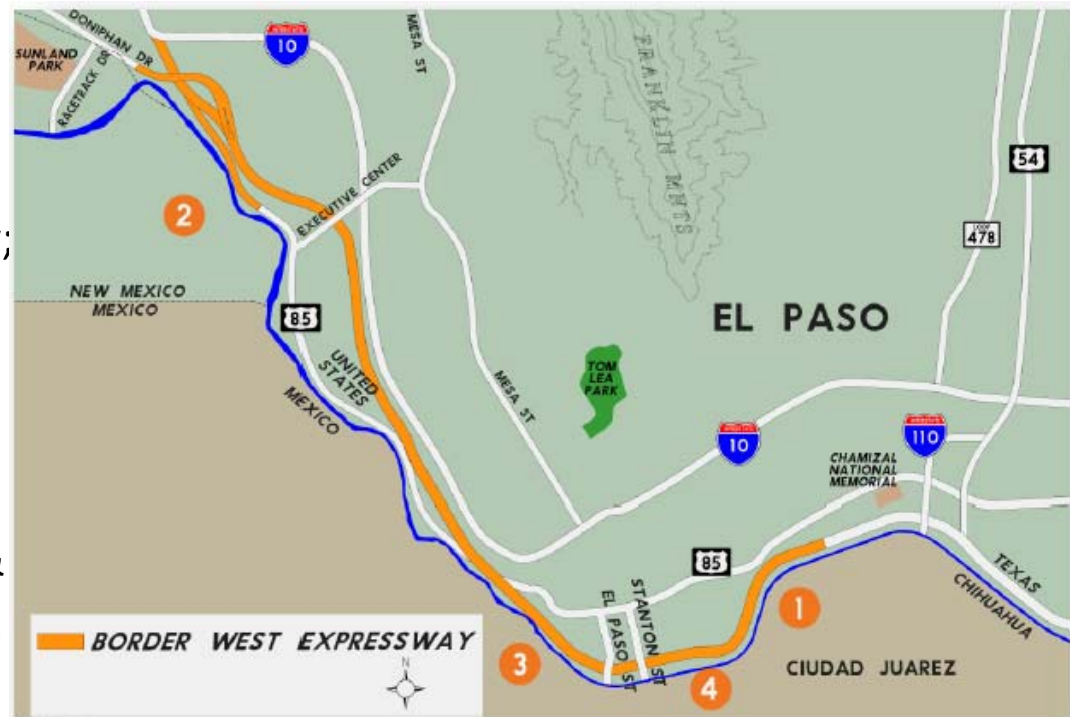
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Border West Expressway Project

Border West Expressway Project Overview

The proposed Loop 375 Border West Expressway Extension Project will provide:

- Better connectivity around the city;
- Additional infrastructure to accommodate future growth;
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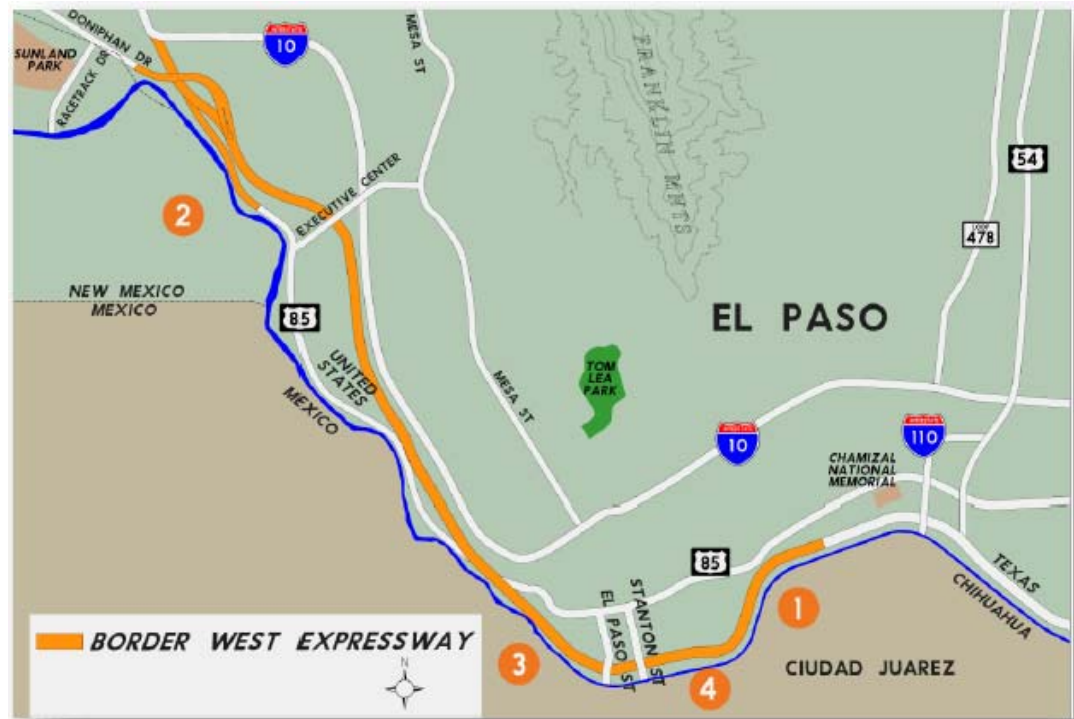


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Border West Expressway Project

Border West Expressway Project Overview

- \$600M Project
- Start Date: 2015
- Project Duration: 3 years
- 4 Work Areas
 - Under Construction: Work Areas 1 & 2
 - Next Phase: Work Areas 3 & 4
- Proposed Tolled lanes from Downtown El Paso to Racetrack Drive

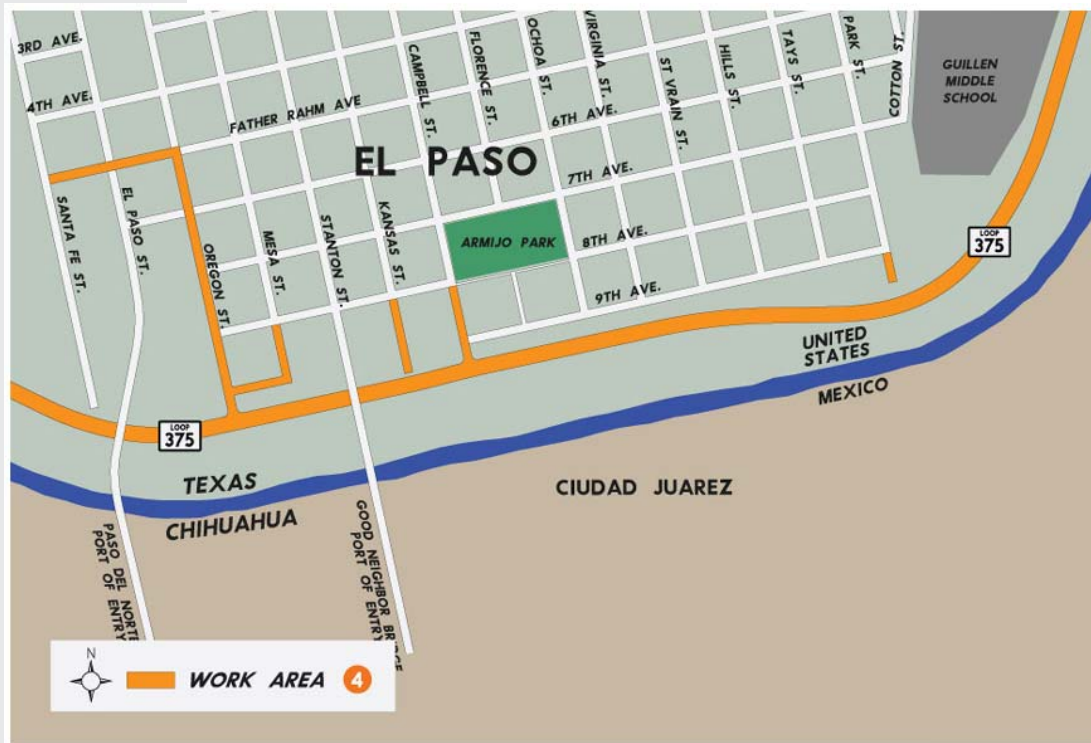




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Border West Expressway Project

Work Area 4 – Downtown Loop 375 Reconstruction

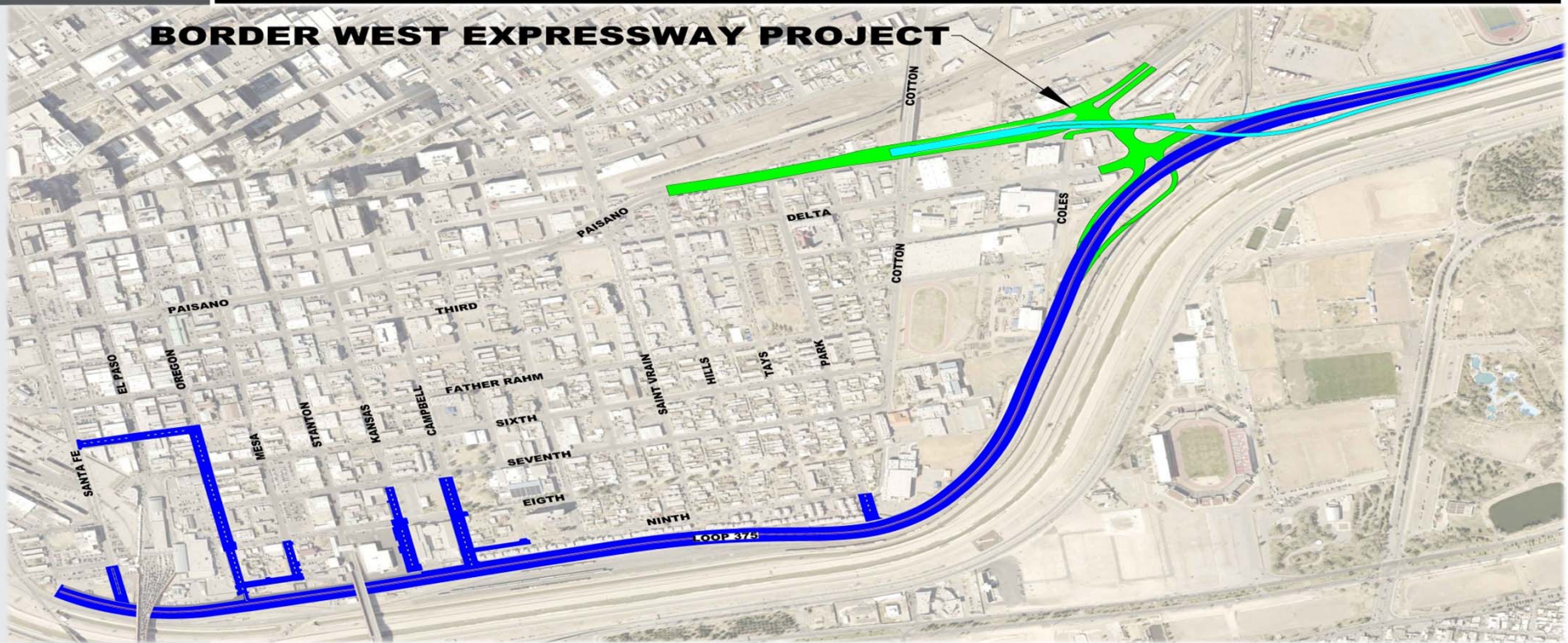


Existing lanes from Santa Fe Street to Park Street will provide limited access to local traffic and will remain un-tolled



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Work Area 4 – Downtown Loop 375 Reconstruction



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Administrative Steps to Execute Two-Way Conversions

TxDOT Closures

- South Santa Fe Street;
- South Mesa Street;
- South Kansas Street; and
- Park Street

Two-Way Conversions (Amendments)

Council Action Dates:

Introduction – 2/28/2017

Public Hearing – 3/7/2017

- **East 9th Avenue** from South Oregon Street to South Mesa Street ;
- **South Kansas Street** from 7th Avenue to Cesar Chavez Border Highway; and
- **South Campbell Street** from 7th Avenue to Cesar Chavez Border Highway

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Work Area 4 – Downtown Loop 375 Reconstruction



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Work Area 4 – Downtown Loop 375 Reconstruction

TxDOT Closure

- Permanent closure of **Santa Fe Street** at Loop 375
 - No access to Loop 375



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Work Area 4 – Downtown Loop 375 Reconstruction

TxDOT Closure

- Permanent closure of **Mesa Street** at Loop 375
 - No access to Loop 375

Ordinance Amendment

- Changing **9th Avenue** from a one-way to a two-way street



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Work Area 4 – Downtown Loop 375 Reconstruction

TxDOT Closure

- Permanent closure of **Kansas Street** at Loop 375
 - No access to Loop 375

Ordinance Amendment

- Changing **Kansas Street** from a one-way to a two-way street
- Changing **Campbell Street** from a one-way to a two-way street



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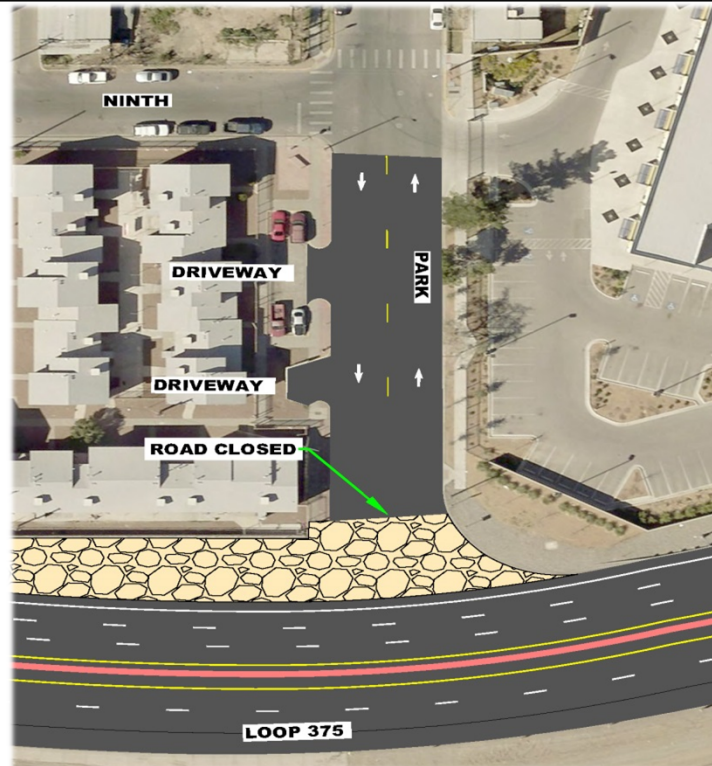


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Work Area 4 – Downtown Loop 375 Reconstruction

TxDOT Closure

- Permanent closure of **Park Street** at Loop 375
 - No access to Loop 375



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Public Outreach

The BWE PI Team has communicated the new changes to downtown leaders and the following potential stakeholders.

- Neighborhood associations
- Downtown Management District
- Central Business Association
- La Fe
- Railroads
- El Paso Independent School District
- Silva's Market
- Catholic Dioceses
- Housing Authority
- Convention Center

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Staff Recommends Approval of the following...

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Border West Expressway Project: Resolutions and Amendments to Municipal Code

Questions & Comments

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