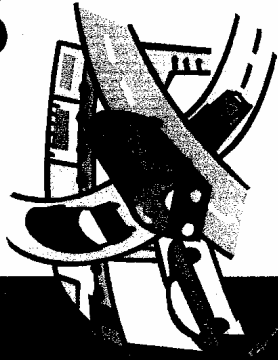




"RMA = TRANSPORTATION CHOICE!"

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**"MOBILITY NOW!! -- ONE  
COMPETITIVE REGION"**



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CHANGE IS NOT  
NECESSARY TO OUR  
REGION. CHANGE IS  
ALREADY HERE!!

*“Where success is concerned, people are not measured  
in inches, or pounds, or college degrees, or family  
background; they are measured by the  
size of their thinking.”*

DAVID SCHWARTZ

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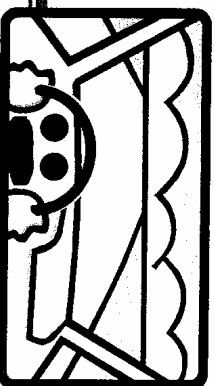
# WHERE ARE WE TODAY???



- I-10 Regional Congestion Costing EP \$178M a Year in Productivity Losses
- EP Population Growth of 63.2% by 2030
- Old Transportation System with High Maintenance
- No Completed Loop 375
- Large Unfunded TXDot Gap of \$8.2 Billion thru 2030
- Ft. Bliss / BRAC Will Impact Mobility
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Largest Manufacturing in N. America
- Need for "Southern Relief Route" NOW



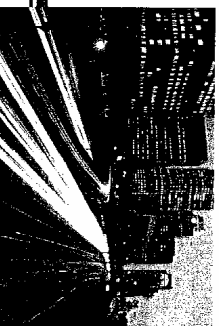
## OUR REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES??



- Need to position the Paso del Norte region as the preeminent North American trade corridor and transportation hub*
- Need to control our own destiny with a local entity driving mobility decisions that best serve the needs of the region focused on expanding mobility and relieving congestion*
- Need to use new legislative tools to accelerate the design, finance, and construction of regional transportation infrastructure that would otherwise take decades to realize*
- Need to create new revenue sources to fund future transportation projects without raising taxes*
- Need to enhance our regionalization focus by fostering economic development, job growth, safety, and quality of life across the region*
- Need to improve region-wide mobility including public transportation that gets people and trade to its destination without wasting time, energy, and resources*



## WHY THE RMA??



- ❑ *RMA sponsored projects contribute to the economic development efforts of the region with safe, enhanced mobility options*
- ❑ *The RMA enhances the value of our key commercial infrastructure and increases the value of our region as a world class "just-in-time" port*
- ❑ *The RMA increases mobility for all our citizens through quality transportation infrastructure and better choices to reach our transportation destinations*
- ❑ *The RMA achieves increased revenues to build key commercial infrastructure faster*
- ❑ *The RMA leverages existing state funding sources to better use in our local state highway system without tolling existing capacity nor taxing individual or families*
- ❑ *Additional capacity moves people and product to home, work and pleasure quickly and efficiently!!*



# El Paso District

## Projected Construction Schedule with and without Innovative Financing



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	
<b>Border Highway West</b> From US56/273-10 Interchanges to Pekt Street																					
<b>Northwest Parkway</b> From Loop 375 to NM 5889																					
<b>Border Highway East</b> Zapoteca Rd to Hermita Hermita to Faber Point-Entry																					

Potential Construction Schedule with Innovative Financing  
 Anticipated and/or Partial Traditional Funding  
 Unfunded

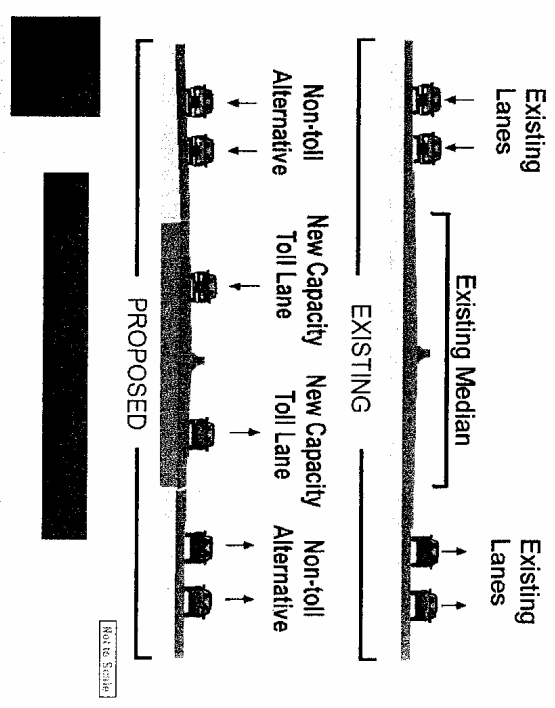
2035 SEP Construction Start Year

2035 SEP Plan Start Year



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# Toll Proposal for Added Capacity



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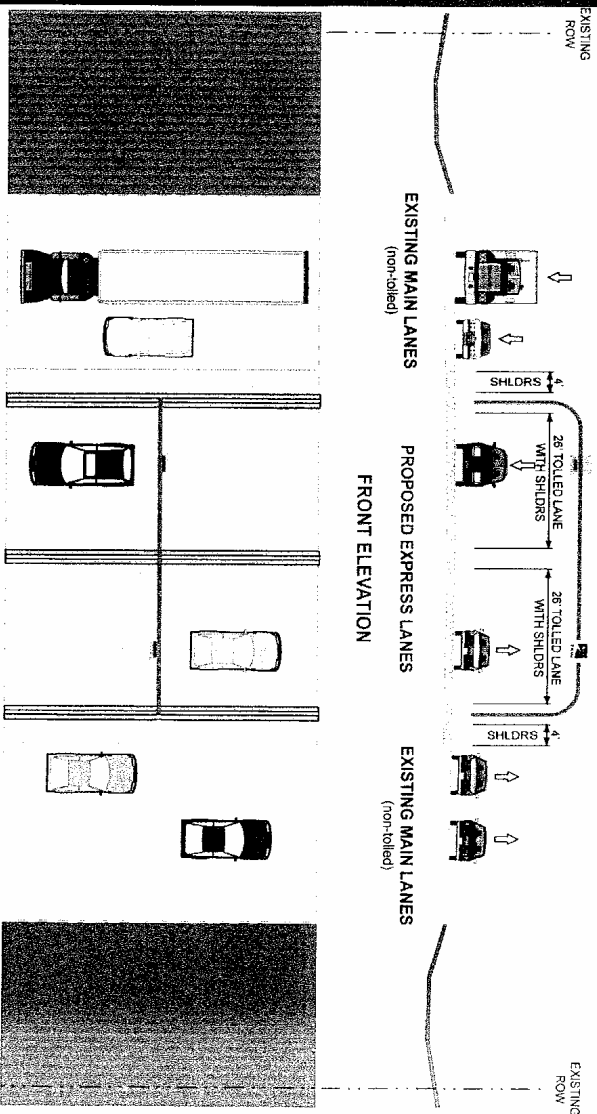


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# Typical Section

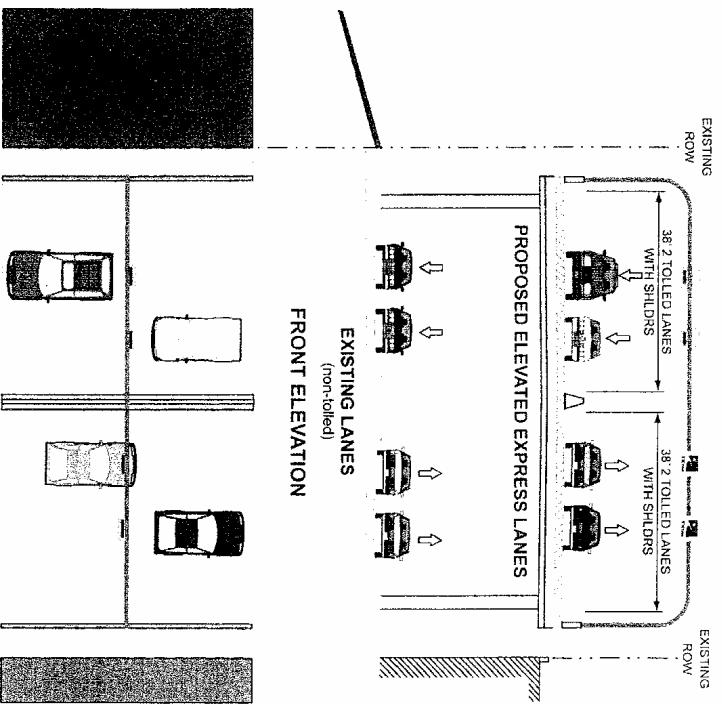
## Proposed I-10 and Loop 375



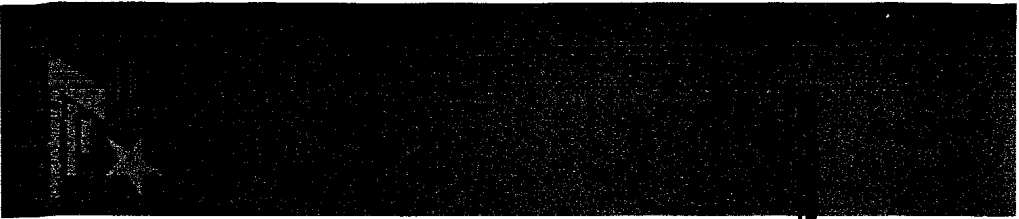
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# Typical Section Proposed Border Highway West Extension



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#### **What is a Regional Mobility Authority (RMA)?**

A Regional Mobility Authority is a state-authorized mechanism to finance transportation projects in Texas. Legislation passed by the 78<sup>th</sup> & 79<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislatures allows TxDOT to authorize the creation of RMAs to study, build, maintain and operate transportation projects.

#### **When can an RMA be formed?**

Under the enacting legislation, a municipality that borders Mexico, has a population of 105,000 or more, has the authority to create an RMA. The RMA is a political subdivision of the state and a governmental unit.

#### **How is an RMA formed?**

The formation of an RMA is initiated at the local level. City officials request the Texas Transportation Commission to authorize the creation of a regional mobility authority to construct, maintain and operate local projects.

#### **Who can serve on a RMA board?**

A board of directors will govern the RMA. The board will consist of representatives appointed by the City within the proposed project area. The City Council will appoint members to the board. The governor will appoint one member who will serve as the board's presiding officer. The following are ineligible to serve as a director: (1) elected officials (2) a person who is not a resident of a county within the geographic area of the authority (3) a department employee (4) an employee of a governmental entity any part of which is located within the geographic boundaries of the authority (5) a person owning an interest in real property that will be acquired for an authority project.

#### **What capabilities do RMAs have to fund other transportation projects?**

Each year, if a regional mobility authority determines that it has surplus revenue from projects, it can use it to reduce tolls, send the excess revenues to the Texas Mobility Fund or spend the surplus revenue on other transportation projects in the region.

Surplus revenue is defined as toll revenue that exceeds the RMA's expenditure needs for such items as debt service, coverage requirements, cost of operation and maintenance, expansion and improvement of a project, and reserve funds maintained by the regional mobility authority.

#### **Can RMAs implement transportation projects other than roadway projects?**

RMAs can only be formed to construct, maintain, and operate a toll road. However, it can finance and construct other transportation projects from surplus revenue. These types of projects will be defined in the rules, which must be adopted by the commission but can include for example, county wide transit system or border crossings,

POTENTIAL RMA  
PROJECTS...

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***Please link to....***

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