
EL PASO TRANSIT CORRIDORS ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

**Progress Report
Mass Transit Board**

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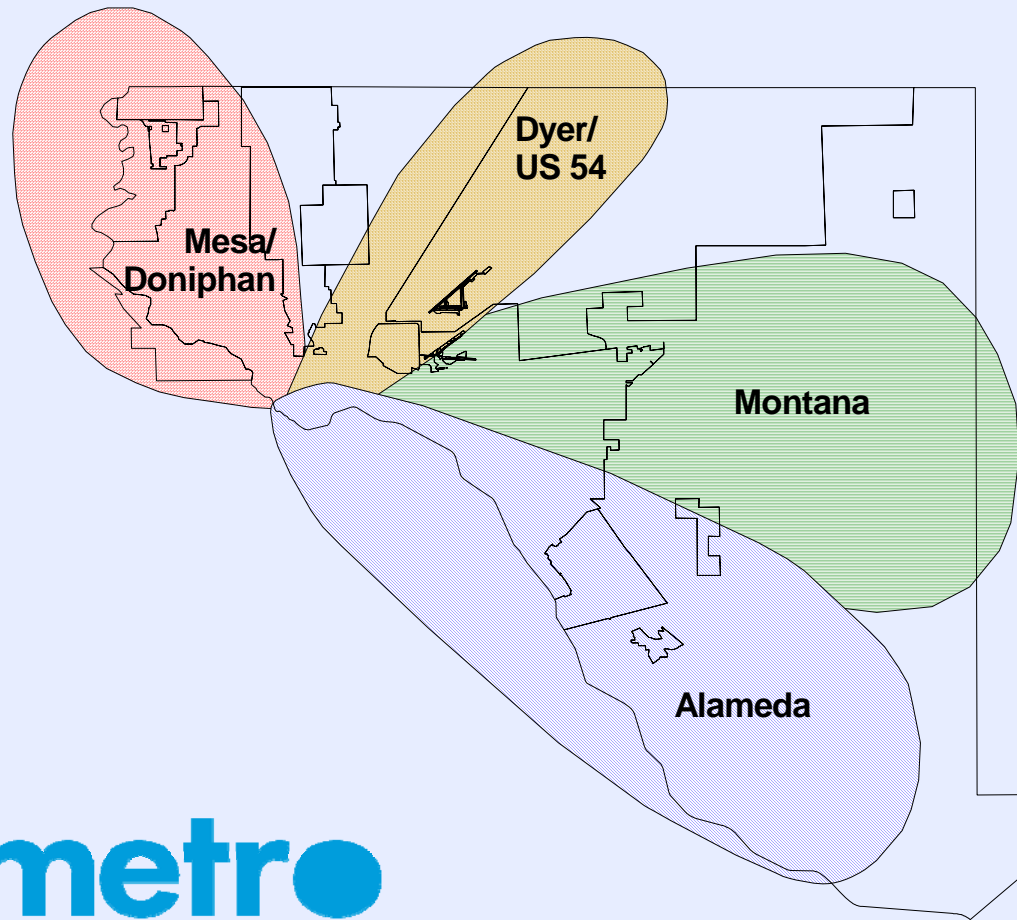
TRANSIT CORRIDORS ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS

- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires an Alternative Analysis (AA) for BRT Funding
- Contracted with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to perform the AA



Potential RTS Corridors

by the *El Paso Transit Corridor Feasibility Study* in Aug 2001



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Guiding Principles

- Improve service for transit riders
- Minimize property acquisition – use existing street rights-of-way
- Maintain traffic mobility – preserve existing number of through travel lanes
- Reduce construction impacts
- Provide assistance to business owners
- Respect quality of life/aesthetics
- Obtain Federal project funding



Overview of Project Accomplishments To Date

- **Contract Approved and Notice to Proceed as of January 9, 2009**
- **Project Kickoff meeting held on January 9, 2009**
- **Project Management Plan and Public Involvement Plan prepared and submitted to City on April 23, 2009**
- **Performed data collection activities for 4 corridors**
- **AA Initiation Meeting held with FTA Fort Worth on March 6, 2009**
- **Prepared and analyzed alternative financial scenarios**



Overview of Project Accomplishments

To Date (cont'd)

- Prepared Problem Identification/Purpose & Need Statement
- Prepared preliminary identification of alternatives
- Developed evaluation criteria and methodology for AA
- Public Meeting on alternatives and impacts held on June 2, 2009
- AA Initiation Package for Mesa Corridor submitted to FTA on June 17, 2009
- Categorical Exclusion Request for Mesa Corridor submitted to FTA on June 17, 2009



NEXT STEPS

- **Receive review comments from FTA for Mesa Corridor Initiation Package and Categorical Exclusion Request**
- **Submit Initiation Packages to FTA for Montana, Dyer and Alameda Corridors**
- **If Categorical Exclusion is approved by FTA for Mesa Corridor, submit Categorical Exclusion Requests for Montana, Dyer and Alameda Corridors (otherwise, expand project to include Environmental Assessments for all 4 corridors)**

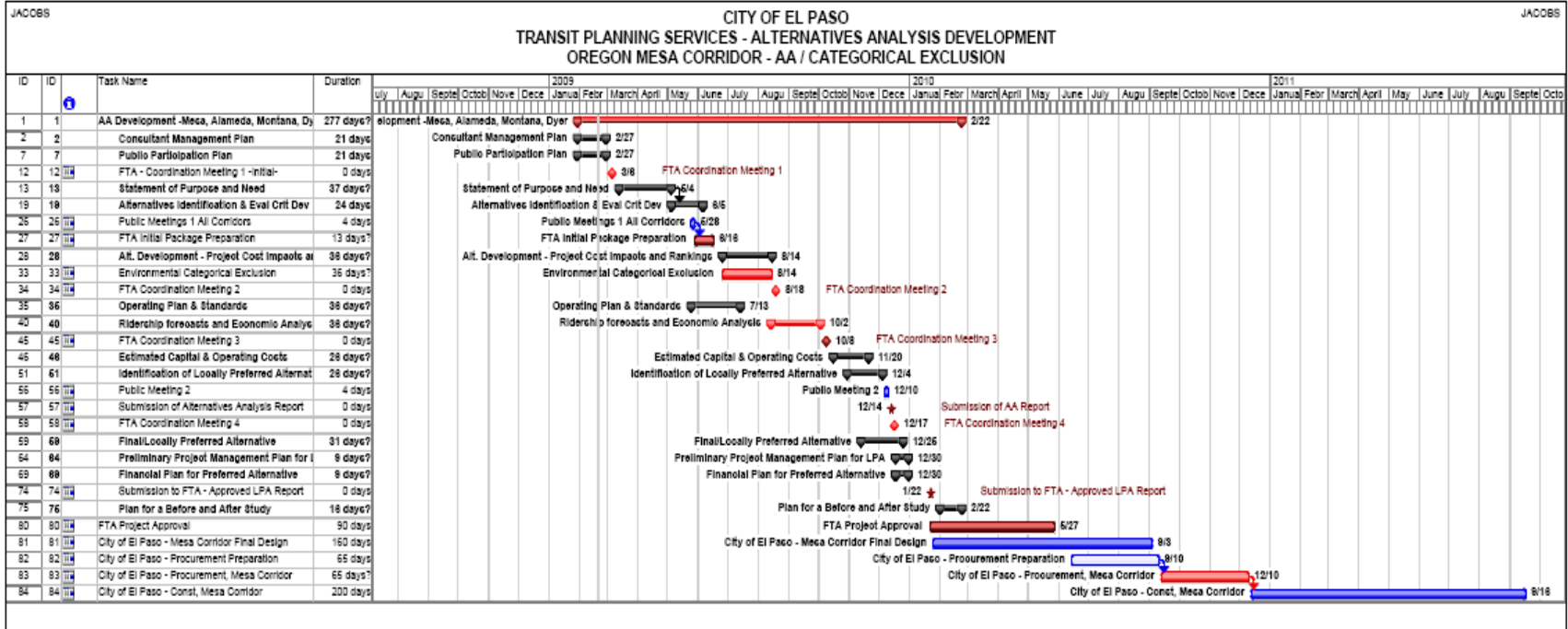


NEXT STEPS (cont'd)

- Select Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and submit Alternatives Analysis Reports for all 4 corridors
- Submit requests to FTA to enter into Project Development phase for Small Starts funding



PROJECT SCHEDULE



- Questions and Comments

