FM 3380 (MANUEL F. AGUILERA HWY)
From 0.35 Mile South of SH 20 (Alameda Avenue) to IH-10
El Paso County, Texas
CSJ: 0924-06-311

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
Prepared by Raba-Kistner Environmental, Inc.

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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.
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I. INTRODUCTION

On Tuesday, July 29, 2014 the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the County of El Paso, and the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority conducted a public hearing for the proposed FM 3380 (Manuel F. Aguilera Highway Phase II) from 0.35 Mile South of SH 20 (Alameda Avenue) to IH-10 in eastern El Paso County, Texas. The Public Hearing was held at the Rogelio Sanchez Road and Bridge Building located at 1331 North Fabens Road, Fabens, Texas 79838. The hearing included an Open House followed by a formal presentation and public comment period. The purpose of the hearing was to:

- Provide an opportunity for the public to view exhibits showing the proposed build alternative and to discuss comments/concerns in a face-to-face dialogue;
- Provide technical information regarding the proposed project; and
- Officially record comments/concerns from the public.

II. NOTICES AND PRESS RELEASES

The hearing was published in English and Spanish in the El Paso Times and El Diario, respectively. Publication dates were as follows:

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In addition, the County of El Paso published official press releases on Monday, July 28, 2014 and on July 29, 2014. TxDOT also posted a web page with public hearing information for this project. These above notices, affidavits, and press releases are included as Appendix A. Prior to and during the hearing, the local public was informed of the event by use of a county vehicle with a digital marquee parked at the entrance to the venue. Two additional TxDOT message boards were placed along Fabens Road, visible to traffic in each direction.
Letters were mailed on June 26, 2014 to 60 public officials, providing them with information regarding the planned public hearing date. An example of a public official notification letter and the list of recipients is included in Appendix B. In addition, 21 owners of adjacent and nearby properties were provided the English and Spanish version of the newspaper hearing notice by mail. This list, also included in Appendix B, includes other area landowners who received notices in the past and/or attended a prior meeting.

III. LOGISTICS

A table with sign-in sheets (Appendix C), speaker cards and comment forms\(^\text{1}\) (Appendix D) were set up at the venue’s entrance. Comment forms were provided that included instructions for submitting comments. Instructions were verbally reiterated before and after the formal presentation.

A bilingual English/Spanish interpreter was on-site to provide live Spanish translation during the hearing. Individuals were able to listen to the translation through the use of individual wireless headsets. A court reporter was on-hand to record the hearing minutes. A transcript of the hearing is included in Appendix E.

Multiple informational and graphic boards were displayed at the venue’s entrance, as well as within the hearing room. See Appendix F.

\(^{1}\) Comment forms provided during the public hearing included an incorrect project description. The County of El Paso corrected this error by adding to their website a statement regarding the error, and a new comment form was made available on the website for formal written comments. The website notice and corrected forms are included in Appendix D.
IV. ATTENDANCE

Twenty (20) citizens, three public officials, and one member of the media were present at the hearing. Public officials included Arlina Palacios, House District 75 District Director; Jose Landeros, Policy Advisor (El Paso County Commissioners Court, Precinct #3), and Vince Perez, Commissioner (El Paso County Commissioners Court, Precinct #3). In addition, project representatives from TxDOT, Structural engineering Associates, the County of El Paso, Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA), and Dannenbaum Engineering were on-site to provide information concerning the project.

V. FORMAT AND PROCEDURE

The open house began at 6:00 pm. The open house allowed attendees an opportunity to hold an open dialogue with project representatives.
Following the open house, a formal presentation began at 7:00 pm. Mr. Robert Bielek, District Engineer for the TxDOT El Paso District, opened the hearing. He discussed the need and purpose of the project, and summarized previous public meeting comments related to the Manuel F. Aguilera Highway project. He also discussed methods for providing comments on the proposed project.
Mr. Sid Mielke, P.E. (Structural Engineering Associates) then began the technical presentation, during which he discussed engineering and other aspects of the project, such as right-of-way requirements, proposed roadway/overpass dimensions and features, project funding, and a project timeline. Mr. Sam Blanco, AICP (Raba-Kistner Environmental) then discussed environmental and cultural resources that were evaluated as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA). Mr. Blanco discussed the potential to encounter threatened species in the project area, as well as the status of archaeological studies and tribal consultation that were conducted as part of the project. The slideshow presentation is included in Appendix G.

After the technical presentation, a 15-minute break was provided. After the break, the hearing resumed. Speaker cards were read aloud to call upon those wishing to speak their comments or concerns. Attendees were invited to continue viewing exhibits and to ask further questions at the end of the comment period.
VI. STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

During the course of the hearing and subsequent comment period, a total of two comments were received. Two speaker cards were completed during the hearing; however, only one of these speakers remained at the hearing for the comment period. He was able to provide his verbal comments at that time. In addition, one comment was received by mail after the hearing date. The following table summarizes these comments:

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<td>Suggests project should connect to I-10 “in a straight line.”</td>
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In response to Mr. McDonald’s name change request, it is within the purview of El Paso County Commissioners Court to change the name of the roadway. This can be done during any Commissioners Court Meeting with a properly posted agenda item. On September 11, 2014 Mr. McDonald’s suggestions were forwarded for consideration to El Paso County Judge, Veronica Escobar, and to the Commissioner whose precinct includes the Port of Entry roads, Vincent Perez.

In response to Mr. Marquez’s comment regarding the project design, in March 2013 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provided a comment regarding the Draft EA as it stood at that time. During that time, the Draft EA discussed an alternative similar to that suggested by Mr. Marque, which was dismissed from further study. Since the alternative was not considered viable, FHWA suggested that a memo be placed in the file regarding its dismissal and rationale. FHWA also recommended limiting the EA discussion to One Build (the preferred alternative) and the No-Build. This suggestion was followed, and a memo dated July 24, 2014 was placed in the project file (Appendix I).

VII. CLOSING

In July of 2014, TxDOT, the County of El Paso, and the CRRMA conducted a public hearing for the proposed FM 3380 (Manuel F. Aguilera Highway). The hearing was publicized prior to the meeting through various outlets in English and Spanish, and was well-attended.

Two citizens provided comments. One requested a name change for the proposed roadway, and the other suggested a design modification. These comments and responses are discussed in the previous section. The potential for a name change appears to be the only viable request, and the appropriate individuals have been made aware of this request.
Appendix A

Public Notices and Press Releases
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
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from 0.35 Mile South of State Highway 20 (Alameda Avenue) to IH-10
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the County of El Paso, and the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 for the proposed FM 3380 (Manuel F. Aguilera Highway) from 0.35 Mile South of SH 20 (Alameda Avenue) to IH-10 in eastern El Paso County, Texas. The Public Hearing will be held at the Rogelio Sanchez Road and Bridge Building located at 1331 North Fabens Road, Fabens, Texas 79838. The hearing will consist of an Open House followed by a formal presentation. The Open House will begin at 6:00 pm. to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. The formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by a public comment period. During the formal comment period no questions will be answered.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide information about the proposed improvements. The County of El Paso recently completed construction of a county-funded portion of Manuel F. Aguilera Highway (referred to as Phase I), which extends from the new Tornillo-Guadalupe Port-of-Entry (POE) to SH 20 (Alameda Avenue), southwest of Tornillo, El Paso County, Texas.

The Current Project consists of a new 3.88-mile section of Manuel F. Aguilera Highway from 0.35 mile south of SH 20 to I-10. Phase II will build a two-lane roadway providing a direct connection from Manuel F. Aguilera Highway Phase I to I-10. This phase would construct an overpass over the SH 20 and adjacent Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) rights-of-way. The Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) lists the Year of Expenditure for Phase II as 2014. A total of 201.97 acres of land is needed for the project.

Maps showing the project location and design, the environmental document, tentative construction schedule, and other information relative to the project file are on-file and available for review at the El Paso County Road and Bridge Office located at 800 East Overland Avenue - Suite 407, El Paso, Texas 79901. Additional project-specific information is available online at http://www.epcounty.com/meetings/public/MFAguileraHighway.pdf. Persons interested in attending the Public Hearing that have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Norma Rivera Palacios (915) 546-2015 at least two working days prior to the meeting. TxDOT and the County of El Paso will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate other special needs as requested.

Verbal and/or written comments will be accepted at the Public Hearing. Written comments may also be submitted up to 10 days after the Public Hearing, on or prior to Friday, August 8, 2014. Comments sent be by mail to 12821 West Golden Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78249 (attention: Sam Blanco), fax to (210) 699-6426, or email to sblanco@rkci.com. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail, please contact Ernesto Carrizal, P.E., at 915-546-2015.
AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA
FM 3380 (Carretera Manuel F. Aguilera)
Desde 0.35 millas al sur de La Carretera Estatal 20 (Avenida Alameda) hasta IH-10
Condado de El Paso, Texas
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El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en inglés), el Condado de El Paso, y la Autoridad Regional de Movilidad de Camino Real llevarán a cabo una audiencia pública el martes, 29 de julio de 2014 para la propuesta de FM 3380 (Carretera Manuel F. Aguilera) desde 0.35 millas al sur de SH 20 (Avenida Alameda) hasta la IH-10 en el este del Condado de El Paso, Texas. La Audiencia Pública se llevará a cabo en Rogelio Sánchez Road and Bridge Building ubicado en el 1331 North Fabens Road, Fabens, Texas 79838. La audiencia se llevará a cabo en formato de sesión informal y abierta seguida por una presentación formal. La sesión abierta iniciará a las 6:00 pm. para dar tiempo para preguntas y revisar las exhibiciones del proyecto. La presentación formal iniciará a las 7:00 p.m., seguida por un periodo de comentarios del público. No se contestaran preguntas durante el periodo de comentarios formales.

El propósito de la audiencia es de ofrecer información sobre las mejoras propuestas. El Condado de El Paso recientemente completó la construcción de una porción de la Carretera Manuel F. Aguilera financiada por el condado (que se refiere como la Fase I), la cual se extiende desde el nuevo Puente Internacional (POE, por sus siglas en inglés) de Tornillo-Guadalupe hasta la SH 20 (Avenida Alameda), al suroeste de Tornillo, Condado de El Paso, Texas.

El Proyecto actual consiste de una nueva sección de 3.88-millas de la Carretera Manuel F. Aguilera desde 0.35 millas al sur de SH 20 hasta la I-10. En la Fase II se construirá una calzada de dos carriles los cuales proveerán una conexión directa desde la Fase I de la Carretera Manuel F. Aguilera hasta la I-10. En esta fase se construirá un paso a desnivel sobre SH 20 y adyacente al derecho de vía de Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). La Fase II del proyecto se encuentra registrada en El Plan de Transporte Metropolitano (MPM) Horizon 2040 con gastos programados en el año 2014. Se requiere un total de 201.97 acres de terreno para el proyecto.


Toda persona interesada en asistir a la Audiencia Pública que tenga necesidades especiales de comunicación o acomodo se le anima a llamar a Norma Rivera Palacios al (915) 546-2015 por lo menos dos días hábiles antes de la junta. TxDOT y el Condado de El Paso harán todo esfuerzo razonable para cubrir a las necesidades especiales según se soliciten.

Se aceptarán comentarios verbales y por escritos en la Audiencia Pública. Comentarios por escrito también pueden ser entregados hasta 10 días después de la Audiencia Pública, a más tardar el viernes, 8 de agosto de 2014. Se pueden enviar comentarios por correo a 12821 West Golden Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78249 (atención: Sam Blanco), por fax al (210) 699-6426, o correo electrónico a sblanco@rkci.com. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el proyecto o desea hablar sobre el proyecto en más detalle, favor de llamar a Ernesto Carrizal, P.E., al 915-546-2015.
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF EL PASO

Before me, a Notary Public in and for El Paso County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Joe Woods who states upon oath that he is the Classified Sales Manager in the Advertising Department of the El Paso Times, daily newspaper published in the City and County of El Paso, State of Texas, newspapers of general circulation and which have been continuously and regularly published for the period of not less than one year in the said County of El Paso, and that he was such upon the dates herein mentioned:

That the "Public Hearing Notice/ FM 3380 (Manuel F. Aguilera Highway)" published in the El Paso Times. The dates of such publications being on June 29th & July 20th, 2014

Joe Woods
Classified Inside Sales Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me, This 26th day of August.

Belia Duenes
Notary Public
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Jose H. Soriano

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 21 day of July, 2014,

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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05/24/2017

My Commission Expires
Se disculpa Greenpeace por desviados de directivos

Uno de 38 millones de euros: multa imposible de cubrir para los revendedores que estuvieron en el proyecto.

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA
PM 230 Carrera Manual F. Agustín desde la intersección de la avenida de los Estados Unidos hasta la intersección de la avenida de los Estados Unidos.

El Departamento de Transporte de Virginia (VCDOT), por sus siglas en inglés, en el Condado de Prince George, ha emitido un aviso de audiencia pública sobre el proyecto de vías de transporte que se está desarrollando en el área.

El proyecto, que incluye la construcción de una nueva sección de la avenida de los Estados Unidos desde la intersección de la avenida de los Estados Unidos hasta la intersección de la avenida de los Estados Unidos, ha sido objeto de protestas por parte de los residentes locales.

El proyecto se espera que se complete en 2019, y el departamento de transportes de Virginia ha programado una audiencia pública para discutir el proyecto, el público puede hacer preguntas y presentar sus opiniones.

El aviso de audiencia pública se emitirá en el Condado de Prince George, en el estado de Virginia, el 15 de septiembre, a las 7:00 PM.

El proyecto se espera que mejore la movilidad en la zona, pero también ha levantado preocupaciones sobre el impacto en el ambiente y la vida de los vecinos.

El proyecto es parte de una serie de inversiones en transporte que se están realizando en Virginia, con el objetivo de mejorar la movilidad de los habitantes de la región.
Entra en Gaza
5 camiones con 20 toneladas
de ayuda médica

Algunos palestinos en Gaza salen de un camión lleno de ayuda humanitaria tras una explosión en la Franja de Gaza el 20 de junio de 2020. (Reuters)

Comando palestino mata a un par de soldados de la Fuerzas de Defensa de Israel

Bagdad, al menos 18 muertos y 59 heridos por atentados

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Se reúne hoy Abas con líder de Hamas

El secretario general de la Autoridad Nacional Palestina, Mahmoud Abbas, se reunió con el líder de Hamas, Ismail Haniyeh, para tratar la situación en el enclave de la Franja de Gaza. (REUTERS)
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EL PASO COUNTY TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING EXTENSION OF MANUEL F. AGUILERA HIGHWAY

Project will connect the new Tornillo-Guadalupe Port of Entry to I-10

On Tuesday July 29, 2014, the County of El Paso, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority will conduct a public hearing regarding the construction of phase II of FM 3380 (Manuel F. Aguilera Highway).

The project consists of a new 3.8-mile, two-lane extension to the Manuel F. Aguilera Highway, from SH 20 (Alameda Ave.) to I-10. It includes the construction of an overpass over Alameda Ave. and adjacent Union Pacific Railroad rights-of-way. The project requires a total of 201.97 acres of land, and it will be bid out in the next couple of weeks. The highway is expected to be ready before the end of the year.

The public hearing will take place at the Rogelio Sanchez Road and Bridge Building located at 1331 N. Fabens Rd., Fabens, Texas, 79838. The hearing will consist of an open house (scheduled at 6:00 p.m.) for questions and review of project exhibit and a formal presentation to start at 7:00 p.m., followed by a public comment period.

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For more information, please contact Ernesto Carrizal at 915-546-2015.

**WHAT:** Public Hearing Extension of Manuel F. Aguilera Highway

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014
- 6:00 p.m. Open House
- 7:00 p.m. Formal Presentation

**WHERE:** Rogelio Sanchez Road and Bridge Building
1331 N. Fabens Rd., Fabens, Texas, 79838

Additional information. Phase II will cost $17.2 million.

The County will finalize the environmental assessment and acquire the right-of-way. This is paid for from County bond issues (2007 and 2012).

The construction will be overseen by TXDOT, and TXDOT will let the project in the fall of 2015.

The road will take a little over a year to build and should be completed in the late fall of 2016.

The Project will be turned over to TXDOT for construction because Phase II of the Road is designated as a Farm to Market Road (FM 3380) and will be a part of the State road system. (The state maintains it, not the County).

The Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority will pay for the construction costs from revenue bonds sold in May, 2014.

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County Attorney Press Releases

El Paso County To Conduct Public Hearing Regarding Extension Of Manuel F. Aguilera Highway

Project will connect the new Tornillo-Guadalupe Port of Entry to I-10

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WHEN: Tuesday, July 29, 2014  6:00 p.m. Open House 7:00 p.m. Formal Presentation

WHERE: Rogelio Sanchez Road and Bridge Building, 1331 N. Fabens Rd., Fabens, Texas, 79838
Manuel F. Aguilera Hearing Press Release.pdf

Map of the Project.pdf

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Comments

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Public Hearing - FM 3380 (Manuel F. Aguilera Highway)

Where: Rogelio Sanchez Road and Bridge Building
1331 N. Fabens Road
Fabens, TX 79838

When: Tuesday, July 29, 2014
Open House: 6 p.m.
Presentation: 7 p.m.

Purpose: The purpose of the hearing is to gather public input on the proposed improvements to FM 3380 (Manuel F. Aguilera Highway) from SH 20 (Alameda Avenue) to I-10.

Description: The proposed 0.35 mile project would extend FM 3380 from just south of SH 20 to I-10. A total of 201.97 acres of land are needed for the project.

Downloads:
- Notice
- Notice (Spanish)
- Project Location
- Fact Sheet
- Presentation
- Comment Form
- Comment Form (Spanish)

Contact: TxDOT El Paso District
(915) 790-4341
Email
Appendix B

Letters to Public Officials
June 26, 2014

The Honorable Oscar Leeser
Mayor, City of El Paso
300 N. Campbell
El Paso, TX 79901

Highway: FM 3380 (Manuel F. Aguilera Highway)
Limits: 0.35 Mile South of SH 20 (Alameda Avenue) to I-10
CSJ: 0924-06-311
County: El Paso

RE: Public Hearing for FM 3380 (Manuel F. Aguilera Highway)

Dear Mayor Leeser:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in coordination with the County of El Paso and the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) will be holding a Public Hearing for the proposed Manuel F. Aguilera Highway Project:

Tuesday, July 29, 2014
Rogelio Sanchez Road and Bridge Building
1331 North Fabens Road
Fabens, Texas

Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to provide information on the proposed project, which consists of a 3.88 mile section of Manuel F. Aguilera Highway from 0.35 mile south of SH 20 (Alameda Avenue) to I-10 in El Paso County, Texas. The enclosed Public Notice provides additional information.

A list of the elected officials who are receiving this letter is enclosed. Please let me know if I have omitted anyone who should be informed about this Public Hearing.

We invite you (or a representative from your office) to attend the Public Hearing. For further information on the Hearing, please contact Ernesto Carrizal, P.E., County of El Paso, Public Works Director at (915) 546-2015.

Sincerely,

Robert Bielek, DPA, P.E.
District Engineer

Enclosures

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9/23/2014
The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the County of El Paso, and the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 for the proposed FM 3380 (Manuel F. Aguilera Highway) from 0.35 Mile South of SH 20 (Alameda Avenue) to IH-10 in eastern El Paso County, Texas. The Public Hearing will be held at the Rogelio Sanchez Road and Bridge Building located at 1331 North Fabens Road, Fabens, Texas 79838. The hearing will consist of an Open House followed by a formal presentation. The Open House will begin at 6:00 p.m. to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. The formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by a public comment period. During the formal comment period no questions will be answered.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide information about the proposed improvements. The County of El Paso recently completed construction of a county-funded portion of Manuel F. Aguilera Highway (referred to as Phase I), which extends from the new Tornillo-Guadalupe Port-of-Entry (POE) to SH 20 (Alameda Avenue), southwest of Tornillo, El Paso County, Texas.

The Current Project consists of a new 3.88-mile section of Manuel F. Aguilera Highway from 0.35 mile south of SH 20 to I-10. Phase II will build a two-lane roadway providing a direct connection from Manuel F. Aguilera Highway Phase I to I-10. This phase would construct an overpass over the SH 20 and adjacent Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) rights-of-way. The Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) lists the Year of Expenditure for Phase II as 2014. A total of 201.97 acres of land is needed for the project.

Maps showing the project location and design, the environmental document, tentative construction schedule, and other information relative to the project file are on-file and available for review at the El Paso County Road and Bridge Office located at 800 East Overland Avenue - Suite 407, El Paso, Texas 79901. Additional project-specific information is available online at http://www.epcounty.com/meetings/public/MFAguileraHighway.pdf. Persons interested in attending the Public Hearing that have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Norma Rivera Palacios (915) 546-2015 at least two working days prior to the meeting. TxDOT and the County of El Paso will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate other special needs as requested.

Verbal and/or written comments will be accepted at the Public Hearing. Written comments may also be submitted up to 10 days after the Public Hearing, on or prior to Friday, August 8, 2014. Comments sent be by mail to 12821 West Golden Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78249 (attention: Sam Blanco), fax to (210) 699-6426, or email to sblanco@rkci.com. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail, please contact Ernesto Carrizal, P.E., at 915-546-2015.
AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

FM 3380 (Carretera Manuel F. Aguilera)
Desde 0.35 millas al sur de La Carretera Estatal 20 (Avenida Alameda) hasta IH-10
Condado de El Paso, Texas
CSJ: 0924-06-311

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en inglés), el Condado de El Paso, y la Autoridad Regional de Movilidad de Camino Real llevarán a cabo una audiencia pública el martes, 29 de julio de 2014 para la propuesta de FM 3380 (Carretera Manuel F. Aguilera) desde 0.35 millas al sur de SH 20 (Avenida Alameda) hasta la IH-10 en el este del Condado de El Paso, Texas. La Audiencia Pública se llevará a cabo en Rogelio Sánchez Road and Bridge Building ubicado en el 1331 North Fabens Road, Fabens, Texas 79838. La audiencia se llevará a cabo en formato de sesión informal y abierta seguida por una presentación formal. La sesión abierta iniciará a las 6:00 pm. para dar tiempo para preguntas y revisar las exhibiciones del proyecto. La presentación formal iniciará a las 7:00 p.m., seguida por un periodo de comentarios del público. No se contestarán preguntas durante el periodo de comentarios formales.

El propósito de la audiencia es de ofrecer información sobre las mejoras propuestas. El Condado de El Paso recientemente completó la construcción de una porción de la Carretera Manuel F. Aguilera financiada por el condado (que se refiere como la Fase I), la cual se extiende desde el nuevo Puente Internacional (POE, por sus siglas en inglés) de Tornillo-Guadalupe hasta la SH 20 (Avenida Alameda), al suroeste de Tornillo, Condado de El Paso, Texas.

El Proyecto actual consiste de una nueva sección de 3.88-millas de la Carretera Manuel F. Aguilera desde 0.35 millas al sur de SH 20 hasta la I-10. En la Fase II se construirá una calzada de dos carriles los cuales proveerán una conexión directa desde la Fase I de la Carretera Manuel F. Aguilera hasta la I-10. En esta fase se construirá un paso a desnivel sobre SH 20 y adyacente al derecho de vía de Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). La Fase II del proyecto se encuentra registrada en El Plan de Transporte Metropolitano (MTP) Horizon 2040 con gastos programados en el año 2014. Se requiere un total de 201.97 acres de terreno para el proyecto.

Mapas que muestran la ubicación y diseño del proyecto, el documento ambiental, posible programa de construcción, e información relacionada al proyecto se encuentran disponibles para su revisión en la Oficina de Puentes y Caminos del Condado de El Paso ubicada en 800 East Overland Avenue - Suite 407, El Paso, Texas 79901. Información adicional específica del proyecto se encuentra disponible en http://www.epcounty.com/meetings/public/MFAguileraHighway.pdf Toda persona interesada en asistir a la Audiencia Pública que tenga necesidades especiales de comunicación o acomodo se le anima a llamar a Norma Rivera Palacios al (915) 546-2015 por lo menos dos días hábiles antes de la junta. TxDOT y el Condado de El Paso harán todo esfuerzo razonable para cubrir a las necesidades especiales según se soliciten.

Se aceptarán comentarios verbales y por escritos en la Audiencia Pública. Comentarios por escrito también pueden ser entregados hasta 10 días después de la Audiencia Pública, a más tardar el viernes, 8 de agosto de 2014. Se pueden enviar comentarios por correo a 12821 West Golden Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78249 (atención: Sam Blanco), por fax al (210) 699-6426, o correo electrónico a sblanco@rkci.com. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el proyecto o desea hablar sobre el proyecto en más detalle, favor de llamar a Ernesto Carrizal, P.E., al 915-546-2015.
MAILING LIST FOR NEIGHBORS OF M.F. AGUILERA HWY. – SENT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

With respect to the landowners, there are 4 directly affected.

Spence – South of Alameda. We already purchased his land and we already built part of the road on it.

G. B. Spence Farms, Inc.
Attn: Mr. G. B Spence
P. O. Box 553
Fabens, TX 79838-0553
915-764-3646

Lutich – North of Alameda, adjacent to RR tract. We already purchased his land, but we have built nothing on it.

Louie & Jewel B. Lutich
Box 76
Tornillo, Texas
915-764-2657

University Lands – Most of the road goes through their lands.

University Lands
Attn: Richard Brantley
    Associate Director – Surface Interests
P. O. Box 553
Midland, TX 79702-0553
432-684-4404
Email to: rbrantley@utsystem.edu

GLO – A small piece of the land is needed, at the Intersection of I-10.

State of Texas
Texas General Land Office
Mr. Burton Minton
Other area landowners who received notices in the past and/or attend a prior meeting

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P. O. Box 925
Fabens, TX 79838
915.764.2349

Lettunich Farms
Attn: William L. Thomas
P. O. Box 323
Fabens, TX 79838-0323
915.764.2349

David C & Barbara S. Brown
P. O. Box 247
Clint, Texas 79836
915.851.1013

W. D. Pruitt Jr.
Box 185
Fabens, TX 79838
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Glenn H. Stinnett
4614 N. Stanton St. Apt G50
El Paso, TX 79902-1260

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Tornillo, TX  79853-0167

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El Paso TX,  79907

Raul Guel, Jr.
P. O. Box 982
El Paso, TX  79960

Landco Management Services
P. O. Box 3860
Fabens, Texas 79838
915.203.8880

Kathren Santikos, PMP
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PBS, 7PCA
819 Taylor Street, Room 12A-505
Fort Worth, Texas 76102
t: 817.978.0796
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Tornillo Water Improvement District
19225 Highland St.
P. O. Box 136
Tornillo, TX 79853

El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1
Attn: Mr. Jesus Reyes
P. O. Box 749
Clint, TX  79836-0749

-----Original Message-----
From: Norma Rivera Palacios (Public Works)
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2014 11:05 AM
To: Cygne Nemir
Subject: FW: POE information

Cygne,

Attached are the files you requested. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Norma
Appendix C

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Appendix D

Comment Forms
NOTICE:
The El Paso County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 2.

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Public Hearing for the M.F. Aguilera Highway
The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the County of El Paso, and the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 for the proposed FM 3380 (Manuel F. Aguilera Highway) from 0.35 Mile South of SH 10 (Alameda Avenue) to IH-10 in eastern El Paso County, Texas.

Public Hearing Presentation
The posted comment card on this website differs from the comment cards handed out at the Public Hearing, which should no longer be used. Please use the posted comment cards to properly address the project and dates.

Comment Card (English)

Las tarjetas para comentarios que se distribuyeron durante la audiencia pública incluían impresiones y por ello ya no deben ser utilizadas. Por favor utilice las tarjetas para comentarios publicadas en este portal de internet ya que identifican correctamente el proyecto y los plazos.

Comment Card (Spanish)

Public Hearing Notice (English)

Public Hearing Notice (Spanish)

Map

Fast Facts

Removing obstacles. Accessing opportunities.
PUBLIC HEARING
M.F. Aguilera Highway (FM 3380)
From SH 20 (Alameda Ave.) to I-10
Tornillo, Texas

Tuesday, July 29, 2014
6:00 pm Open House
7:00 pm Formal Presentation
Rogelio Sanchez Road and Bridge Bldg.
1331 N. Fabens Rd., Fabens, Texas

(Please Print)

NAME: ___________________________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________

REPRESENTING: ___________________________________

(Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5)): check each of the following boxes that apply to you:
☐ I am employed by TxDOT
☐ I do business with TxDOT
☐ I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting

COMMENT FORM
This form is provided to receive your comments regarding the Manuel F. Aguilera Hwy from SH20 (Alameda Ave.) to I-10 project. Please use the space below, attaching additional pages if necessary. Your comments can be deposited in the comment box or mailed to the address provided below. Comments may also be e-mailed to: sblanco@rkci.com. All written comments must be postmarked by Friday, August 8, 2014. Thank you for your comments.

COMMENTS: ___________________________________

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Written Comments submitted by mail must be postmarked by Friday, August 8, 2014 and sent to:
Raba-Kistner, Inc.
Attn: Sam Blanco, Project Coordinator
12821 West Golden Lane
San Antonio, Texas 78249
AVISOS DE AUDENCIA PÚBLICA
Carretera Manuel F. Aguilera
de SH 20 (Alameda Ave.) a la carretera I-10
Tomillo, Texas

Martes 29 de julio, 2014
6:00 - Abren Las Puertas
7:00 - Presentación Formal
Edificio Rogelio Sanchez Road & Bridge
1331 N. Fabens Rd., Fabens, Texas

(FAVOR DE USAR LETRA DE MOLDE)

NOMBRE: __________________________________________

DIRECCIÓN: __________________________________________

REPRESENTANDO: __________________________________________

(Código de Transporte de Texas, §201.811(a)(5)): marque la casilla(s) siguientes que le apliquen a usted:
☑ Yo trabajo con TxDOT
☑ Hago negocios con TxDOT
☑ Sería Beneficiado monetariamente a causa de este proyecto u otro(s) detalle(s) sobre los que estoy comentoando

FORMULARIO DE COMENTARIOS
Esta forma ha sido proporcionada para recibir sus comentarios con respecto al proyecto Manuel F. Aguilera Hwy de Carretera SH 20 (Alameda Ave.) a la carretera I-10. Por favor utilice el espacio proporcionado abajo e incluya páginas adicionales en caso necesario. Sus comentarios pueden ser depositados en la "Caja de Comentarios" o ser enviados por correo postal a la dirección indicada abajo. Los comentarios también pueden ser enviados por correo electrónico a: sblanco@rkci.com. Comentarios por escrito, deben estar fechados por las oficinas de correo postal a más tardar el Viernes, 8 de Agosto del 2014. Gracias por sus comentarios.

COMENTARIO:________________________________________
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Todos los comentarios por escrito mandados por correo deben tener el sello postal a más tardar el Viernes 8 de Agosto de 2014 y enviados a:
Raba-Kistner, Inc.
Attn: Sam Blanco, Project Coordinator
12821 West Golden Lane
San Antonio, Texas 78249
Appendix E

Transcript
Public Hearing
Tornillo-Guadalupe Land Port of Entry

Public Hearing
7/29/2014
PUBLIC HEARING

TORNILLO-GUADALUPE LAND PORT OF ENTRY

to open

FALL 2014

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

ROAD & BRIDGE BUILDING

1331 North Fabens Road

Fabens, Texas 79838

SPEAKERS:

Public Hearing Officer ROBERT BIELEK, District Engineer
of the Texas Department of Transportation Sid Mielke,
SID MIELKE, from Structural Engineering Associates
SAM BLANCO, from Raba Kistner Environmental, Inc.

Interpreter: MAGDALENA BENNETT

Reported by: Leticia D. Perez, Court Reporter
MR. BIELEK: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Bob Bielek, and I'm the District Engineer for the El Paso District of the Texas Department of Transportation, more commonly known as TxDOT. And I'll be the Public Hearing officer for tonight's proceedings.

The Texas Department of Transportation, the County of El Paso, and the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority welcome you to this Public Hearing. The Public Hearing is for farm-to-market road 3380, the Manuel F. Aguilera Highway, from 0.35 miles south of State Highway 20, which is Alameda, to Interstate Highway 10, located within western -- or eastern El Paso County. Today's date is July 29th, 2014. And the time now is 7:01 p.m.

Before we begin tonight's presentation, I'd like to mention a few items. In consideration of tonight's presenters and your fellow attendees, please take a moment to silence your cell phones. You may have noticed a sign-in table when you walked in. If you have not already done so, please sign in before you leave tonight.

We will have simultaneous interpretation available for any individuals who would like to hear the presentation in Spanish. Please see the desk around the
corner in the front for the headset. And our
interpreter -- our interpreter is Magdalena Bennett.

MS. BENNETT: (Spanish spoken.)

MR. BIELEK: Okay. This Public Hearing is
being recorded by a certified court reporter, Letty
Perez, for the formal public record.

Lastly, the restrooms are located out this
door to the left down at the end of the hall on the
right-hand side.

I would like to introduce the elected
officials in attendance tonight who were able to stop
by. And we have only one, and that is Commissioner
Vince Perez of El Paso County.

Have I overlooked anyone? Okay.

We appreciate your attendance and thank
you for your interest in this project.

Our team members from the Texas Department
of Transportation are Antonio Santana in the back. Mimi
Horn. Blanca Serrano-Rivera, I think she's still out
front. Blanca Del Valle, and I have not seen her; she's
not here tonight. Allison MacDonald-Barrus. Eddie
Valtier, okay, I know he's here. Gus Sanchez. Gus?

And for the County of El Paso Road and
Bridge Department we have Ernie Carrizal. Ernie's in
the back. Erich Morales. Always nice to see somebody
whose name is spelled the same as my son's.

MR. MORALES: Oh. Nice.

MR. BIELEK: Fernando Hernandez, Sal

Alonzo, and Jorge Morales.

From the Camino Real Regional Mobility

Authority we have Raymond Telles. Where is Raymond?

He's still outside in the meeting? Okay.

From Structural Engineering Associates we

have Sid Mielke and Adrian Romero.

And for Raba-Kistner Environmental we have

Sam Blanco.

The Texas Department of Transportation,

the County of El Paso and the Camino Real Regional

Mobility Authority are conducting this Public Hearing to

present the details of the proposed extension of the

Manuel F. Aguilera Highway from State Highway 20, or

Alameda Avenue, to Interstate Highway 10, at the

existing O.T. Smith Road Interchange.

Also during the formal Public Comment

Period following this presentation, everyone in

attendance will have the opportunity to ask questions

and provide any comments they have regarding the

proposed project. We will not be addressing any

questions asked during the formal Public Comment Period.

If you want an immediate answer, ask that question.
during the 15-minute intermission that we will have
prior to the Public Comment Period.

All verbal and written questions and
comments presented at this hearing will be addressed in
and made a part of the final environmental document for
this project and in the Public Hearing summary submitted
to TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division and the Federal
Highway Administration.

I would now like to turn the technical
presentation portion over to Mr. Sid Mielke, Senior
Project Manager for Structural Engineering Associates
and the County of El Paso's project manager for this
project.

MR. MIELKE: Thank you, Mr. Bielek.

I would like to welcome everyone to this
Public Hearing. What are the current issues that
indicate the need for this project? In the fall of
2014, the new Tornillo Guadalupe Land Port of Entry will
open for crossing into and out of the United States by
noncommercial vehicles. Manuel F. Aguilera Highway is
already completed between the new Land Port of Entry and
State Highway 20, Alameda Avenue.

In early 2015, the Tornillo Guadalupe
Bridge will open to traffic, at which time commercial
traffic will begin crossing into and out of the
United States at this port. Once the new bridge opens, noncommercial and private vehicle traffic using this new facility will also increase.

What are we trying to do by constructing this project? One important benefit of constructing the project is to provide a direct connection from the new Port of Entry and International Bridge to Interstate Highway 10. This will relieve congestion on existing roads in the area due to the increased traffic and the introduction of commercial trucks into the traffic mix. It will also enhance the operating safety for the mixed type of vehicles using the proposed road, while still providing connections to all existing roadways in the area.

The project will provide shoulders that do not currently exist on the local roadways in case of breakdowns, while still allowing traffic to travel in the regular lanes, which also enhances the safety for all motorists using the road.

The project will also fulfill the County of El Paso's desire to promote economic development in the Tornillo area. It is also anticipated that this project will also relieve congestion at other international bridges in the El Paso region.

There was one public meeting held to
specifically present this project to the public and get
their input regarding it. This public meeting was held
on September the 9th, 2009. The farming community
members were concerned that irrigation waters would
be -- could be interrupted or eliminated as a function
of construction of this project. This project will not
have any effect on all the irrigation canals or drainage
ditches in the area.

The community members were concerned that
access to some of the preexisting roadways would be
eliminated. Being primarily on a new location, this
project will not affect access to any of the existing
local roadways.

The public asked, how many lanes will be
built? The proposed project from 0.35 miles south of
State Highway 20 to Interstate Highway 10 at the
existing O.T. Smith Interchange will be built in two
phases. Phase 2 will build a two-lane roadway,
including shoulders. Phase 3, in the future, will
expand the roadway to four lanes and include shoulders.
Several in attendance stated that there would be a big
increase in commercial truck traffic.

The Presidential Permit Application and
the Associated Environmental Assessment for the new
Tornillo Guadalupe International Bridge does indicate
that commercial traffic will rise from zero, today, to
projected values in years after completion.

Several in attendance stated that they
believe there would be increased economic development in
the area. This statement is in accordance with one of
the stated benefits listed for construction of the
proposed project.

Several in attendance asked if potable
water would be installed in the project area. El Paso
County extended potable water facilities to some areas
along portions of the existing Manuel F. Aguilera
Highway and the new Land Port of Entry.

The Texas Department of Transportation,
the County of El Paso and the Camino Real Regional
Mobility Authority welcome any and all comments,
questions and concerns that you or any member of the
public may have regarding this proposed project.

There are multiple ways for you to submit
comments regarding this project. And they include, you
can provide your verbal comments during the Public
Comment Period following the technical presentation. If
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want to prevent them -- present them verbally, you can
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in this room, and they're located on the table just to
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and left here this evening in our comments box, which is
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not left here after the meeting must be postmarked and
faxed or emailed dated no later than Friday, August 8th,
2014.

Now I would like to present the technical
portions of the project.

This map illustrates the limits for the
proposed project and the extension of Manuel F. Aquilera
Highway Farm to Market 3880 as shown in orange on this
slide. The limits of the project are from 0.35 miles
south of State Highway 20, Alameda Avenue, to Interstate
Highway 10 at the existing O.T. Smith Interchange.

This project will be constructed on new
right-of-way along its length and includes a bridge over State Highway 20 and the Union Pacific Railroad. As mentioned, this project is proposed to be constructed on new right-of-way with a total of 201.97 acres of land required. These 201.97 acres are in only nine parcels of land. These parcels have been or will be acquired at a later date. No homes or businesses are affected, but one pecan orchard was required to be relocated.

The extension of Manuel F. Aguilera will be constructed in two phases. This project will construct two travel lanes, one in each direction, plus two ten-foot-wide safety shoulders. These lanes are being constructed on one side of the right-of-way to prevent disruption of traffic during the future expansion. The proposed right-of-way purchased -- to be purchased for this project is 200 feet wide, minimum, with some additional widths required to accommodate drainage and stormwater retention features.

In the future, Phase 3 will be constructing a mirror image, which will bring the roadway to two lanes in each direction with safety shoulders.

This slide depicts a typical section and elevation view of the proposed bridge over State Highway 20 and the Union Pacific Railroad. The proposed
clearance over State Highway 20 is 24 feet, two inches. And the proposed clearance over the Union Pacific Railroad is 24 feet, eight inches. The proposed bridge also provides for some widening of State Highway 20 under the bridge should traffic increase and warrant it.

The estimated cost to construct this project is $17.2 million. This does not include design, utility adjustments or acquisition of right-of-way. The County of El Paso is providing the funds for design and will fund any utility adjustments and the acquisition of right-of-way that may be necessary.

The construction cost does include all of the roadways, the bridge over State Highway 20, and the UP Railroad, as well as drainage culverts, storm water retention ponds, signing and striping.

The source of funding was originally intended to be Category 10 from the Coordinated Border Infrastructure, or CBI, section. This is how the funding is identified within the current Environmental Assessment document. However, in early 2014, the partners for this project, the Texas Department of Transportation, the County of El Paso and the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority, have reached agreement to change the source of funding to a special vehicle registration fee of $10, as authorized in Section
502.402 of the Texas Transportation Code. The environmental document for this project will be amended after the close of the Public Hearing comment period to reflect the changes made to the funding sources.

This project has been under development for many years. A Presidential Permit for the International Bridge, the Land Port of Entry, and the Manuel F. Aguilera Highway was issued in the spring of 2005. The project, the specific beginning and end of this project, were defined and the Environmental Assessment preparation was begun in spring of 2008.

Tonight, we are at a Public Hearing which will begin the final steps for the Environmental Assessment for this project. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2015 and completed following fall of 2016.

I would now like to turn the presentation over to Mr. Sam Blanco of Raba-Kistner Environmental, Inc. He will review the environmental aspects associated with the proposed project.

MR. BLANCO: Thank you, Sid.

An environmental evaluation describes the need and purpose of the proposed project and investigates the social, economic and environmental ramifications of the proposed project. An Environmental
Assessment document was prepared by this project. Shown on this slide are the subjects that have been researched during the development of this project.

Potential impacts to the social, economic and natural environment as a result of the proposed improvements were examined. These include archeological impacts, right of way acquisition, threatened and endangered plants and animals, and many other resources. It was determined through the environmental and cultural studies that the proposed project would not cause significant social, economic or environmental effects.

A total of 201.97 acres of land are required for the project. Three parcels totaling approximately 69 acres were acquired in accordance with the uniform relocation assistance and real property acquisitions policies act of 1970.

The remaining land is pending acquisition or would be leased. The proposed project would not require the use of any land from public parks, recreational lands, wildlife and water fowl refuges or historic sites of national, state or local significance, as determined by federal, state or local officials having jurisdiction over such resources. Therefore, Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 does not apply.
An appropriate Corps of Engineers permit will be used for work in several arroyos. In this case, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers nationwide permit 14 with no notification.

A storm water pollution prevention plan will be developed to minimize temporary impacts to storm water runoff from increased sedimentation. Dust and noise would be avoided or minimized by the use of best management practices, such as watering for dust suppression and work-hour controls to reduce noise impacts.

Potential habitat for two state-threatened reptiles, the Texas Horned Lizard and the Mountain Short-horned Lizard, can be found in the project area. Best management practices aimed at protecting these lizards will be implemented. These will include advising the contractor of the potential for a species to occur and measures to avoid harming these two lizards. This will occur by providing these lizard awareness guides to the contractor and subcontractors during the preconstruction meeting, providing instructions on how to report sightings of these lizards to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Archeological surveys of the project area were conducted in 2009 and 2013 under appropriate Texas
Antiquities permits. The studies were completed and received archeological clearance. During the environmental process, TxDOT also consulted with federally recognized Native American tribes, and the consultation process has been completed.

Now I would like to turn the presentation back over to Sid.

MR. MIELKE: In closing the technical presentation of this Public Hearing, I would like to point out the next steps to be followed in development of this project. Once the date for submittal of public comments is past, all written and verbal comments will be considered and responses to them will be prepared. These comments will -- and responses will be compiled and input into the environmental document.

Final review of the environmental document will be performed by the Environmental Affairs Division -- Affairs Division of TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration. If deemed to be complete and in accordance with the national Environmental Policy Act, a finding of no significant impact, or FONSI, will be issued, and the environmental document will be considered to be finalized.

Once the final document clearance is obtained, the remaining parcels of the right-of-way can...
be acquired and the necessary adjustment of any existing utilities within the right-of-way can be performed.

Upon completion of the right-of-way acquisition and the utility adjustments, construction can commence. It is currently estimated that construction will require approximately 16 months to complete.

TxDOT, the County of El Paso and the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority welcome any and all comments, questions and concerns that you or any member of the public have regarding this proposed project. There are multiple ways for you to submit comments regarding this project, and they include, you can provide your verbal comments during the formal Public Comment Period following the technical presentation. If you choose to speak tonight and have not already done so, please sign up at the registration table near the door where you entered tonight.

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At this point, I would like to turn the
project back to Mr. Bielek.

MR. BIELEK: Thank you, Sid.

As I mentioned before, take advantage of
the 15-minute intermission, which I'm going to call here
in just a minute, to ask any questions that you would
like an answer to tonight of the staff. After the 15
minutes we will come back and -- for the Public Comment
Period.

The time is now 7:22, so 7:37, we will
reconvene. We are now in intermission.

(Recess.)

MR. BIELEK: If there are no objections,
we'll start a minute early. Maybe the only and last
time something is early on this project. But hopefully
that's not the case.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are now convening
the public comment session for tonight's hearing. It is 
now time for your comments. As you're called, we will 
bring a mic to your location. So you simply have to 
stand up wherever you are, and Ernie will do the honors 
with the microphone. Please state your name, address 
and what group you represent, if any, to Ms. Perez, our 
court reporter.

Following your comments, please be seated 
so that the next speaker can present comments. I will 
now call on the speakers in the order that they 
registered.

The first is James R. McDonald.

PUBLIC COMMENT: My name's James R. 
McDonald. I'm a citizen, and I have a comment 
concerning renaming the road from IH-10 to Tornillo 
International Bridge for El Paso military heroes. In 
El Paso County there are many individuals that deserve 
recognition for sacrifices they rendered for our country 
while in military service. And it has not been done.

Now we have an opportunity to correct this 
oversight. The important high-profile connecting road 
from I-10 to Alameda, then, to the Tornillo 
International Bridge should be renamed, for example, for 
Army Corporal Victor H. Espinoza, who won a delayed 
medal of honor for heroic action in Korea in 1952 on a
hill named Old Baldy. The delayed medal of honor was
awarded posthumously 64 years later, in 2014. Victor
died in 1986.

Another option is to name this road for
Corporal Edward M. Pedregon from San Elizario, who was
killed in action in 1950 at the Chosin Reservoir in
Korea, but was not found and brought home until 2014, 64
years later. I suggest we rename this bridge to honor
either individual and pick another road in Fabens or
Tornillo for the name replaced.

The second construction phase from I-10 to
Alameda is just starting. Therefore, there is time to
make the signage and plan change, especially since
Mexico is just starting construction of their portion,
which we understand will not be completed until the end
of 2014. The road is under state and county
jurisdiction, and quick action can be taken to minimize
extra costs.

Thank you for your attention. Many city
and county residents will be looking for the results of
this very important request. Respectfully, James
McDonald.

MR. BIELEK: Thank you, Mr. McDonald.

Our next commenter is Mr. Art Ivey.

PUBLIC COMMENT: I think he left.
MR. BIELEK: He left? Is there anyone
else who would like to come forward and make a
statement?

If you would like to submit comments in
writing, you may do so by completing a comment card and
either submitting it tonight in our Comment Box, which
is at the rear of the room, or by mail, fax or email at
a later time.

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San Antonio, Texas 78249. You could fax them to
Mr. Blanco at 210-699-6426. Or email them to Mr. Blanco
at sblanco@rkci.com.

It is now 7:40, and the hearing is now
adjourned. Thank you for attending.

(Hearing adjourned.)
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I, Leticia D. Perez, Certified Shorthand
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Environmental Constraints
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PUBLIC HEARING
Manuel F. Aguilera Hwy.
From SH 20 (Alameda Ave.) to Interstate-10
Tornillo, Texas
Tuesday, July 29, 2014
6:00 PM - Open House
7:00 PM – Formal Presentation
R. Sanchez Road & Bridge Bldg.
1331 N. Fabens Rd.
Fabens, Texas

AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA
Carretera Manuel F. Aguilera
Trayecto: Carretera SH 20 (Alameda Ave.) a Interstate-10
Tornillo, Texas
Martes, 29 de Julio de 2014
6:00 p.m. – Abren las puertas
7:00 p.m. – Presentación Formal
Edificio R. Sanchez Road & Bridge
1331 N. Fabens Rd.
Fabens, Texas
Project Objectives

• Connect Tornillo-Guadalupe International Bridge to I-10
• Improve access and operational efficiency
• Facilitate congestion management in the project corridor
• Promote economic development in the eastern portion of El Paso County

Objetivos del Proyecto

• Conectar el Puente Internacional Tornillo-Guadalupe a la carretera I-10
• Mejorar el acceso y hacer más eficiente su operación
• Facilitar el control de la congestión vehicular a lo largo del corredor vial
• Promover el desarrollo económico en el este del Condado de El Paso
Manuel F. Aguilera Highway
Project Description

• Extends existing Manuel F. Aguilera Highway from State Highway 20 (Alamenda) to Interstate-10.
• Completes the highway that connects the Tornillo-Guadalupe Port of Entry to I-10.
• Adds an overpass over State Highway 20 (Alameda Ave.) and railroad tracks.
• Provides a major arterial road for area traffic
• Diverts truck traffic away from populated areas

Descripción del Proyecto
Carretera Manuel F. Aguilera

• Extiende la carretera Manuel F. Aguilera desde State Highway 20 (Alamed) hasta la Interstate-10.
• Completa la carretera que conecta el Cruce Internacional Tornillo-Guadalupe a la carretera I-10.
• Añade un puente elevado sobre State Highway 20 (Alameda Ave.) y sobre las vías del tren.
• Crea una arteria principal para el tráfico en el área
• Desvía el tráfico de camiones hacia áreas poco pobladas.
We Welcome Your Comments

Please write your comments on the forms provided and leave them in the box, or fold, seal, and mail to:

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Agradecemos Sus Comentarios

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Project Need and Purpose

• New Tornillo-Guadalupe Land Port of Entry (“LPOE”) opens Winter 2014
• Manuel F. Aguilera Hwy completed between LPOE and State Highway 20
• Commercial truck traffic will now cross the new bridge
• Non-commercial traffic crossing the new bridge will increase

Justificación y Objetivo del Proyecto

• Nuevo Cruce Internacional Tornillo-Guadalupe abre en el invierno del 2014
• Tramo de la carretera Manuel F. Aguilera entre el puente internacional y State Highway 20 (Alameda) está terminado
• Trafico comercial ahora podrá cruzar por el nuevo puente.
• Aumentará el cruce de vehículos de pasajeros.
Right-of-Way Information

Información sobre el Derecho de Vía
TYPICAL CROSS SECTION

Proposed Roadway
Appendix G

Slideshow Presentation
WELCOME!

Why Am I Here?

• Learn about the proposed project
• Ask questions and provide comments on the proposed project
Project Need and Purpose

What are the Current Issues?

• New Tornillo-Guadalupe Land Port of Entry to open Fall 2014
• Manuel F. Aguilera Highway completed between new Land Port of Entry and State Highway 20
• Commercial truck traffic will now cross the new bridge
• Non-commercial traffic crossing the new bridge will increase
What are we trying to do?

- Provide a direct connection from the new Port of Entry to Interstate Highway 10
- Enhance safety for mixed traffic
- Provide highway shoulders
- Promote economic development in east El Paso County
- Relive congestion at other International Bridges in the El Paso region

Project Need and Purpose

Integrity • Innovative • Collaborative • Professional • Responsive • Respectful • Ethical • Transparent • Customer first! • Effective & efficient
What We Heard –

September 9
2009 Public Meeting

• Concern about continuous irrigation water availability
• All existing roadways will be connected to the new roadway
• How many lanes will be built
• A big increase in commercial truck traffic is anticipated
• An economic boom is anticipated in the area
• Will potable water be brought and installed in the area
Please submit all comments by Friday August 8, 2014

How Can I Make Comments?

• Mail, email or drop off written comments to:
  
  RKCI  
  Attn: Sam Blanco  
  12821 Golden Lane  
  San Antonio, TX 78249  
  sblanco@rkci.com

• Speak during the comment period tonight

• Submit a written comment form tonight

• Fax comments to 210-699-6426

• Email comments to
  
  sblanco@rkci.com
Technical Presentation
Project Location
Project Right-of-Way

• Project to be constructed on new right-of-way
• A total of 201.97 acres is needed for this project
• Nine parcels of land from only three landowners is required
• These parcels have been or will be acquired
Typical Roadway Cross-Section
Bridge at State Highway 20
Elevation & Cross Section
Project Estimated Cost

- The construction of this project is estimated to be $17.2 million
- This amount includes the bridge at State Highway 20 and the Union Pacific Railroad along with the roadways, drainage culverts, storm water retention ponds, signage, and striping.
Project Funding Source

- Original funding source for construction was Category 10 – Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) funds, as indicated within the current Environmental Assessment document.
- In early 2014 the source of funding was changed to a Special Vehicle Registration Fee of $10.00, as authorized in section 502.402 of the Texas Transportation Code.
# Project Timeline

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| 2001 | Environmental Assessment  
State of Texas International Bridge permit Application  
Presidential Permit Application began |
| 2002 Dec. | Application Submitted to the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) |
| 2003 March | Texas Transportation Commission approved permit |
| 2003 April | Submitted to the U.S. Department of State |
| 2004 Dec. | FONSI issued for Environmental Assessment |
| 2005 March | Presidential Permit approved |
| 2006 | |
| 2007 | |
| 2008 Spring | Project limits revised to extend to Interstate Highway 10 |
| 2008 | Revised Environmental Assessment started |
| 2009 | |
| 2010 | Project limits revised to exclude phase I portion |
| 2011 Spring | Project Phase II Plans begin |
| 2011 Spring | Project Phase I construction begins |
| 2012 | |
| 2013 Dec. | Project Phase I construction finishes |
| 2014 Jan. | Project Phase II plans completed |
| 2014 Fall | Finalize Revised Environmental Assessment |
| 2014 Fall | ROW acquisition begins |
| 2015 Spring | ROW acquisition ends |
| 2015 Fall | Phase II Construction Letting by TxDOT |
| 2016 Fall | Phase II Construction completed |
Environmental Evaluation
# Environmental Review

- Land Use
- Displacements
- Environmental Justice
- Limited English Proficiency
- Community Cohesion
- Vegetation
- Invasive Species
- Wildlife
- Threatened & Endangered Species
- Migratory Birds
- Farmland Impacts

- Archeological Resources
- Historic Resources
- Tribal Consultation
- Section 4(f)/6(f) Properties
- Water Resources and Quality
- Floodplains
- Airway-Highway Clearance
- Hazardous Materials
- Air Quality
- Traffic Noise
- Construction Impacts
Threatened Species

- Texas Horned Lizard
- Mountain Short-horned Lizard
Archeological Resources

- Archeological Surveys conducted
- Tribal Consultation
Next Steps

- Compile and consider community input from tonight’s hearing
- Finalize Environmental Assessment document
- Acquire Right-of-Way
- Finalize Design
- Construction
Please submit all comments by Friday August 8, 2014

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15 Minute Break
Public Comment Session
Appendix H

Speaker Cards and Written Comment
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Phone Number: (405) 744-2190

Address: 

Speaker Card
PUBLIC HEARING
M.F. Aguilera Highway (FM 3380)
From SH 20 (Alameda Ave.) to I-10
Tornillo, Texas

Tuesday, July 29, 2014
6:00 pm Open House
7:00 pm Formal Presentation
Rogelio Sanchez Road and Bridge Bldg.
1331 N. Fabens Rd., Fabens, Texas

(PLEASE PRINT)
NAME: JOSÉ L. MARQUEZ
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1494 FABENS TX 79838
REPRESENTING: U.S. CITIZEN - TAXPAYER

(Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5)): check each of the following boxes that apply to you:
☐ I am employed by TxDOT
☐ I do business with TxDOT
☐ I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting

N/A

COMMENT FORM
This form is provided to receive your comments regarding the I-10 Collector Distributor Lanes project. Please use the space below, attaching additional pages if necessary. Your comments can be deposited in the comment box or mailed to the address provided below. Comments may also be e-mailed to: sblanco@rkci.com. All written comments must be postmarked by Friday, July 8, 2014. Thank you for your comments.

COMMENTS: PHASE II OF THIS PROJECT SHOULD CONNECT TO I-10 IN A STRAIGHT LINE, NEW OVERPASS OVER I-10. TRAFFIC OF ALL TYPES NEED TO MOVE EASILY. TORNILLO EXIT THE ROAD TO TOWN SHOULD STAY. BY AVOIDING CONNECTION TO TORNILLO EXIT ALL THAT LAND WOULD TAKE ITS PROPER COURSE FOR DEVELOPMENT - RESIDENTIAL - INDUSTRIAL ETC. DO IT RIGHT NOW OR 20 YEARS LATER

Written Comments submitted by mail must be postmarked by Monday, May 9, 2014 and sent to:

Raba-Kistner, Inc.
Attn: Sam Blanco, Project Coordinator
12821 West Golden Lane
San Antonio, Texas 78249
(210) 699-9090
FACT SHEET
FM 3380 (MANUEL F. AGUILERA HIGHWAY)
FROM 0.35 MILE SOUTH OF SH 20 (ALAMEDA AVENUE) TO IH-10
El Paso County, Texas

Location

Current Project:
M.F. Aguilera Highway – to be Built in Two Construction Phases
("Phase II")

Completed:
M.F. Aguilera Highway
"Phase I" (County Project)

Completed: Toll Facility
(County Project)

Completed: International Bridge (County Project)

Under Construction:
Port-of-Entry Facilities (Federal Project)

Existing Toll/Interchange at IH

Project Description

The Current Project consists of a new 3.88-mile section of Manuel F. Aguilera Highway from 0.35 mile south of SH 20 to I-10. The overall project will occur in two phases. The current Phase II will build a two-lane roadway providing a direct connection from Manuel F. Aguilera Highway to I-10. This phase would construct an overpass over the SH 20 and adjacent Union Pacific Railroad. The Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan lists the Year of Expenditure for Phase II as 2015. Phase III will provide an ultimate four-lane build-out including a grade-separated overpass adjacent to the Phase II overpass (upon funding availability).

A total of 201.97 acres of land is needed for the project. Some of this land was previously purchased by El Paso County. Other land is being negotiated, or will be negotiated, after environmental approval. The majority of the required land will be leased from the University of Texas System.

Texas Department of Transportation

Camino Real
Regional Mobility Authority

El Paso County
Tres Orejas
Texas
Appendix I

Memorandum Regarding Alternative Dismissal
MEMORANDUM TO FILE

TO:          File
FROM:        Sam Blanco, AICP - Senior Environmental Planner
DATE:        July 24, 2013
RE:          Alternative B Dismissal

The approved1 2002 U.S. Department of State (U.S. DoS) Environmental Assessment (EA) titled “Discussion Draft Environmental Assessment Document for the Proposed Tornillo-Guadalupe New International Bridge, Border Facilities, and Associated Major Arterial Roadway - El Paso County, Texas” identified Alternate D, which was recently discussed as an alternative in the current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) draft EA for “Manuel F. Aguilera Highway from 0.35 Mile South of SH 20 (Alameda Avenue) to IH-10 - El Paso County, Texas” (CSJ: 0924-06-311). Note: The current draft EA refers to the 2002 “Alternate D” as “Alternative B.”

FHWA comments dated March 26, 2013 on the current draft EA suggest dropping the subject alternative since an EA “only requires one build and no build alternative.” FHWA suggests placing a note in the project file documenting the reasons it was not carried forward in the current EA document.

In the approved 2002 DoS EA, the subject alternative was dismissed due to anticipated congestion, safety, and cost stating:

   The project would require the construction of a diamond interchange at the roadway intersection with I-10. The new diamond interchange would be located approximately 1.95 miles northwest of the existing I-10 and FM 3380 diamond interchange. It is anticipated that the short span between diamond interchanges could potentially create congestion in this portion of the I-10 corridor and traffic safety hazards. Additionally, the burden of cost related to the interchange is not considered to be the most effective use of available financial resources.

Based on the above, Alternative B will not be discussed further in the current FHWA EA document.

/SB

cc: Mary Kelly, P.E. – Raba-Kistner Environmental, Inc.