

**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 delete the following location on Ninth Avenue, westbound between Mesa Street and Oregon Street of the El Paso City Code.

**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 Ninth Avenue 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:**

<b>December 19, 2011</b>	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. <i>Motion passed.</i>
<b>February 14, 2012</b>	Presentation and discussion on the Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension Project, alignment options and summary of Agency and Public Scoping Meetings. <i>NO ACTION was taken on this item.</i>
<b>June 19, 2012</b>	Discussion and action on a presentation by TxDOT on the Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension Project, alignment options, project limits, access to the downtown area and update on agency and public scoping meetings. <i>NO ACTION was taken on this item.</i>
<b>August 21, 2012</b>	Motion made and carried to APPROVE the request from the Open Space Advisory Board to engage the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the Loop 375 Border Highway West project as it relates to Cement Lake, and the impact of the widening of Interstate 10 on Keystone Heritage Park. <i>Motion approved.</i>
<b>February 23, 2016</b>	Motion made that the Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.010 (Schedule I – One-Way Streets), to add a new location at

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

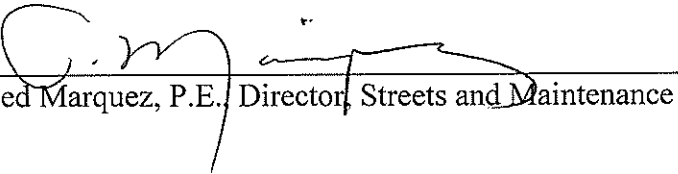
Amount: N/A

**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 (ONE-WAY STREETS), TO DELETE THE FOLLOWING LOCATION ON NINTH AVENUE, WESTBOUND BETWEEN MESA STREET AND OREGON STREET, OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

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 (One-Way Streets), be amended to **delete** the following:

81. Ninth Avenue, Westbound between Mesa Street and Oregon Street.

**Section 2.** That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.010 (One-Way Streets), be amended to **add** the following:

81. Reserved

**Section 3.** 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 \_\_\_\_.

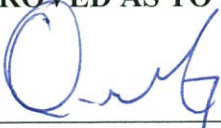
CITY OF EL PASO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Oscar Leeser,  
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



## Streets and Maintenance Department

# **TxDOT Border West Expressway Project**

*Ordinance Amendments : Administrative Steps for Work Areas 3 & 4*

District 8

March 7, 2016

*"Delivering Outstanding Services"*



## Streets and Maintenance Department

### **Strategic Plan Goal 2016:**

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

- 7.3 Enhance regional comprehensive transportation system

*"Delivering Outstanding Services"*



# Streets and Maintenance Department

## Border West Expressway Project

### City Council History

#### 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.**

#### February 14, 2012

- Presentation and discussion on the Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension Project, alignment options and summary of Agency and Public Scoping Meetings. **NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

#### June 19, 2012

- Discussion and action on a presentation by TxDOT on the Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension Project, alignment options, project limits, access to the downtown area and update on agency and public scoping meetings. **NO ACTION** was taken on this item.



# Streets and Maintenance Department

## Border West Expressway Project

### City Council History

#### August 21, 2012

- Motion made and carried to **APPROVE** the request from the Open Space Advisory Board to engage the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the Loop 375 Border Highway West project as it relates to Cement Lake, and the impact of the widening of Interstate 10 on Keystone Heritage Park. **Motion approved.**

#### February 23, 2016

- Motion made that the Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.010 (Schedule I – One-Way Streets), to add a new location at East First Avenue, eastbound from Coles Street to its terminus to be **ADOPTED. Motion adopted.**



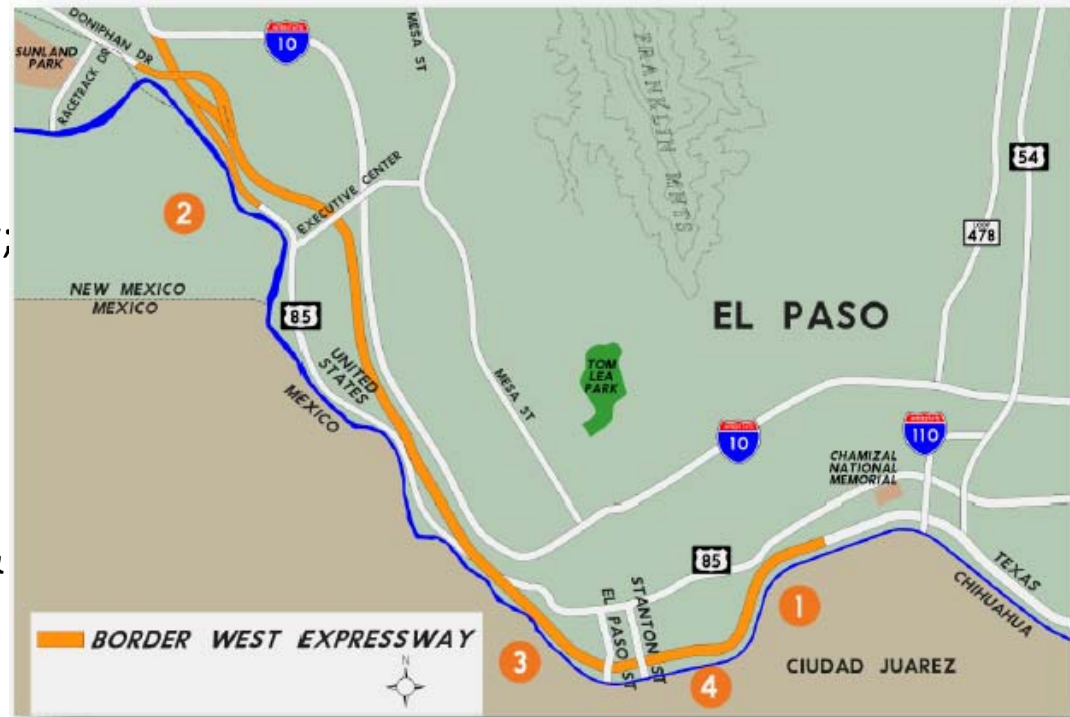
# Streets and Maintenance Department

## 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;
- Congestion relief;
- Improved access to the university, downtown, and medical centers; &
- Better incident management and a safer roadway





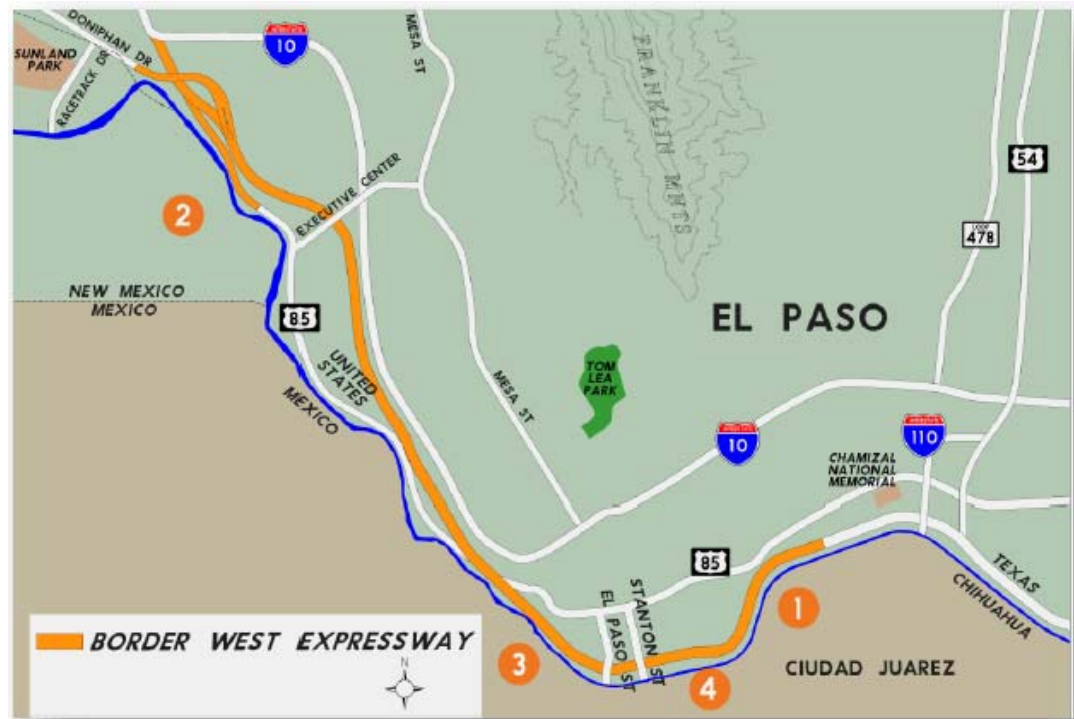


# Streets and Maintenance Department

## 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

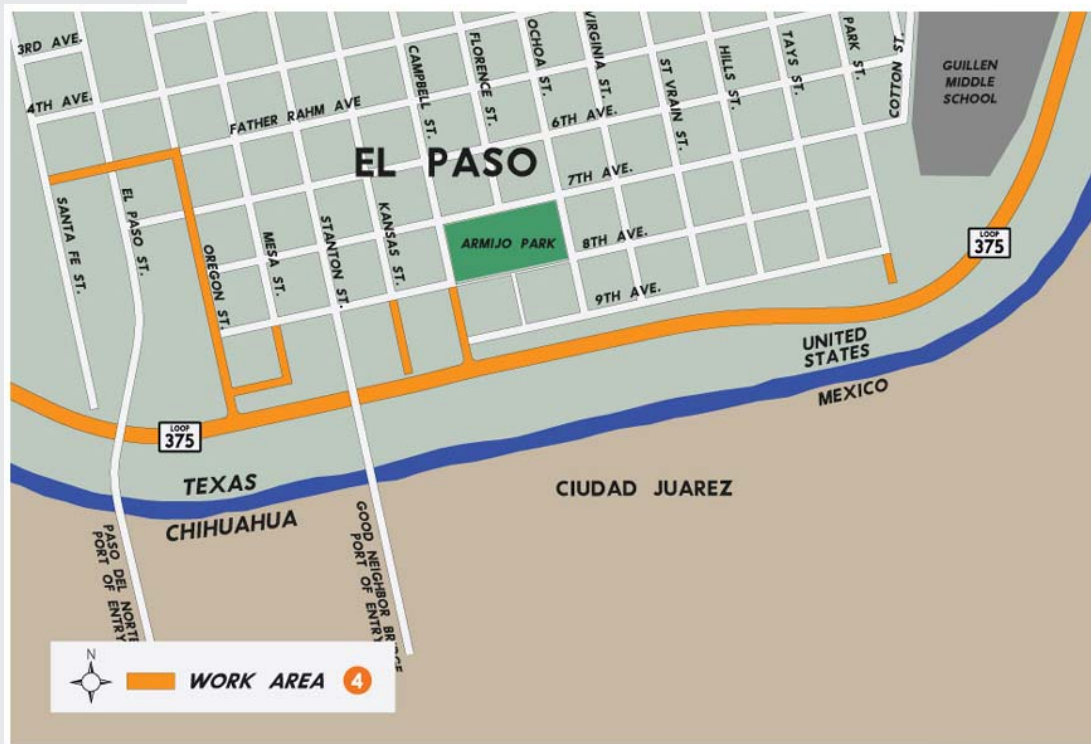




# Streets and Maintenance Department

## Border West Expressway Project

### Work Area 4 – Downtown Loop 375 Reconstruction

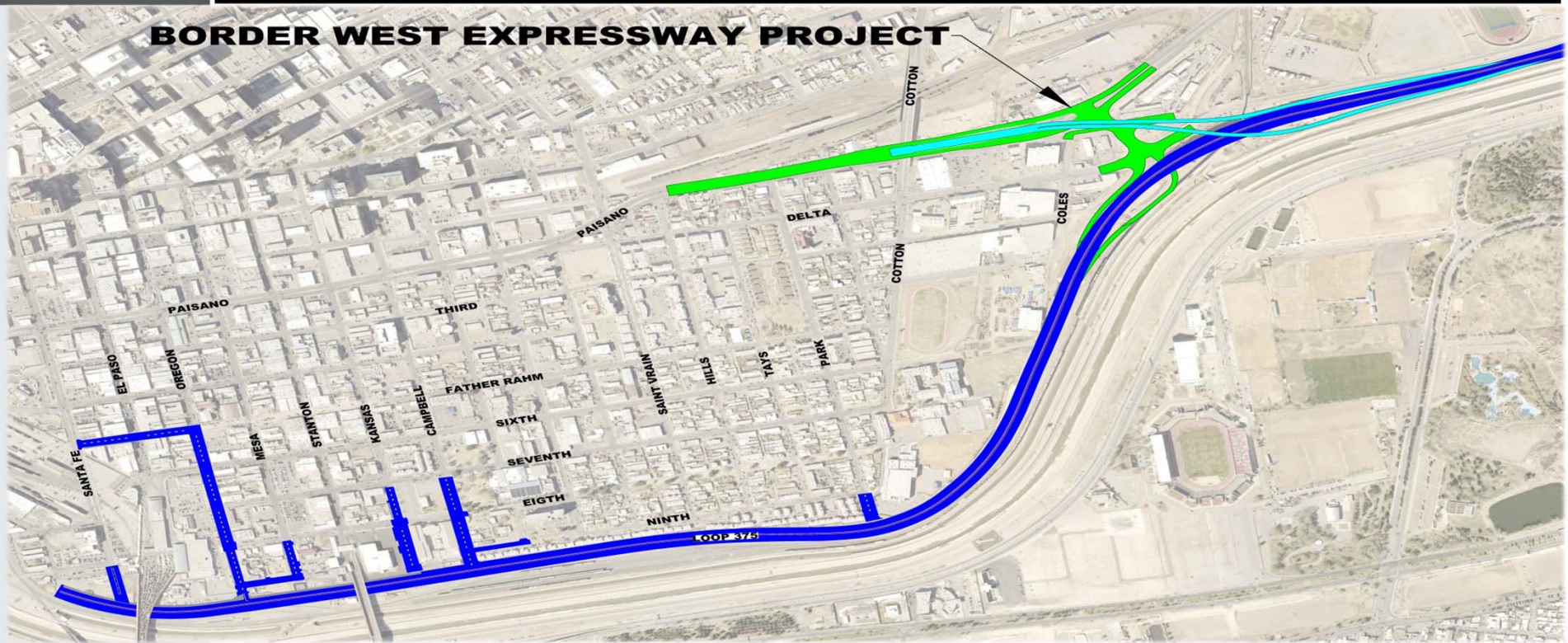


Existing lanes from Santa Fe Street to Park Street will provide limited access to local traffic and will remain un-tolled



## Streets and Maintenance Department

### Work Area 4 – Downtown Loop 375 Reconstruction



*"Delivering Outstanding Services"*





# Streets and Maintenance Department

## Border West Expressway Project

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue** from South Oregon Street to South Mesa Street ;
- **South Kansas Street** from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Cesar Chavez Border Highway; and
- **South Campbell Street** from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Cesar Chavez Border Highway

*"Delivering Outstanding Services"*



## Streets and Maintenance Department

### Work Area 4 – Downtown Loop 375 Reconstruction



*"Delivering Outstanding Services"*



## Streets and Maintenance Department

### Work Area 4 – Downtown Loop 375 Reconstruction

#### TxDOT Closure

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



*"Delivering Outstanding Services"*





## Streets and Maintenance Department

### 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 **9<sup>th</sup> Avenue** from a one-way to a two-way street



*"Delivering Outstanding Services"*



## Streets and Maintenance Department

### 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



*"Delivering Outstanding Services"*



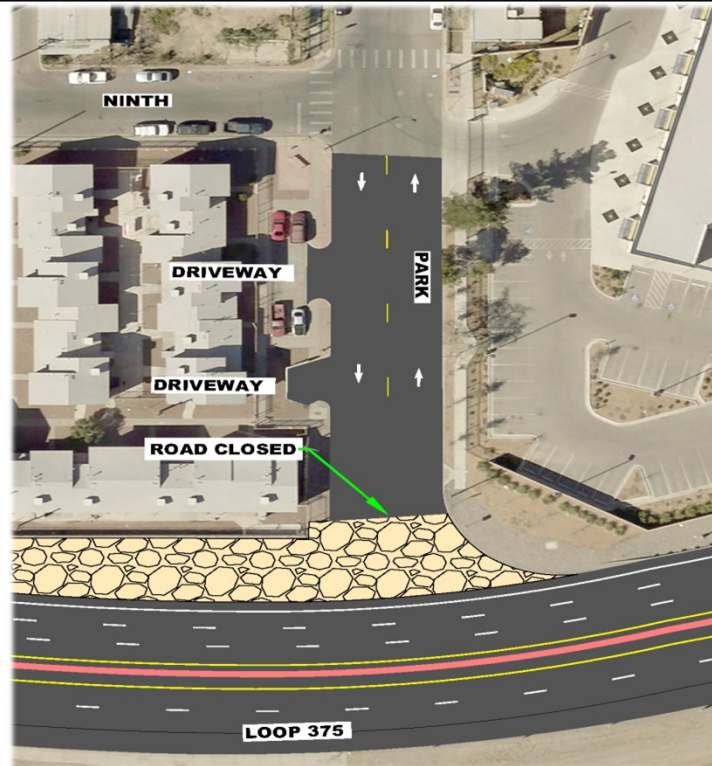


## Streets and Maintenance Department

### Work Area 4 – Downtown Loop 375 Reconstruction

#### TxDOT Closure

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



*"Delivering Outstanding Services"*



# Streets and Maintenance Department

## Border West Expressway Project

### 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

*"Delivering Outstanding Services"*



## Streets and Maintenance Department

### Border West Expressway Project

## Staff Recommends Approval of the following...

### Two-Way Conversions (Amendments)

*Council Action Dates:*

*Introduction – 2/28/2017*

*Public Hearing – 3/7/2017*

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

*"Delivering Outstanding Services"*



## **Streets and Maintenance Department**

**Border West Expressway Project: Resolutions and Amendments to Municipal Code**

# Questions & Comments

*"Delivering Outstanding Services"*