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Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2011 6:17 PM
To: Wilson, Joyce A.
Cc: Shang, Jane
Subject: TransMountain Road Status of Draft Environmental Assessment

Dear City Manager Wilson:

as requested, I am providing a summary status report for the draft environmental assessment regarding the proposed project on Transmountain Road (Loop 375) from I 10 to the Franklin Mountain State Park. TxDOT received comments from the Federal Highway Administration through last week. TxDOT response to Federal Highway Administration is scheduled for the middle of next week followed by additional coordination where we anticipate recommending that the draft environmental assessment be designated satisfactory for further processing. That action by Federal Highway Administration would make the draft document available for public review. We anticipate the designation to take approximately one week after receipt of our response. The anticipated schedule would release the draft environmental assessment for public review approximately two weeks from now.

As soon as TxDOT is advised that the document is satisfactory for further processing I will provide an electronic copy to you so that you may share it with City Council, Mayor Cook, in addition to posting it on your internet web site for added access by the public, as we have previously discussed. Additionally, I will make myself available to the Legislative Review Committee and/or City Council for a briefing on the draft document as soon after it is released for public review as the you and I determine is practical for scheduling purposes. At the same time TxDOT will work to advertise the public hearing no less than 30 days from the initial advertising date and announce that the draft environmental assessment is available for public review.

Thank you for the efforts of the City of El Paso toward assisting TxDOT with distributing information about the project. Your cooperation and that of City Council help to expand the public participation process by increasing the number of the public who can potentially receive information on the proposed work and the comment process.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the proposed project or the public participation process.

Best regards,

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