

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

AGENDA ITEM

DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

CITY CLERK DEPT.

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DEPARTMENT: Engineering and Construction Management

AGENDA DATE: May 29, 2012

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: R. Alan Shubert, P.E., City Engineer (X4423)

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 1 & 8

SUBJECT:

Discussion and Action on the selection of the El Paso Street Car route.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City Council awarded the preliminary engineering and environmental phases for the project on May 15, 2012. As the first task of this contract, the consultant evaluated the previous studies and reviewed various route alternatives. A presentation will be made of their findings along with their recommendation of the selected route. The selection of the route is a critical milestone for the project schedule in that it will allow the studies and survey to commence.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

May 15, 2012 Approval of consultant contract

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager



EL PASO STREETCAR Project Goals



- Foster Economic Development
- Increase Pedestrian Shed & Transit Grid
- Increase Transit Ridership
- Provide Everyday Utility



EL PASO STREETCAR Preferred Route



2 Lines:

- Downtown Loop Circulator 
- Oregon St. / Stanton St. and Downtown Loop 

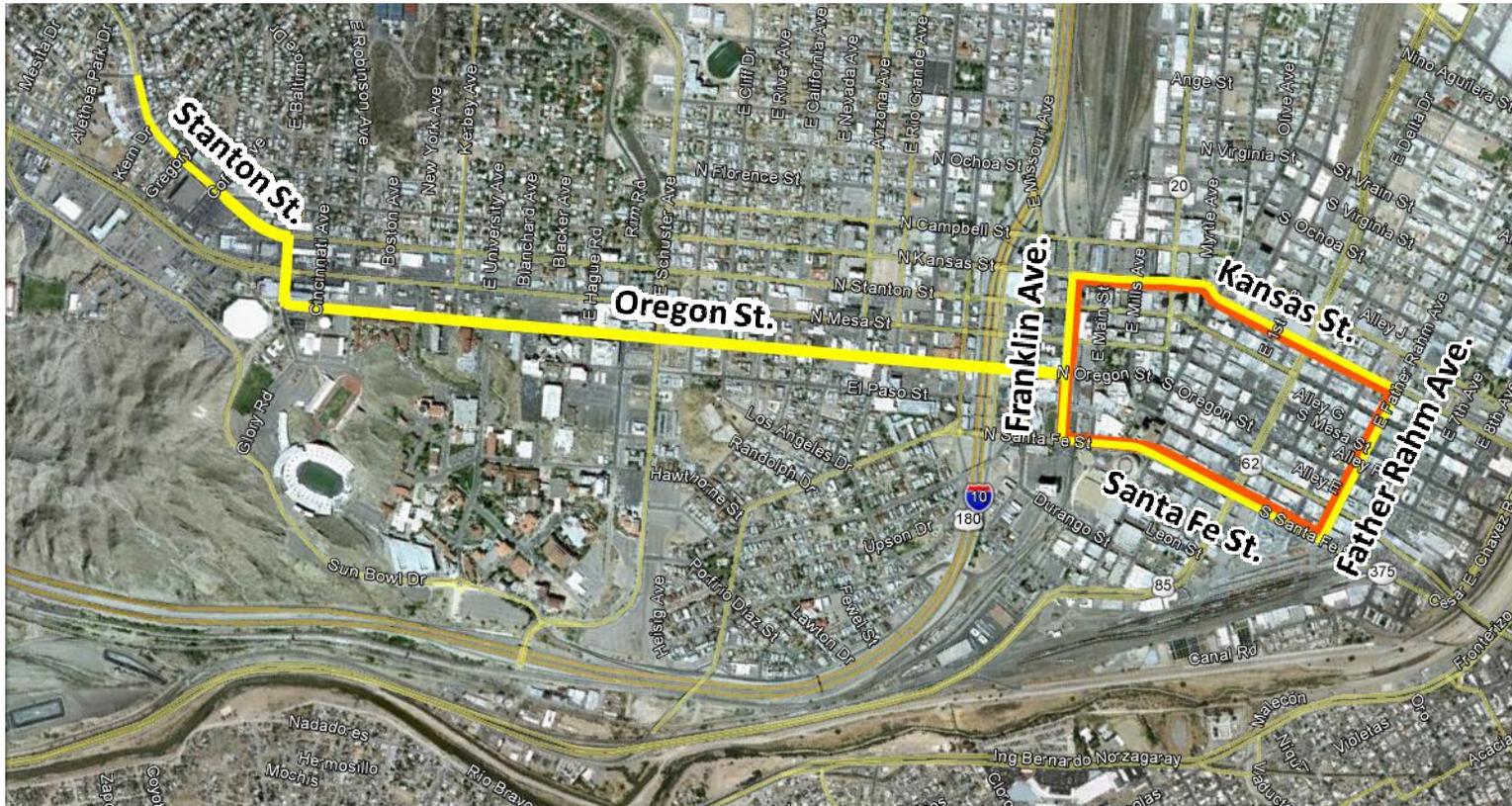




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Other Routes Considered





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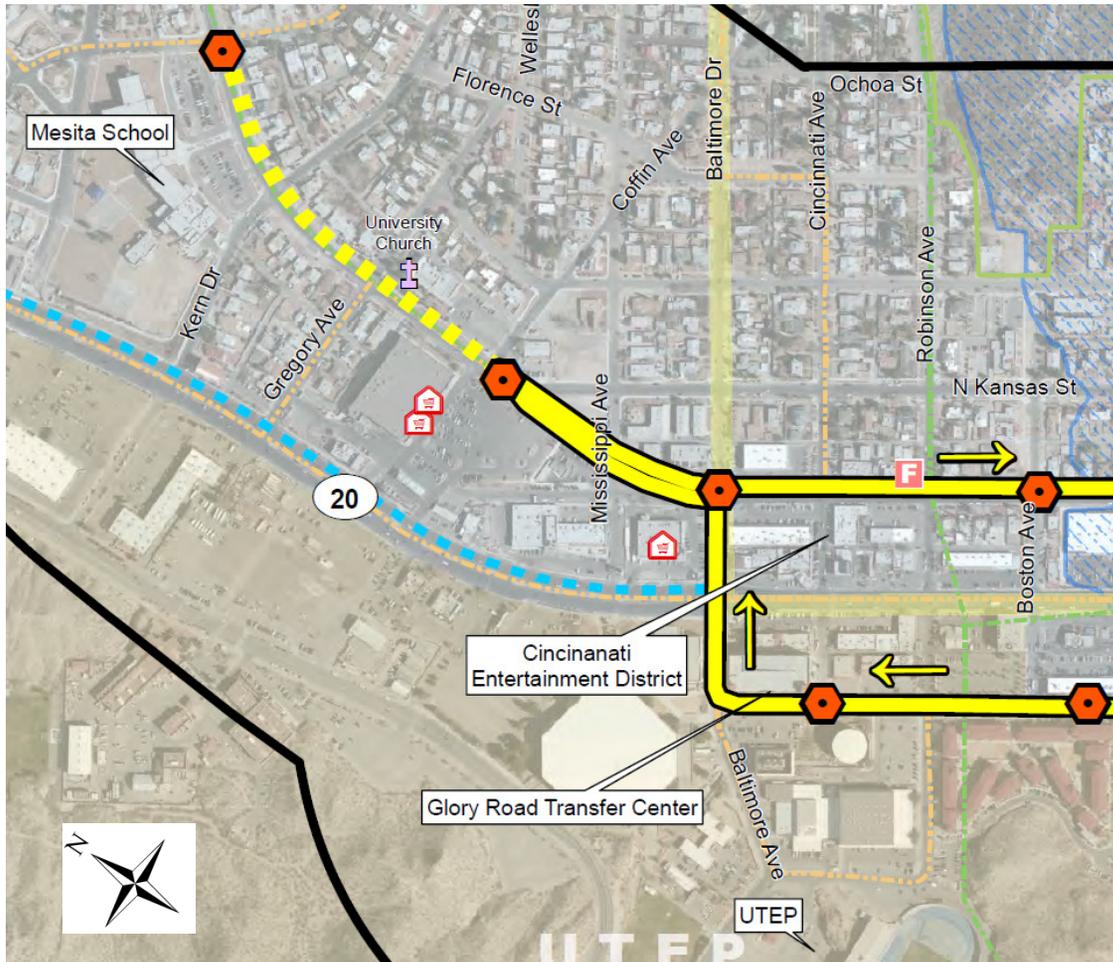
Selection Criteria



- Economic Development Potential
- Construction Cost
- Environmental Justice
- Activity Centers
- Coordination With Transit
- Ridership Potential
- Pedestrian Shed



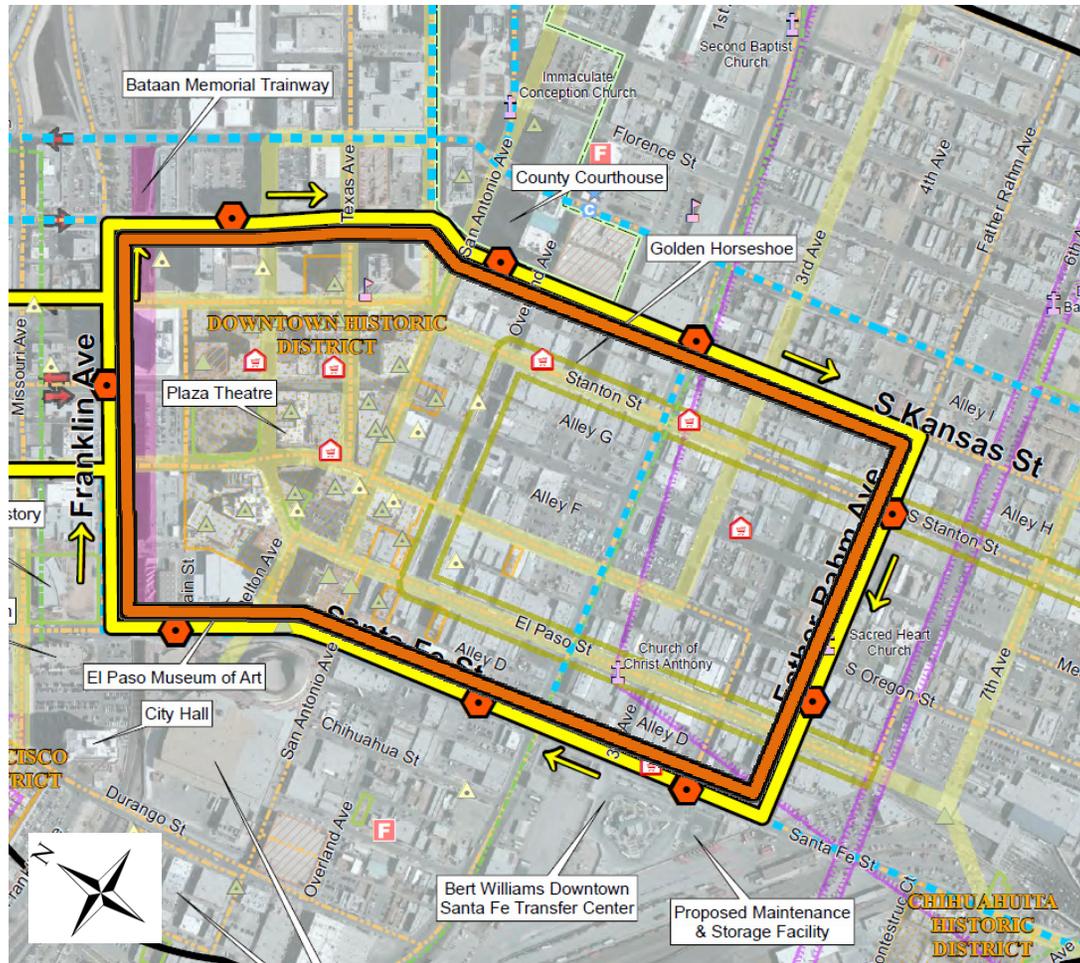
EL PASO STREETCAR Oregon/Stanton Loop



- Access to Cincinatti Entertainment District and other activity centers
- Access to Glory Road Transfer Center
- Option to extend terminus to Mesita



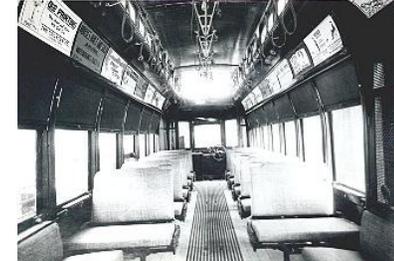
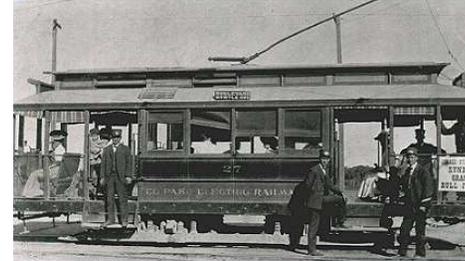
EL PASO STREETCAR Downtown Loop



- Single-tracked “loop” with potential 5-minute headways
- Access to international bridges, Golden Horseshoe, and entertainment, financial, historic, and civic districts
- Maintenance Facility



EL PASO STREETCAR Streetcar Vehicle



El Paso Streetcars c. 1900



Vintage Replica Streetcar



EL PASO STREETCAR Next Steps



Obtain environmental clearance:

- Alignment concurrence
- TxDOT coordination & agreement with City
- Public meeting
- Project definition
- Environmental analysis & documentation