

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

**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office

**AGENDA DATE:** June 19, 2012

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Jane Shang, (915) 541-4686

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**SUBJECT:**

TxDOT presentation, discussion and action 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.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

n/a

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

n/a

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

n/a

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**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

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(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*



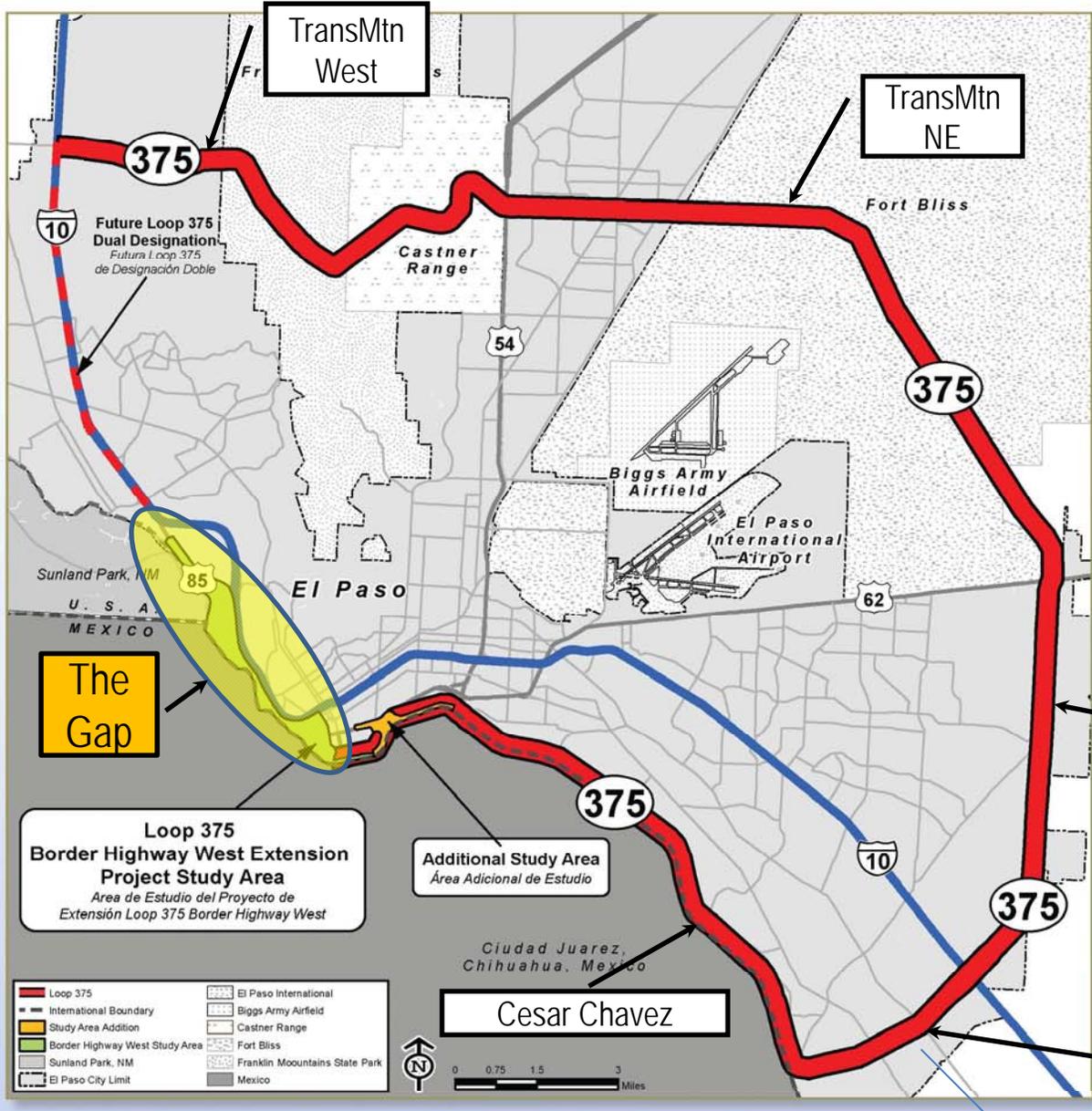
# **Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension Project**

**Presentation to the El Paso City Council**

**Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Status**

**June 19 , 2012**





# CLOSING THE GAP

## CERRANDO EL CIRCUITO

Joe Battle

Americas



# Existing Loop 375 Segments



Segment	Limits	Year of Completion
Americas Avenue	I-10 to Zaragoza Road	1966
Woodrow Bean Transmountain Road	US 54 to I-10	1969
Joe Battle Boulevard	I-10 to US 62/180	1975
Border Highway (now known as César Chávez Highway)	From downtown El Paso to Zaragoza Road	1976
Purple Heart Memorial Highway	US 62/180 to US 54	1994

# Loop 375 Projects Under Construction



Segment	Limits	Estimated Completion
I-10 @ Americas Interchange (3 Direct Connectors)	I-10 @ LP375 (Americas)	2013
Transmountain West (add 2 main lanes, overpasses, frontage rds)	I-10 to FMSP	2014
Transmountain Northeast (build 4 main lanes, overpasses, underpass @US54 )	I-10 to US 62/180	2014
Border Highway - César Chávez (reconstruct 4 lanes, add 2 managed lanes)	US54 to Zaragoza Road	2013
Joe Battle @ Zaragoza Interchange (2 direct Connectors)	LP375 @ FM659 (Zaragoza)	2014



# PROJECT OVERVIEW



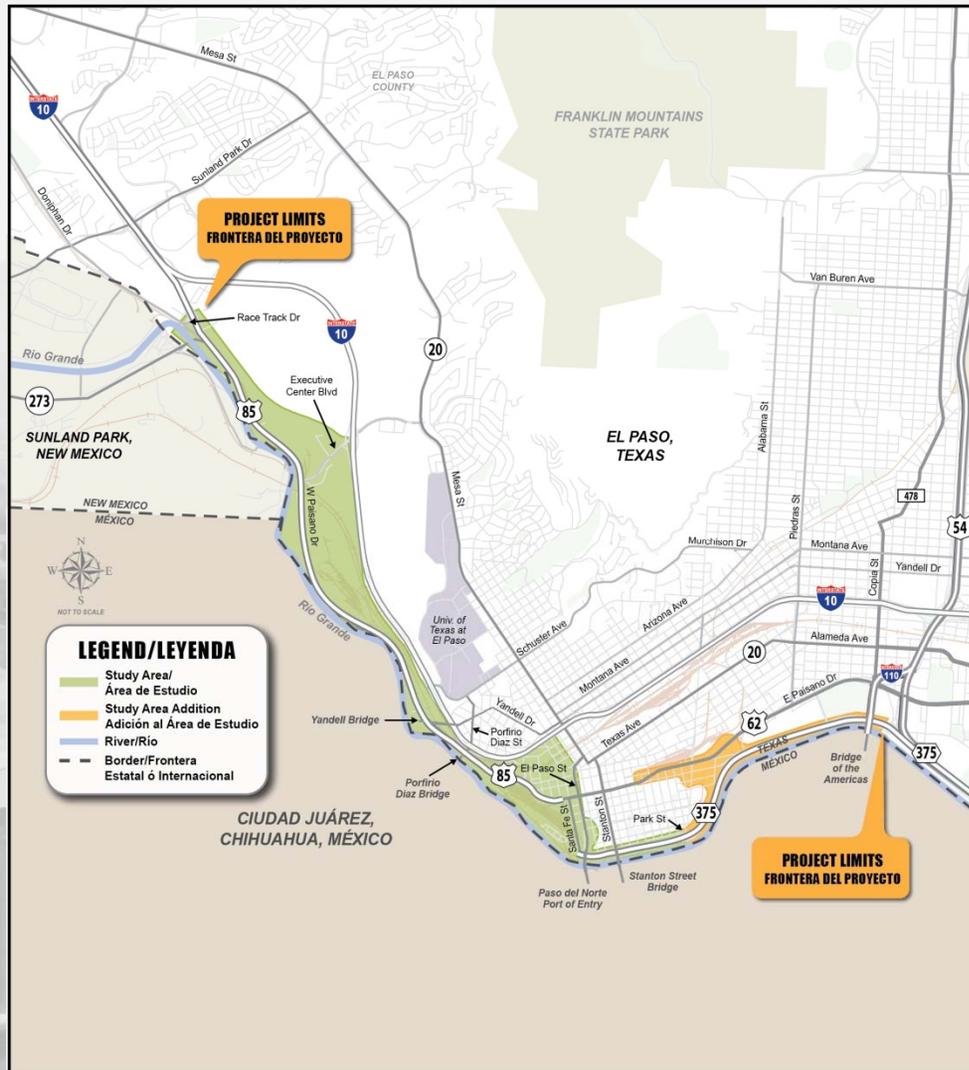
- New Limits: Racetrack Dr. to US54 (old limit: Park St)
- State-funded EIS
- Four-lane controlled access toll facility to connect Loop 375 to US 85
- New right-of-way required
- Estimated range of cost: \$400-\$600 million
- All existing **lanes would remain non-tolled**; only newly-constructed lanes will be tolled

# Public Scoping Meetings (PSM)



- PSM #1 (2007)
- PSM #2 (December 2011)
  - Comments from Agencies and Public included:
    - Access to Downtown
    - Minimize impact to neighborhoods & businesses
    - Aesthetics
    - IBWC levee project along Rio Grande
  - Revisions to preliminary design concept
    - “Coles” interchange (extend limit to US54)
    - Provide “right-in, right-out” at Mesa and Campbell Sts.
    - Revised connections to Doniphan and NM 273 (McNutt)

# STUDY AREA – 2011 and 2012



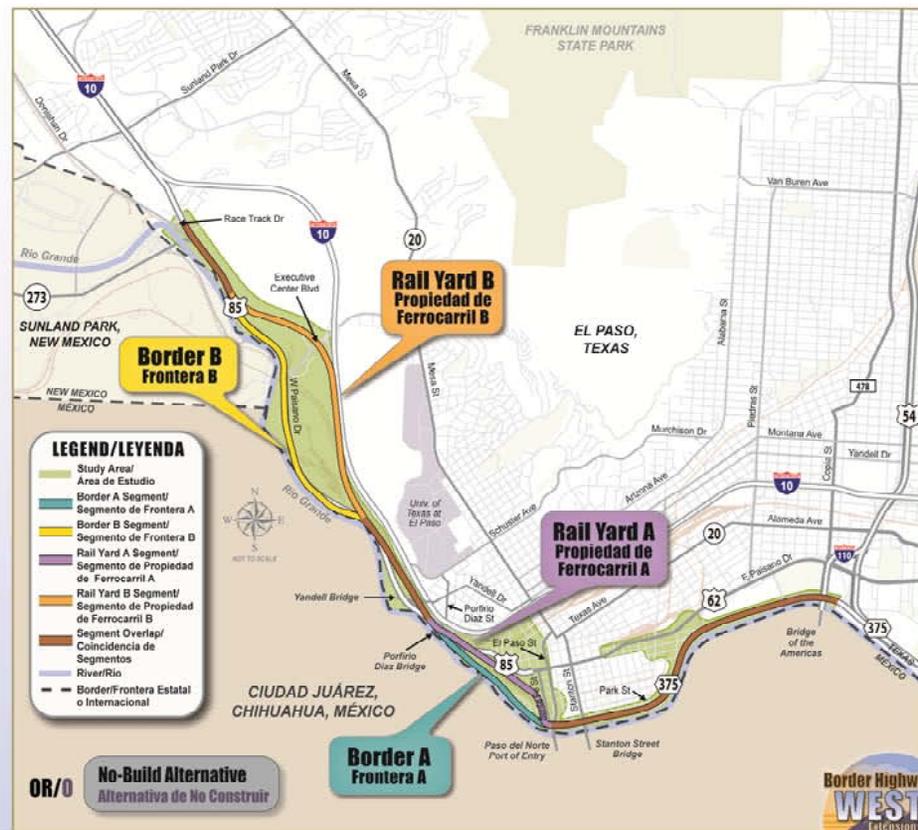
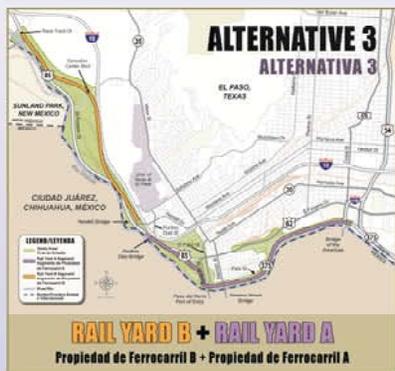
**2011 limits:**  
Racetrack Dr.  
to Park St.  
*Approx. 8 miles*

**2012 limits:**  
Racetrack Dr.  
to US54  
*Approx. 9 miles*

# RECOMMENDED REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES – SEGMENTS

## ALTERNATIVAS RAZONABLES RECOMENDADAS – SEGMENTOS

Which of the alternatives (or combinations) do you prefer?  
 ¿Cuál de las alternativas (o combinación) prefiere?



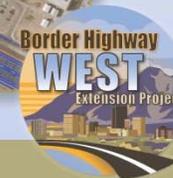
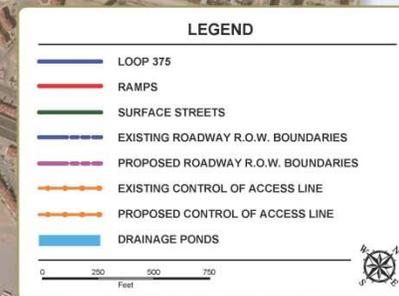
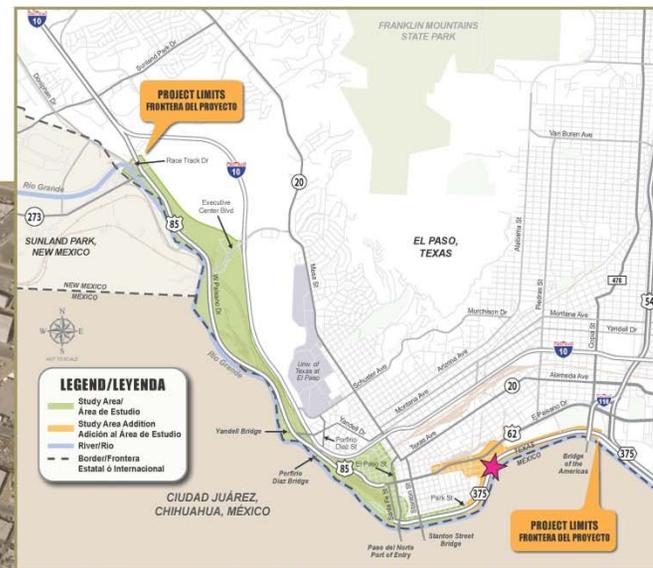
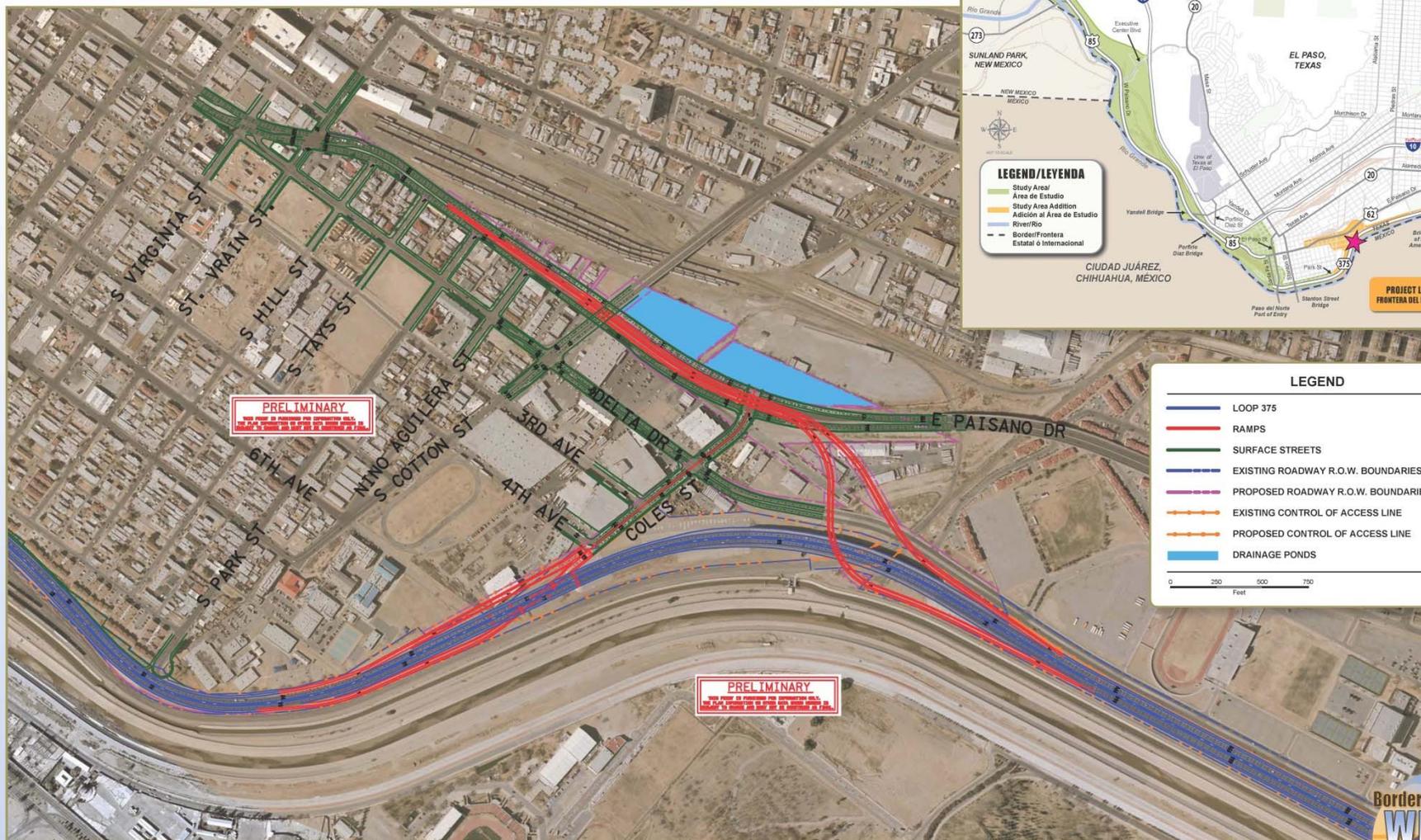
JUNE 2012 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING



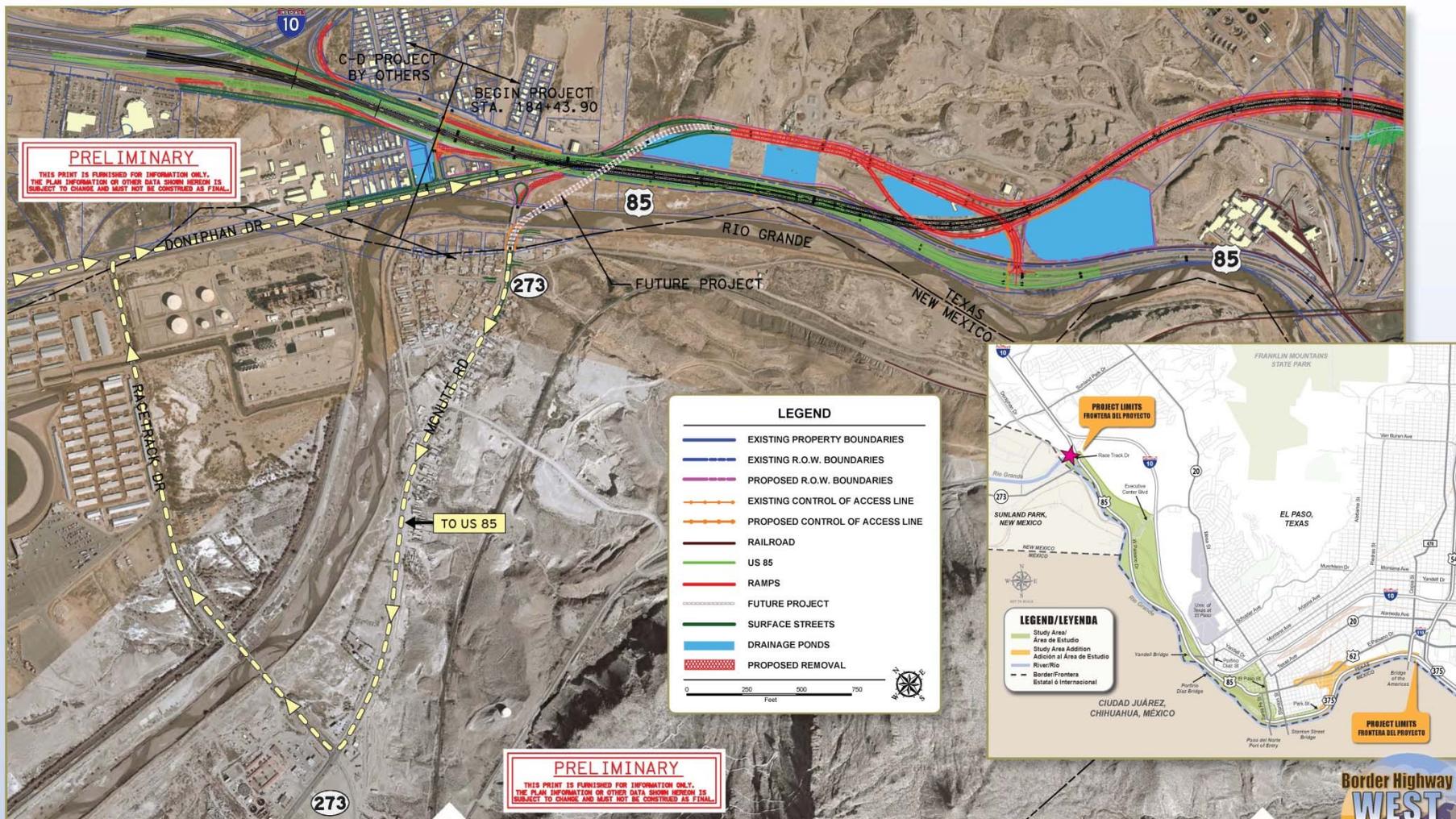
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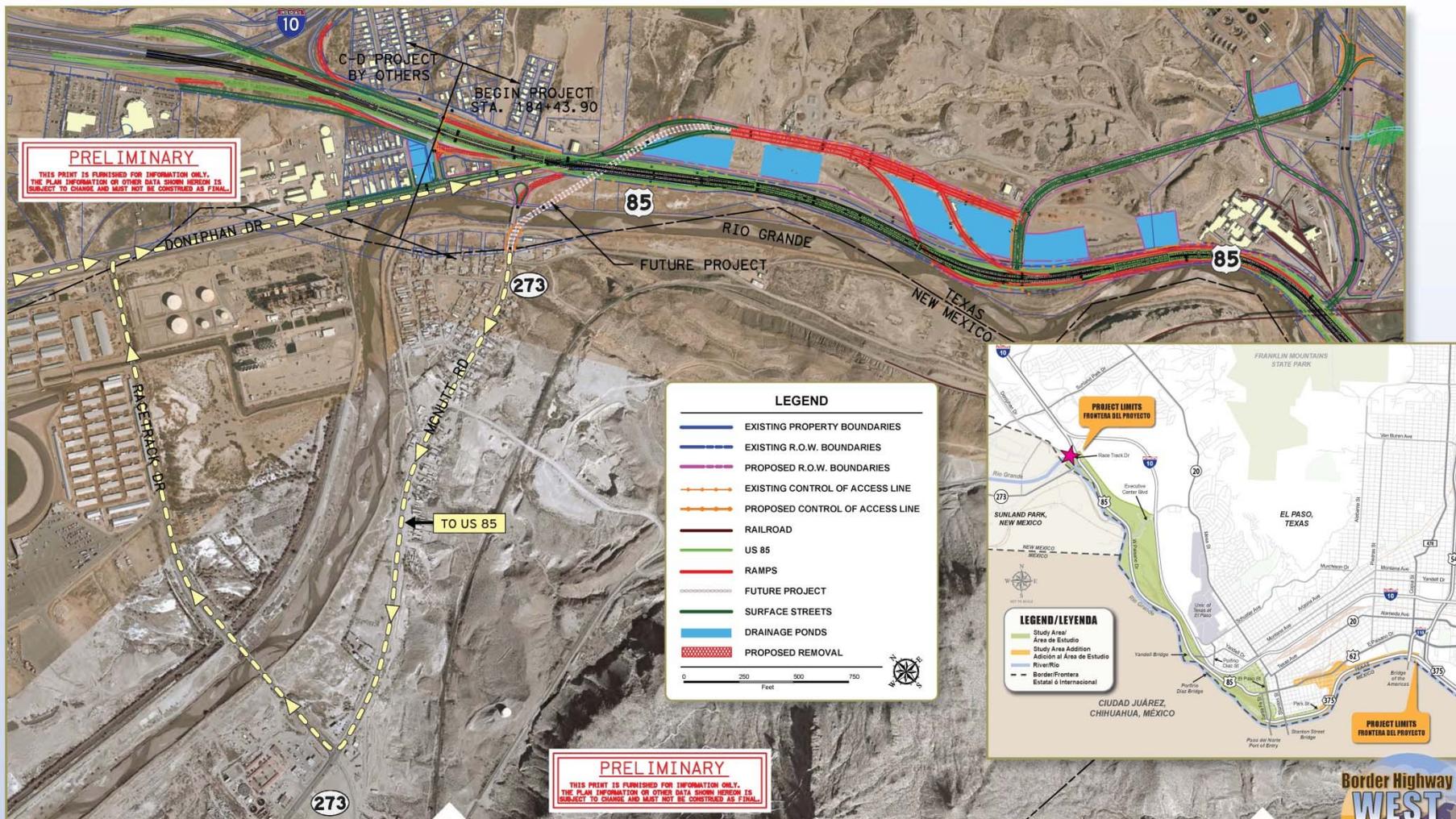
# COLES STREET INTERCHANGE



# WESTERN TERMINUS AND DONIPHAN EXTENSION RAIL YARD B



# WESTERN TERMINUS AND DONIPHAN EXTENSION BORDER B



# NEXT STEPS



- Public Scoping Meeting #3
  - June 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
  - UTEP El Paso Natural Gas Conference Center (Wiggins St)
  - Present design revisions to public and agencies
- Prepare Draft EIS with recommended preferred alternative and review by agencies and public
- Public Hearing November 2012
- Prepare Final EIS and review by agencies and public
- State Record of Decision (ROD) target: Summer 2013



# Thank you!

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