

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
BANNING, CALIFORNIA

02/13/18
SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Banning City Council was called to order by Mayor Moyer on February 13, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the Banning Civic Council Chambers, 99 E. Ramsey Street, Banning, California.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmember Andrade
Councilmember Franklin
Councilmember Peterson
Councilmember Welch
Mayor Moyer

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Alejandro Diaz, Interim City Manager
Kevin Ennis, City Attorney
Rochelle Clayton, Deputy City Manager
Art Vela, Public Works Director
Stephen Badgett, Interim Electric Utility Director
Patty Nevins, Community Development Director
Sonia Pierce, Senior Planner
Sonja De La Fuente, Deputy City Clerk

WORKSHOP

1. I-10 Bypass Project Update

Juan Perez with the Riverside County Transportation Department provided a brief background regarding the I-10 Bypass Project, then introduced Darren Adrian with Kimley-Horn and Associates.

Mr. Adrian presented an update regarding the I-10 Bypass Project (see Exhibit A").

Council Member Peterson asked the Lieutenant with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) some questions related to national security if trucks were able to bypass the weigh station on I-10. Lieutenant explained that all 16 weigh stations in southern California have bypass accessibility and the portable equipment is utilized there as well. He also advised they have mobile units with portable scales and radiological detectors they are able to dispatch to accommodate needed security. Council Member Peterson asked Mr. Adrian if the TSA or the Department of Homeland Security had been consulted with in regard to this project. Mr. Adrian advised that only the CHP has been consulted with thus far. Council Member Peterson's main concern is the trucks bypassing the scales for security reasons.

Council Member Franklin expressed concern with the weight of the trucks that would travel the City's streets and the damage that can be incurred. She asked if there was anything that could be done to keep them off of the residential streets. Mr. Adrian informed the Council that the County would like to work with the City to address these concerns. He suggested using cones in an emergency situation and possibly disallowing certain turning movements. Council Member Franklin asked when they plan on completing the project. Mr. Adrian believes the two-lane phase would be completed by 2022 and based on statistical information, the four-lanes would be done around 2040. Council Member Franklin asked about horses and golf cart accessibility. Mr. Adrian was open to the possibility of widening the access.

Council Member Welch expressed concern with overuse of the bypass. He asked if the County is working with the Morongo tribe to assist with the expenses related to this project, as they have some development going in on the south side. Mr. Adrian indicated they would ask the Tribe to assist and has been in communication with the tribe and if a project came in it would provide a funding source for those improvements. Council Member Welch would like the County to consider a grade separation at I-10 and Hargrave. He also expressed concern with the bypass becoming a regularly used truck route. Mr. Adrian explained they are open to discuss the options further.

Council Member Andrade expressed her disappointment in the Public Hearing that was held at Banning High School. She is pleased with the presentation today and is in favor of a connection to Cabazon. Mr. Adrian apologized for her disappointment and would be happy to answer any questions she may have. Council Member Andrade suggested a presentation, then have workstations the attendees could visit following the presentation.

Mayor Moyer expressed concern with the project being completed with too many unresolved issues and would like them addressed prior to moving forward.

Council Member Peterson recommended the City hold a workshop on a non-Council meeting date, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Mayor opened the item for Public Comment.

Inge Schuler asked about Morongo Trail, where the bypass is supposed to begin. She pointed out that there could be back up on the freeway from trucks trying to cross the railroad tracks at that point. She would like to know the total expenditures to date broken down by year (since 2013) for this project and the projected final cost. She would also like to see a statistical breakdown on the number of accidents on I-10 in the various sections between the original proposed route (further east) and 8th Street in Banning. She provided her list of questions to Mr. Adrian.

Kerry Mariner, resident of Cabazon, shared an incident which took place eight months ago when a 13 year old boy had an accident involving head trauma and had to wait 17 minutes for an ambulance. Also, a lady lost her life about eight weeks ago. Both delays were caused by trains delaying traffic. She informed the Council that this project is a lifeline for Cabazon, as there is no access to hospitals if there are trains blocking the two exits from Cabazon.

Paul Perkins, Banning resident, asked about the Sheriff's involvement in this project and the contingency plan that been worked out with Morongo, CHP, and the Sheriff's.

Council Member Peterson asked if the road would be under CHP jurisdiction. The Lieutenant with CHP would have to defer that question to the Captain in their San Gorgonio office, as there are some areas in the state where there are shared jurisdictions. Some areas are within the City's limits and those areas would be out of their jurisdiction.

Jim Price, Banning resident, feels this project would benefit Cabazon and the Tribe, but has not heard how it benefits the City of Banning.

John Hagan, Banning resident, agrees that there should be a bypass, but does not believe the current plan will be effective. He feels it should be on the north side of I-10. He would like to see a plan to curtail trucks using the bypass when there is not an emergency situation.

Ann Price, Banning resident, asked why this is being called a bypass instead of a connection between Banning and Cabazon that restricts and prohibits trucks except in an emergency.

Jerry Westholder, Banning resident, expressed support of a bypass, but feels it should be north of I-10 or a grade separation at Hargrave and I-10.

Seeing no further comments, the Mayor closed Public Comment.

The Mayor announced that the Council would be happy to hold another meeting regarding the project and will coordinate with the County of Riverside Transportation Department.

Mr. Perez with the County of Riverside will be happy to work with the Council to schedule another meeting.

Director Vela explained the new deadline for public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report is February 27th and asked if the Council would like to request the public comment period to be extended again. It was the consensus of the Council to do so.

ADJOURNMENT

By common consent the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

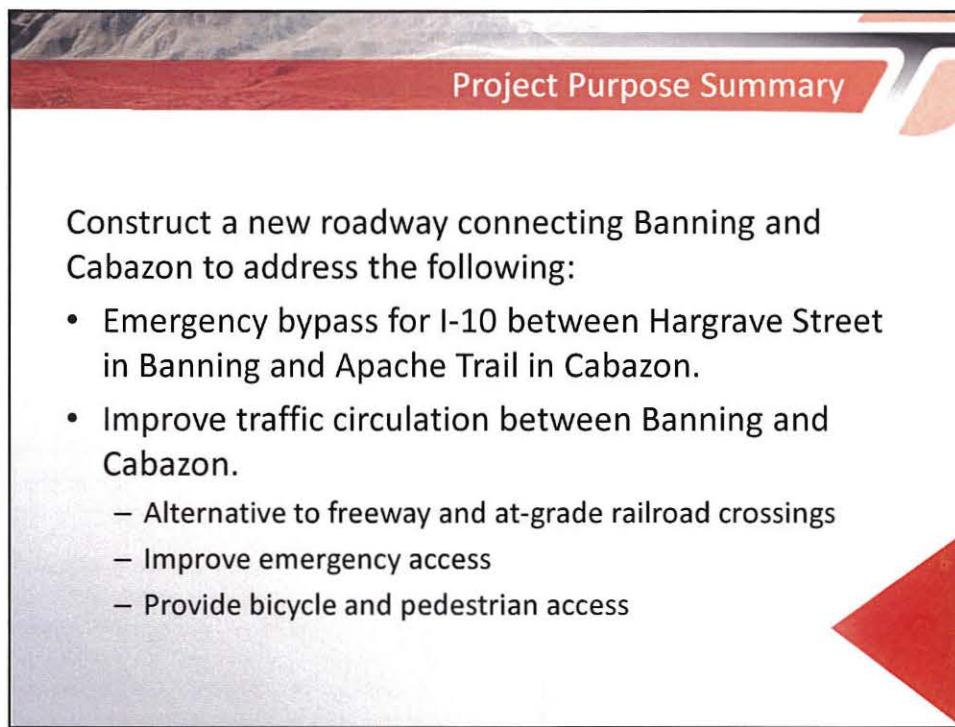
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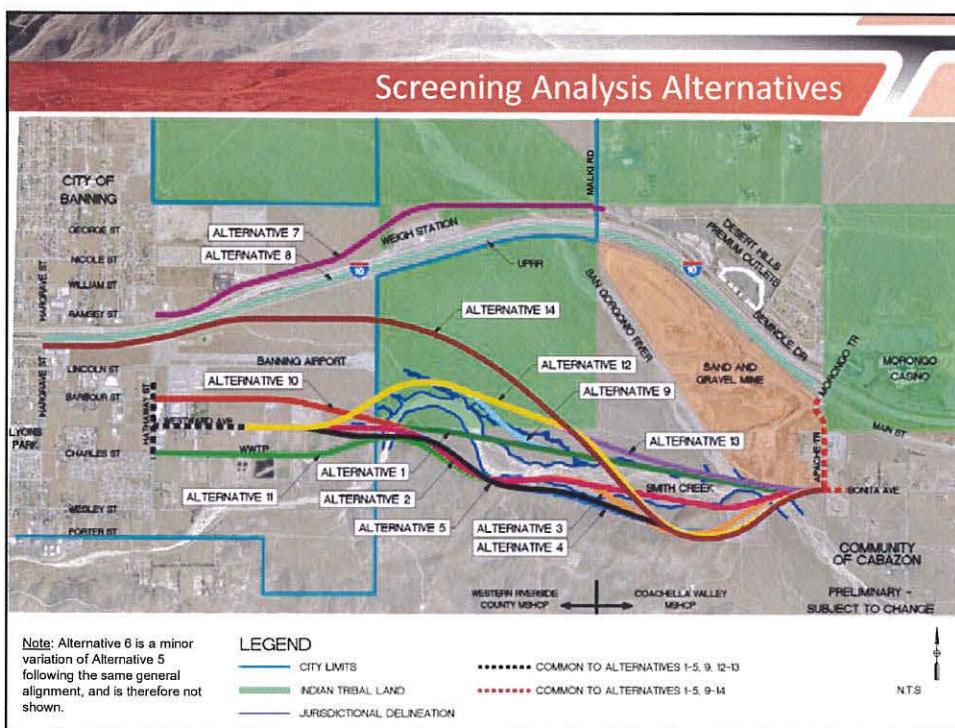
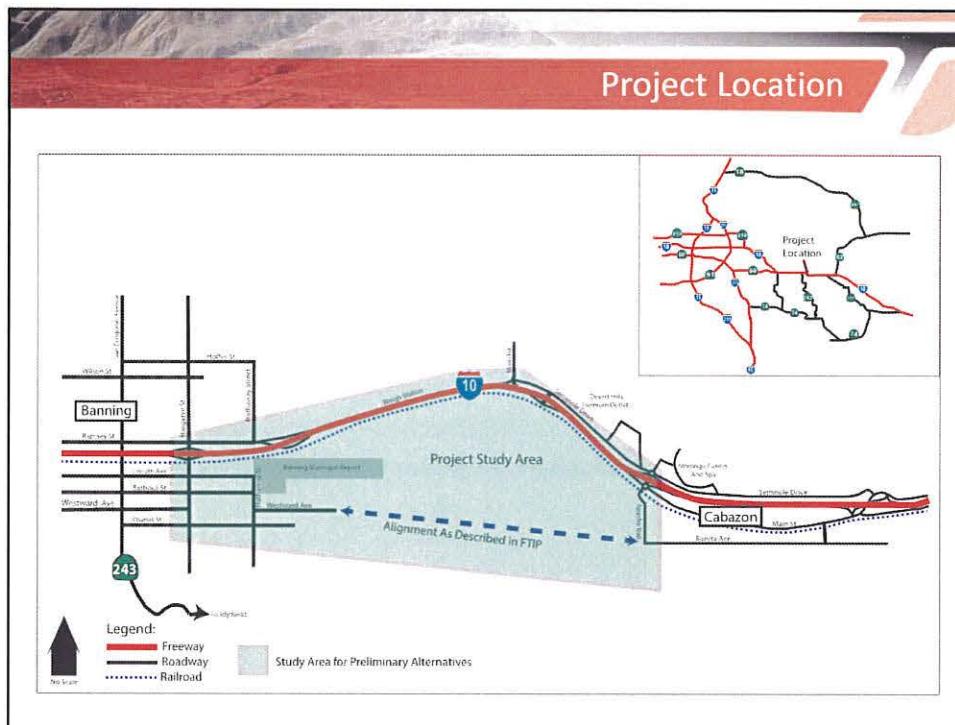


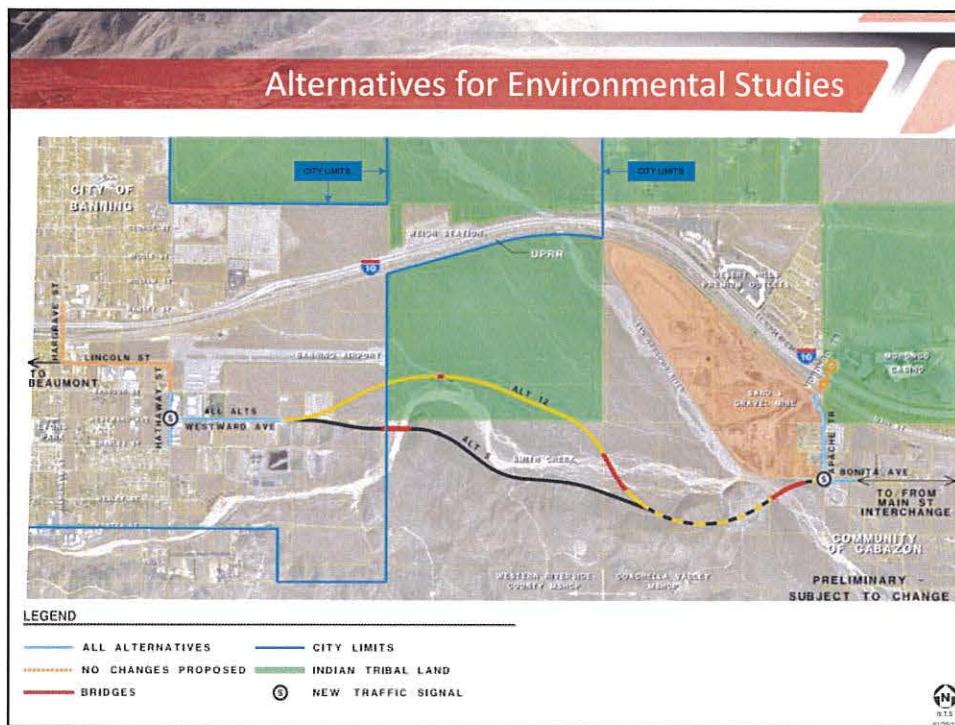
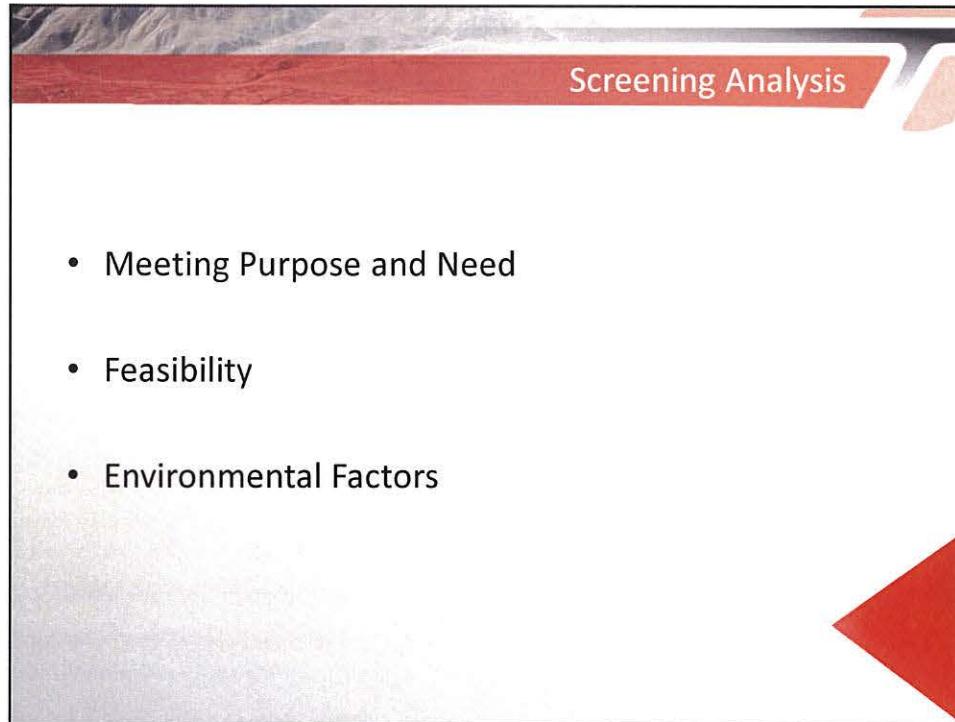
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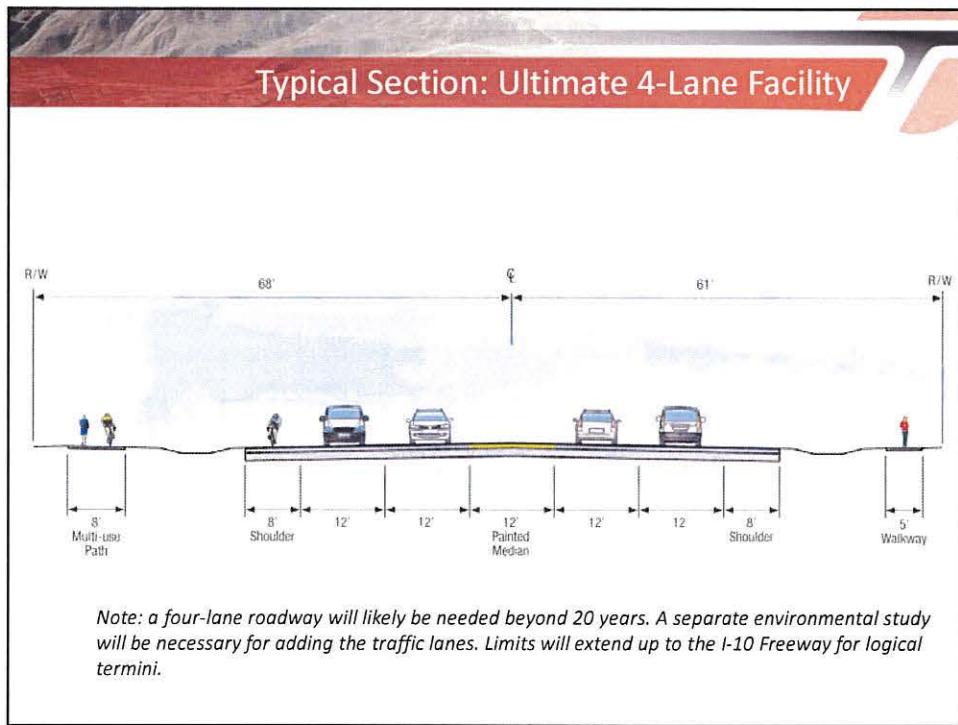
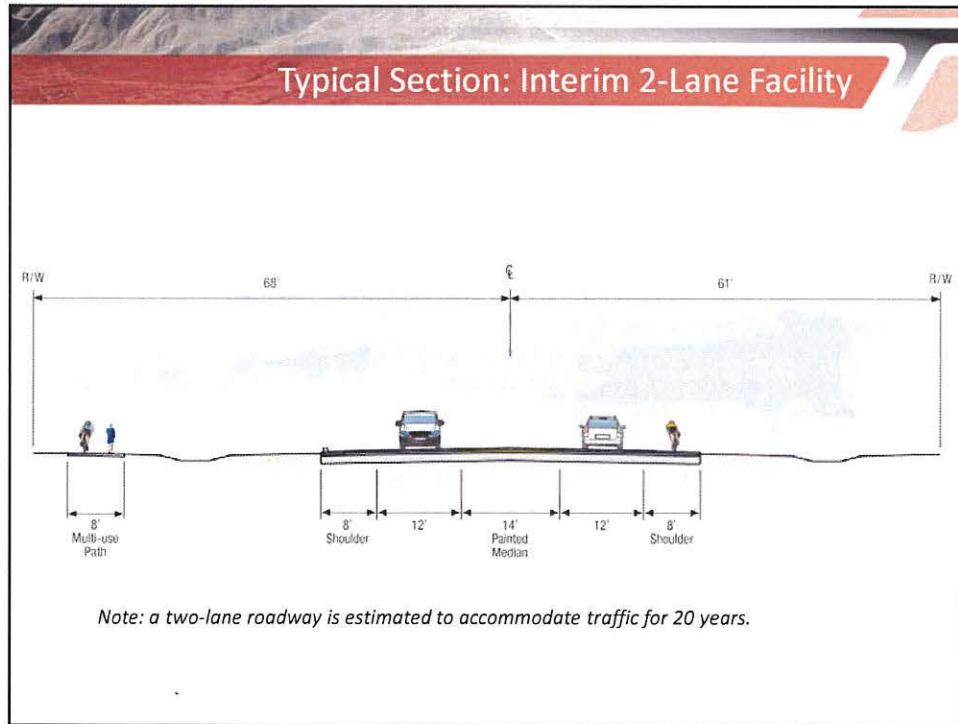
These Action Minutes reflect actions taken by the City Council. The entire discussion of this meeting can be found by visiting the following website: <https://banninglive.viebit.com/player.php?hash=TlihMYp7o9ES> or by requesting a CD or DVD at Banning City Hall located at 99 E. Ramsey Street.

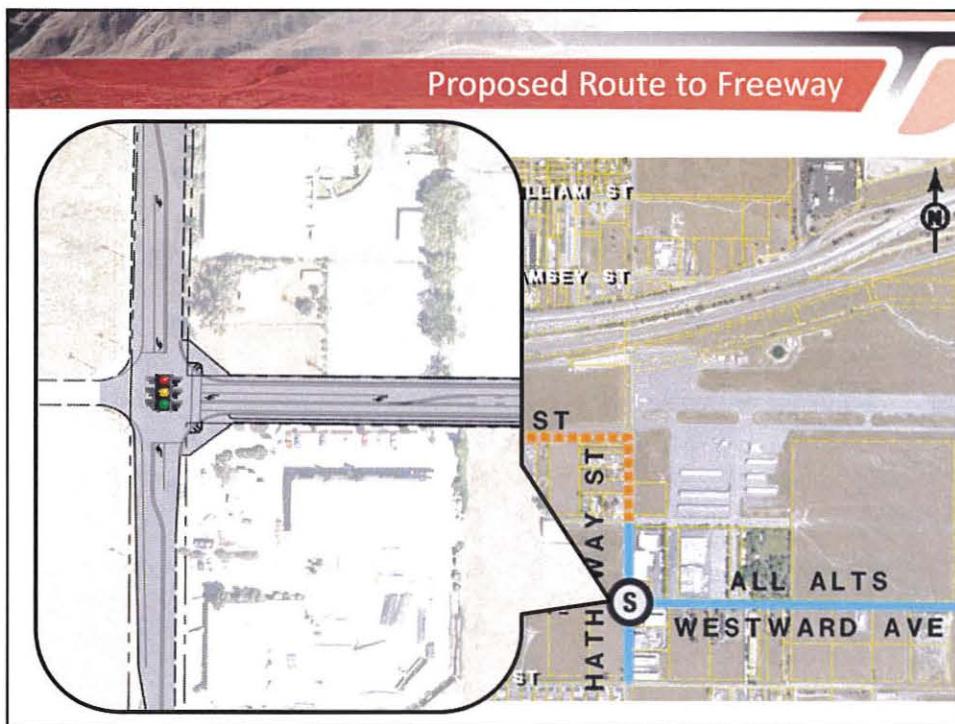


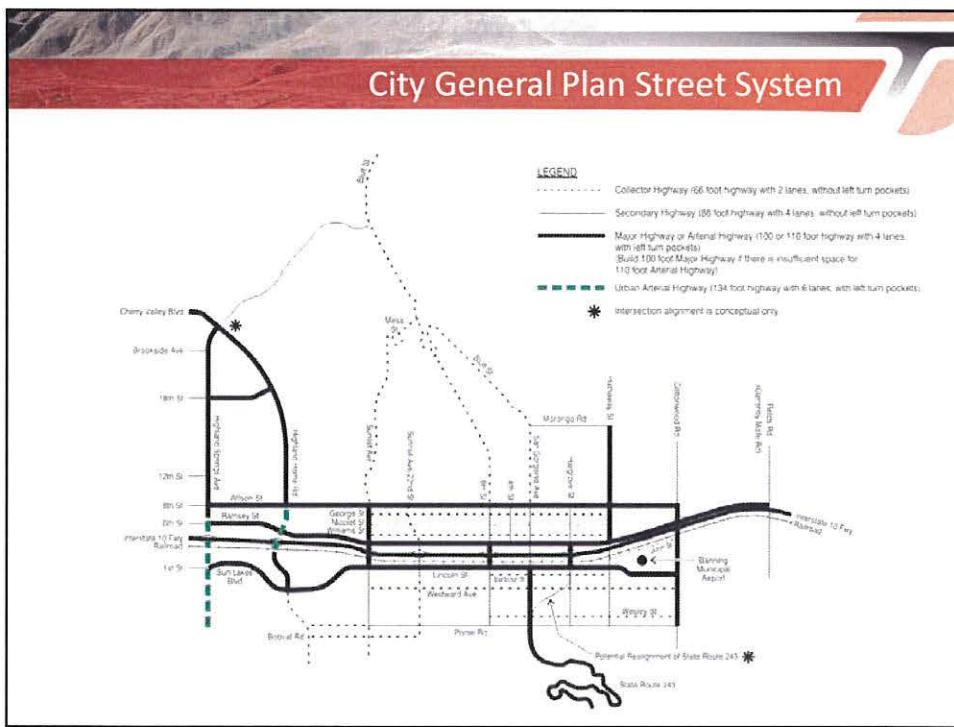
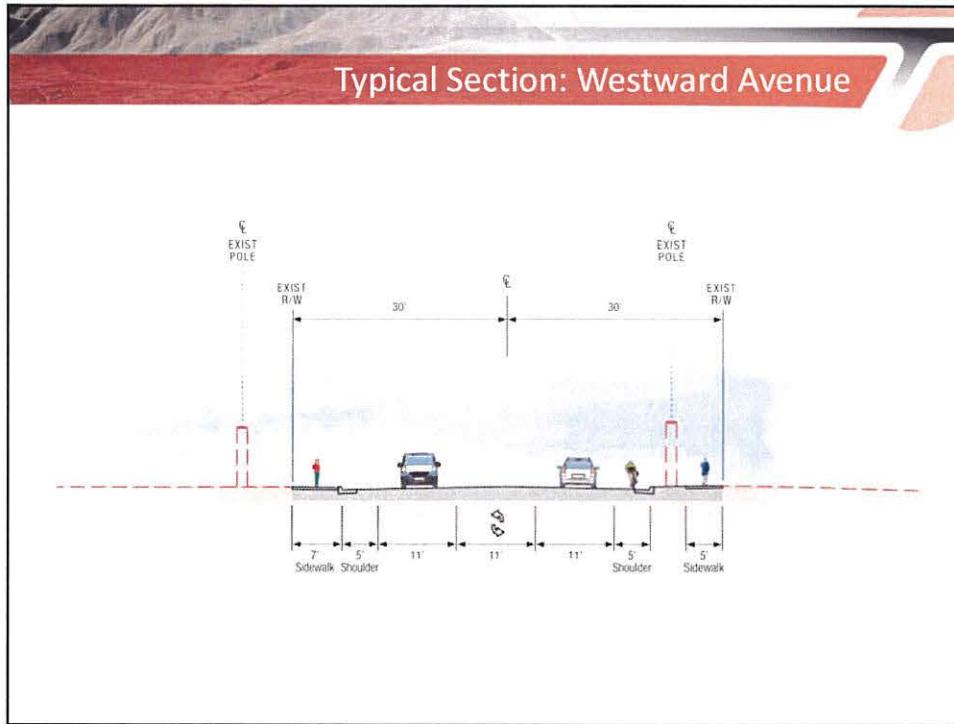


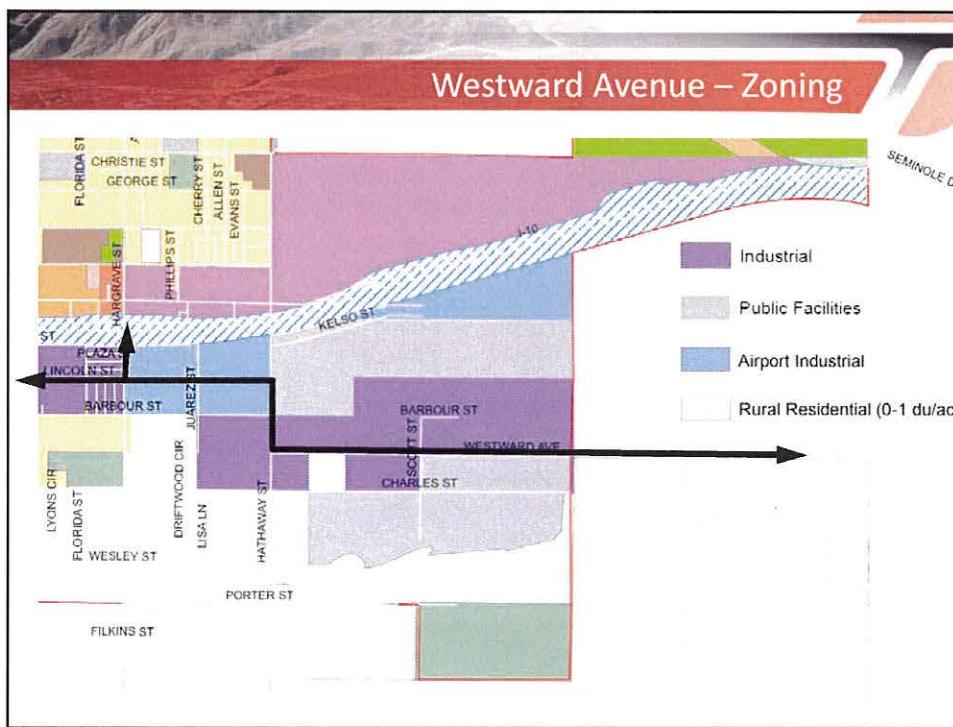
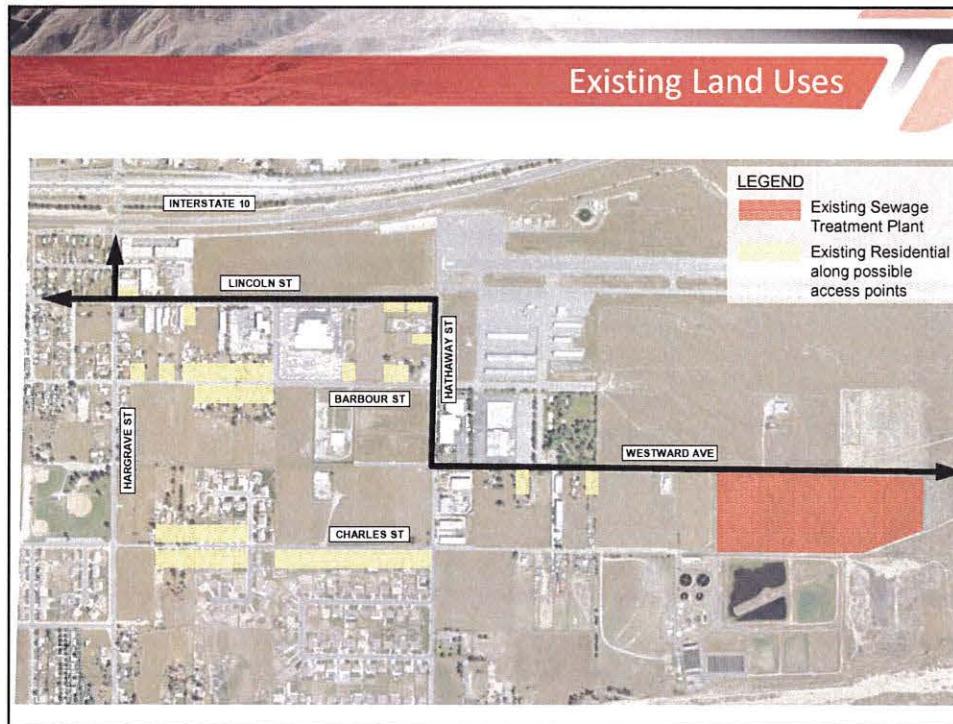




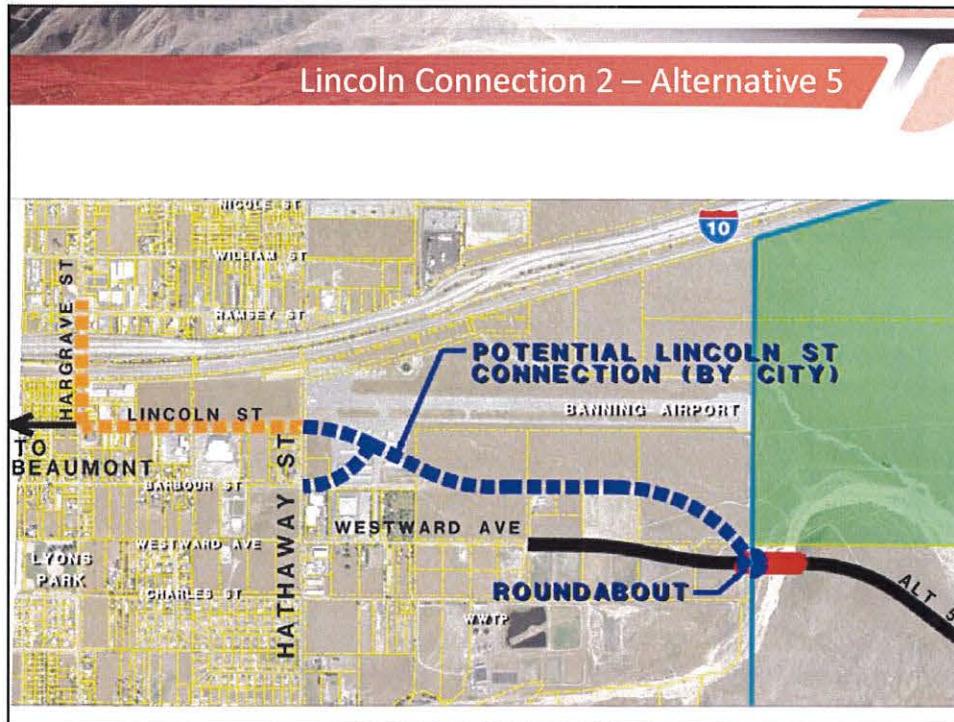


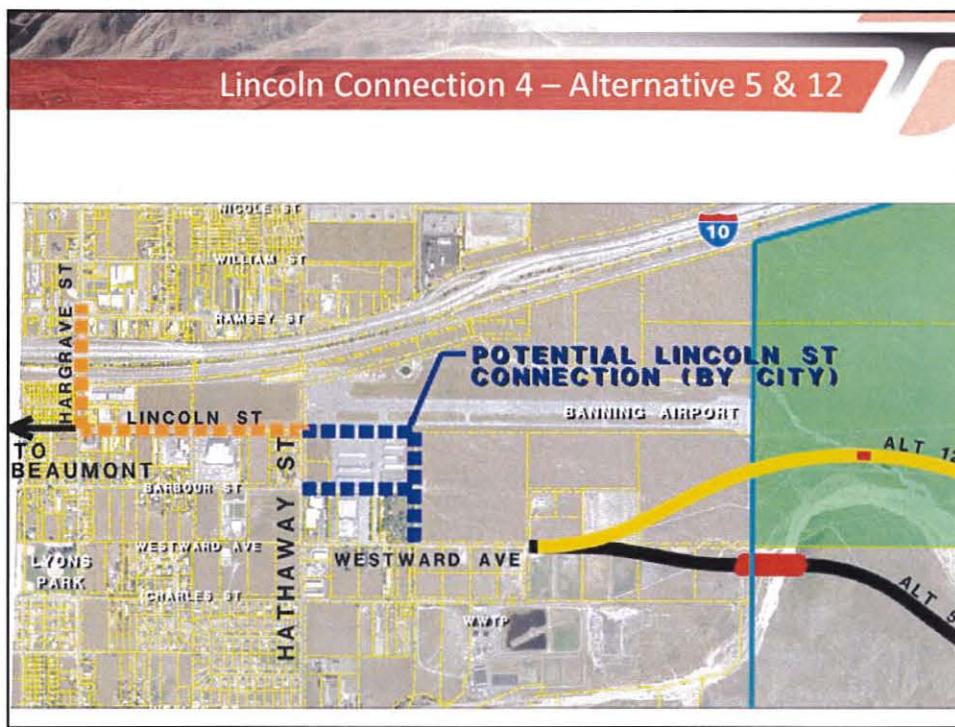
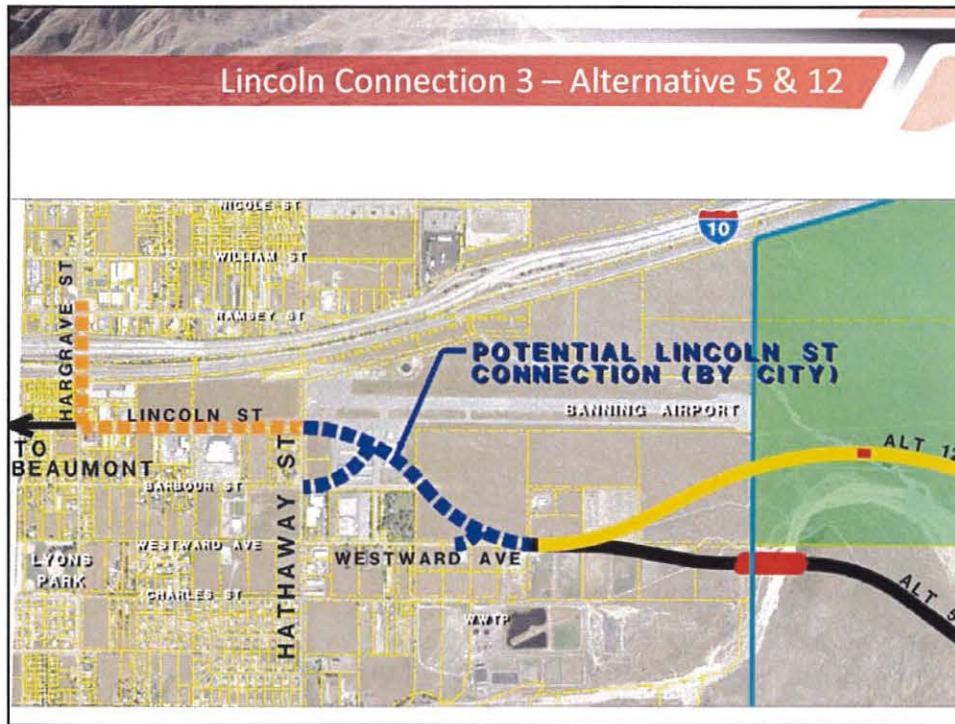


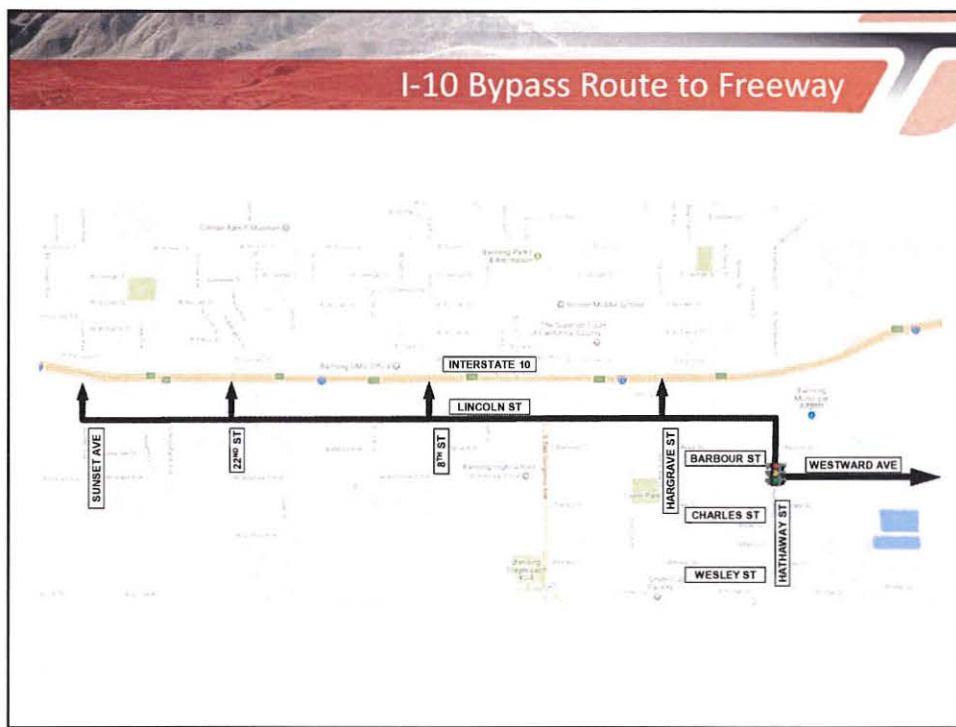


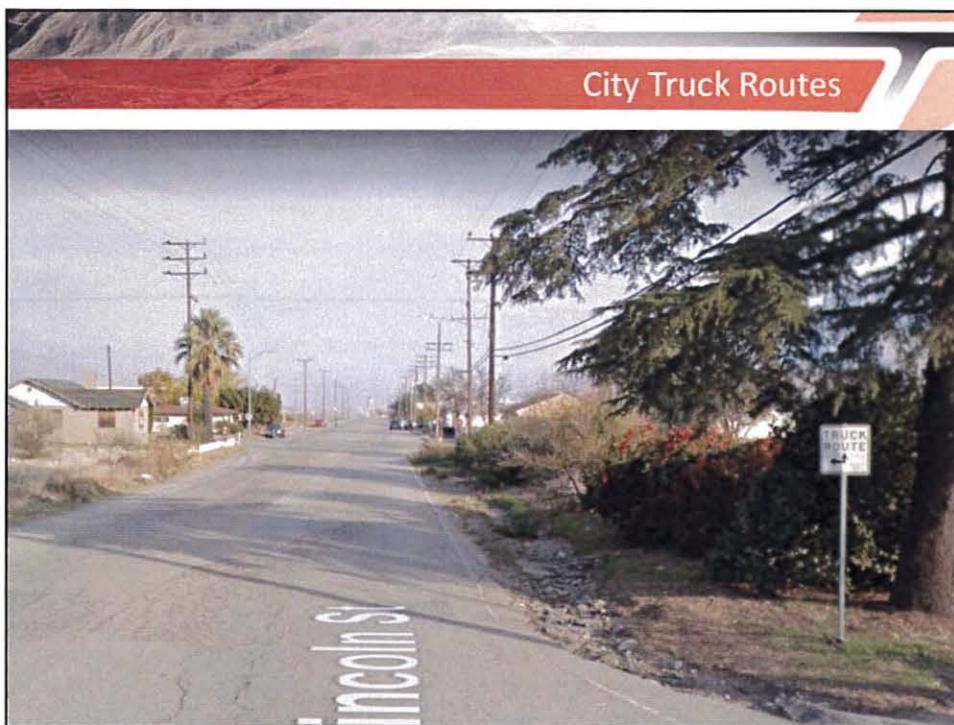


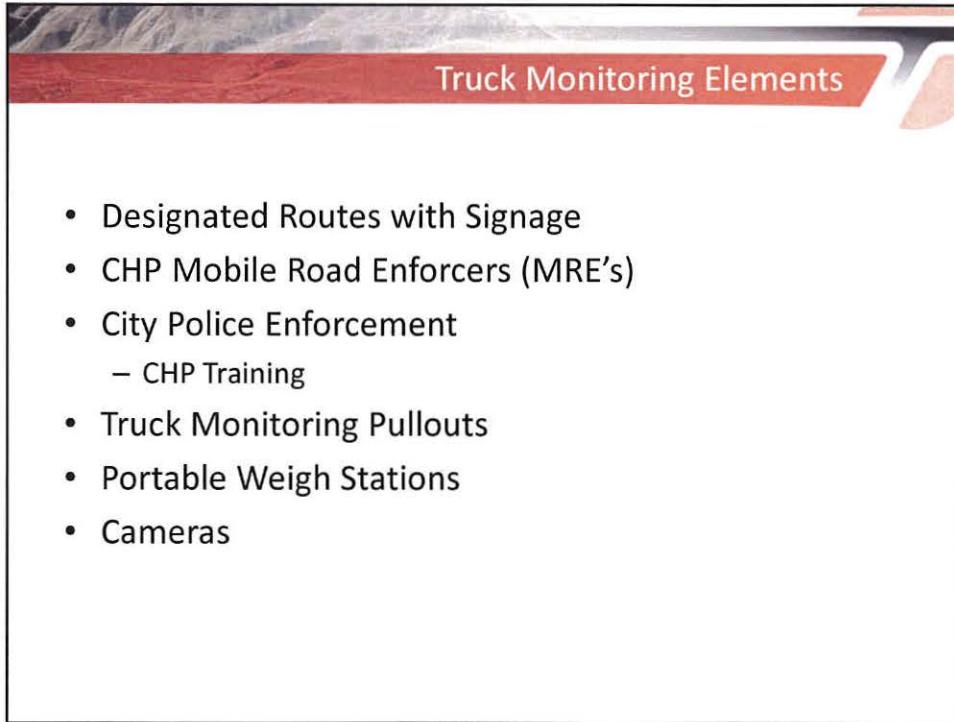


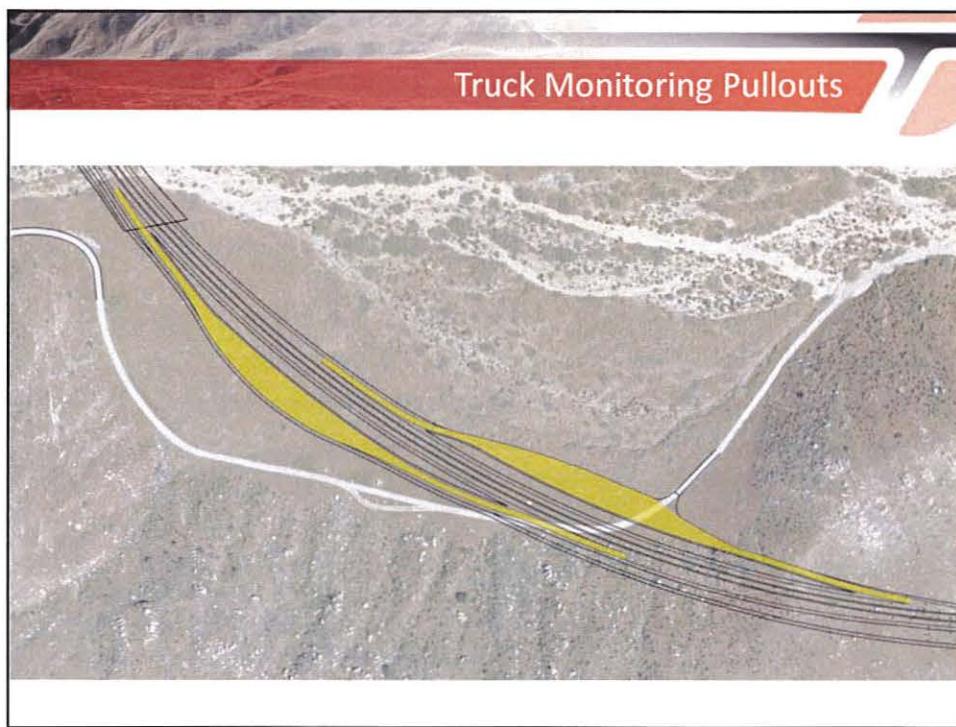
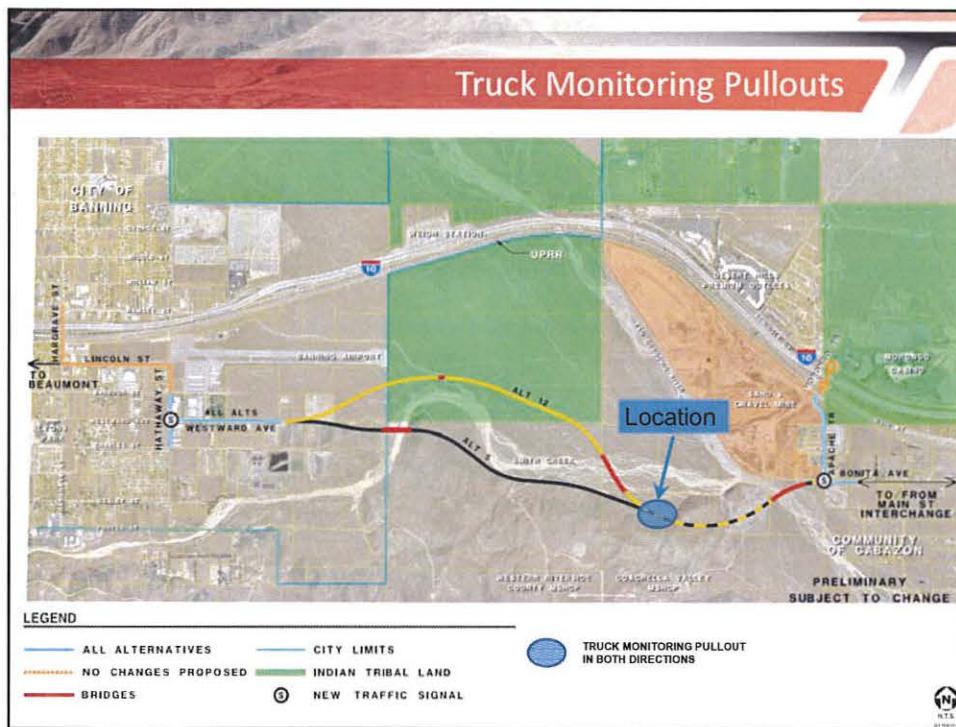


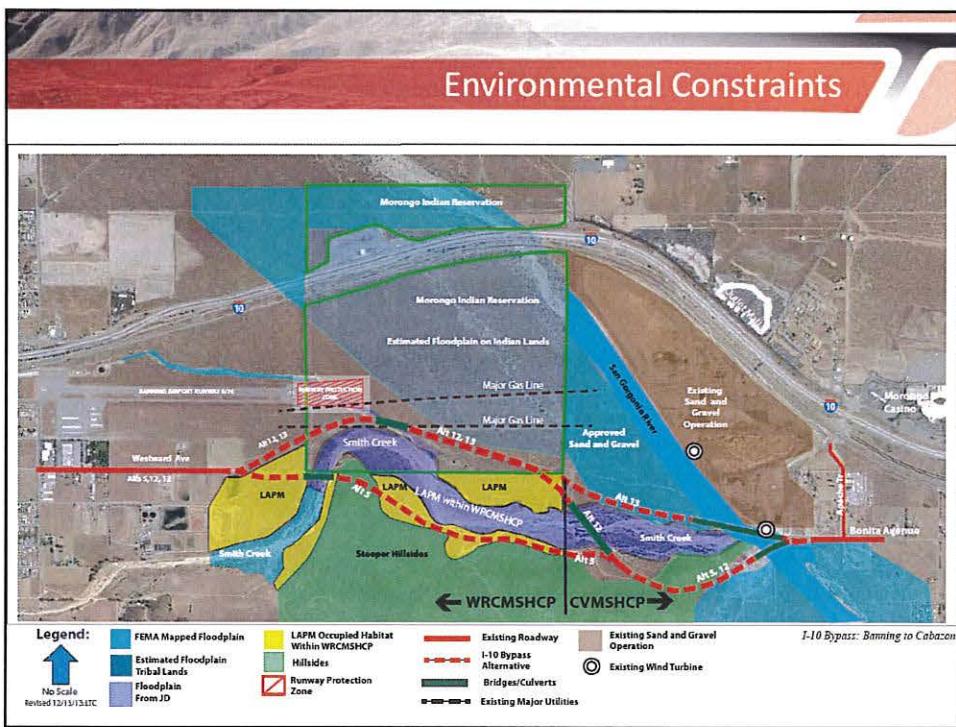


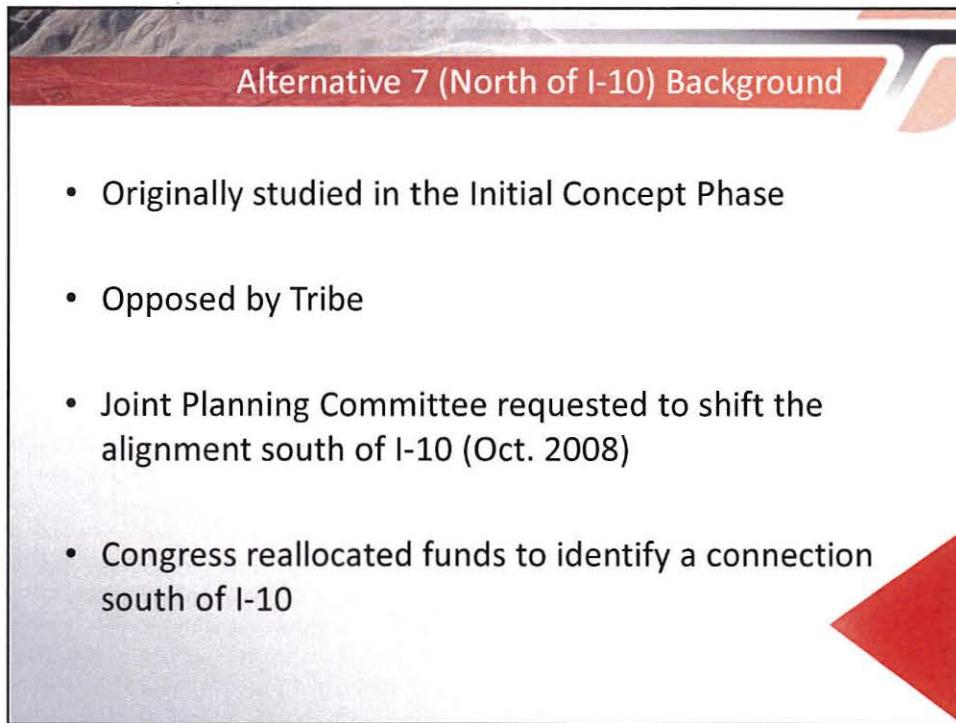
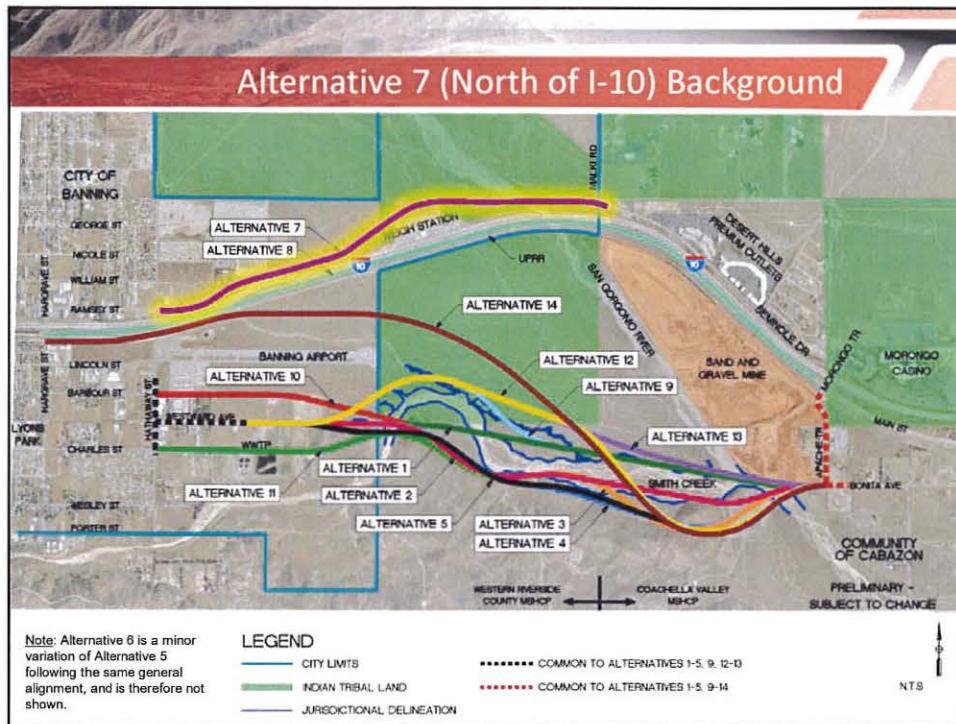


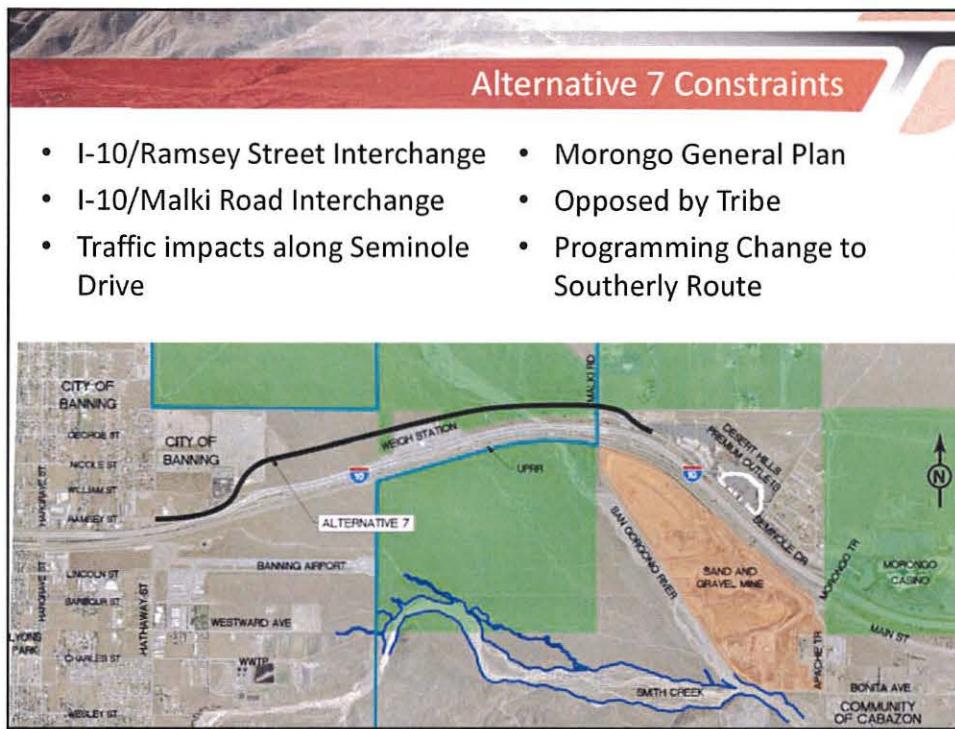


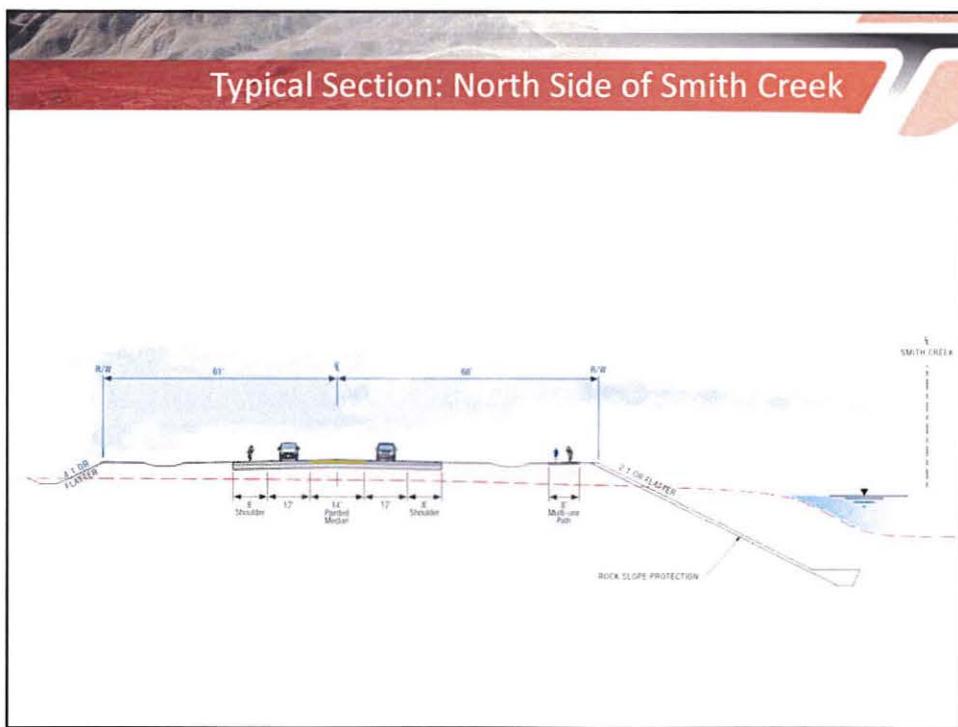
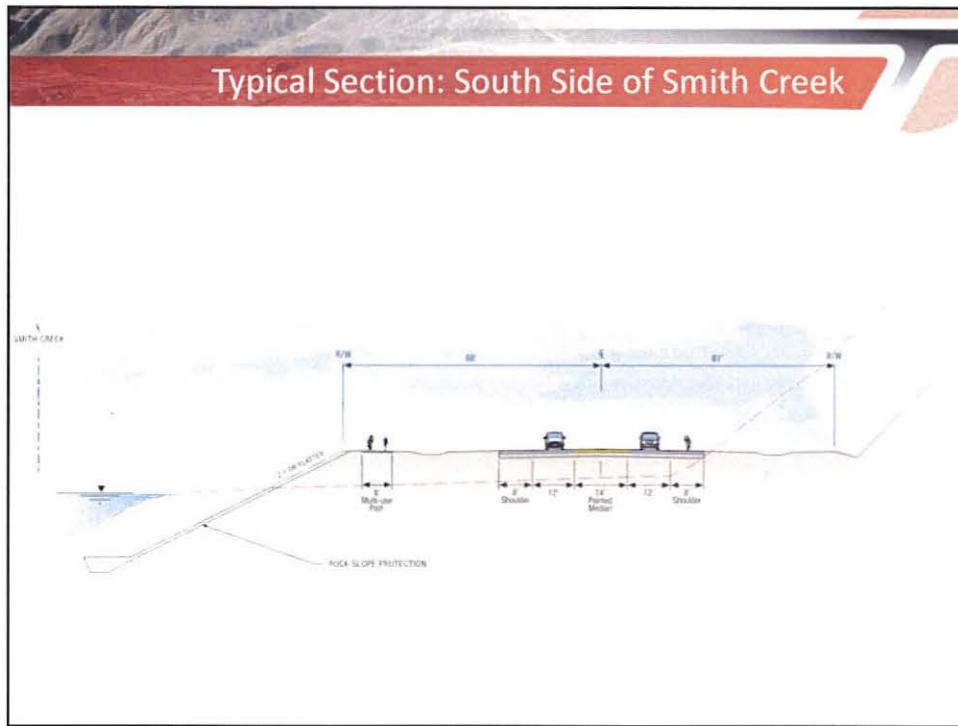






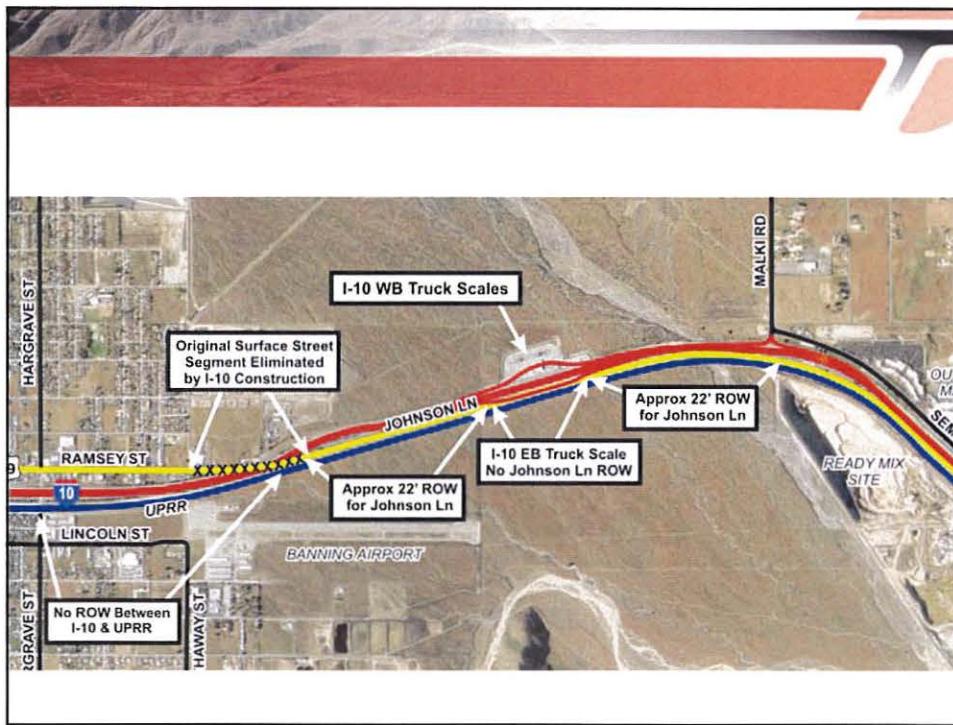


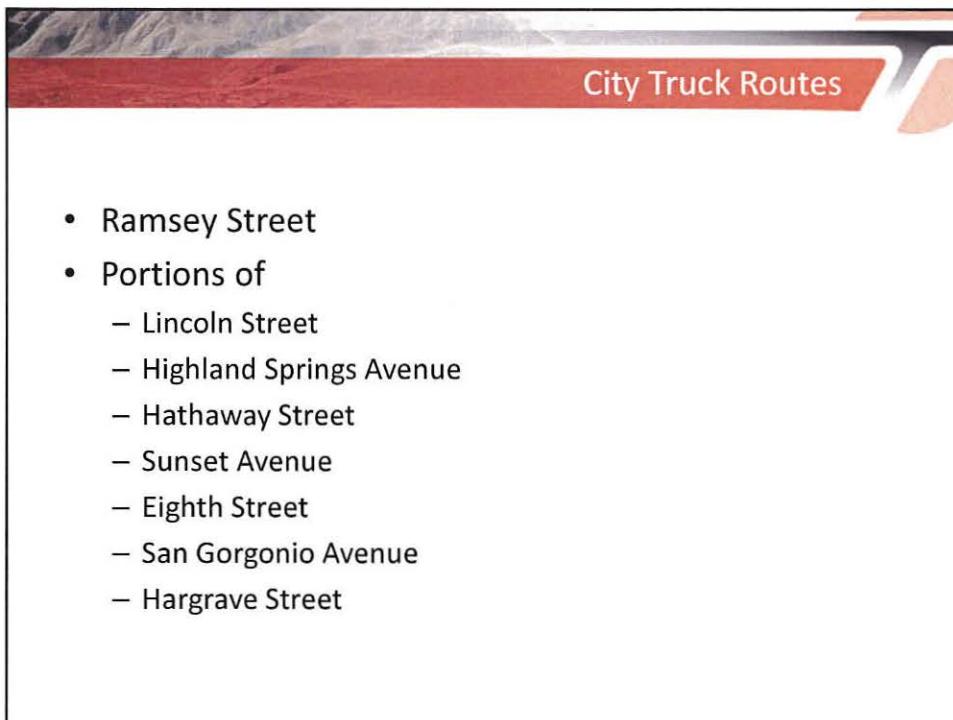
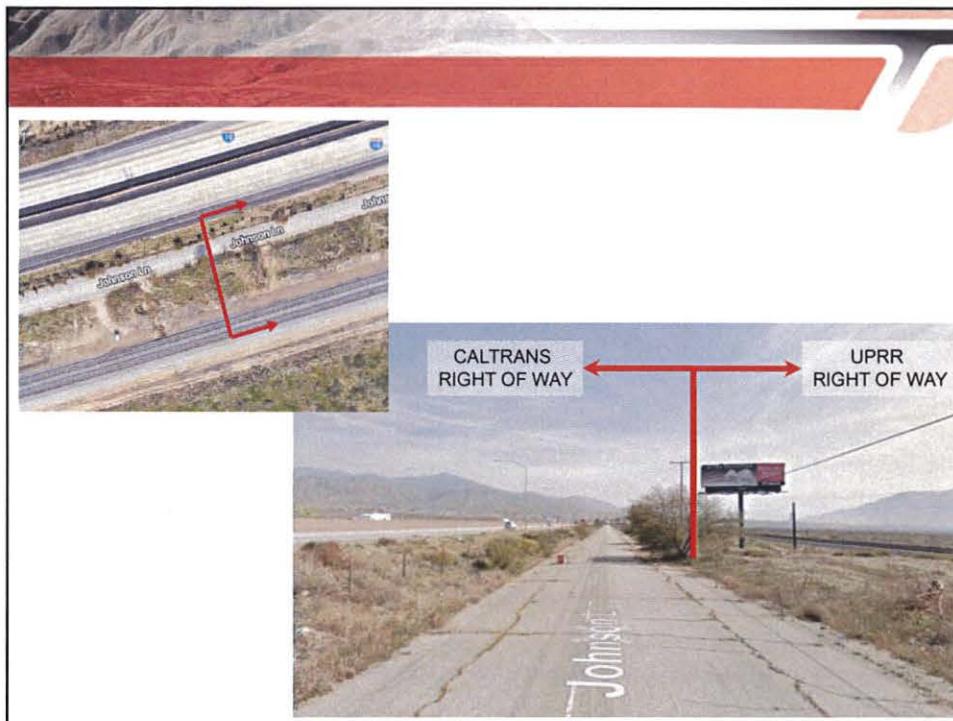




Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate		
	Alternative 5	Alternative 12
Roadway Items	\$ 36,851,800	\$ 25,871,800
Structure Items	\$ 23,573,400	\$ 32,505,800
Subtotal Construction Costs	\$ 60,425,200	\$ 58,377,600
Right of Way	\$ 7,600,000	\$ 8,500,000
Total Capital Cost	\$ 68,025,200	\$ 66,877,600

- Two lane facility, including ultimate four-lane bridges.
- Ultimate grading for future four-lane facility.
- Assumes no cost for right-of-way within tribal lands.
- Costs are in terms of current dollars.





City Coordination – Meetings	
Title	Purpose
Stakeholder Meetings (4)	Report Status to Stakeholder Groups
PDT Meetings (29)	Provide Project Updates, Obtain Input and Coordinate
City of Banning Meeting	Project Status
Public Information Meeting	Obtain input from the public and agencies
City of Banning Meeting	Project Updates
City of Banning Meeting	Traffic Analysis Follow-Up
City of Banning Meeting	Project Updates
Public Scoping Meeting	Provide Notice of Preparation and obtain input from the public and agencies
City Council Meeting	Project Overview and Updates; Removal of Alt 13
City of Banning Meeting	Project Overview and Updates; Alt 7 and Removal of Alt 13
Meeting with City Manager	Project Overview and Updates; Alt 7 Concept and Constraints and Removal of Alt 13
City Council Workshop	Project Overview and Updates; Alt 7 Concept and Constraints, Removal of Alt 13, and Proposed Route to Freeway
Public Workshop Hearing (1/25/2018)	Obtain input from the public and agencies on the Draft Environmental Document

City Coordination – Correspondence Letters		
Date	From/To	Purpose
10/2/2008	Robert Martin, Tribal Chairman, MBM; Brenda Salas, Mayor, City of Banning; Marion Ashley, District 5 Supervisor, County of Riverside/ Congressman Jerry Lewis	Letter requesting County of Riverside to be the lead agency for the I-10 Bypass Project; Transfer of earmark to the County of Riverside
11/17/2009	Juan C. Perez, Director, RCTD/ April Nitosos, Caltrans D8	I-10 Bypass, South (also known as Ramsey Street Extension), Transfer of Sponsorship of Earmark
4/11/2013	John Marclnek, County of Riverside/Kahono Oei, City Engineer, City of Banning	I-10 Bypass - Potential Future Connection to Lincoln Street
4/30/2013	Kahono Oei, City Engineer, City of Banning/Ryan Kuo SCAG	Request for Concurrence Letter for Functional Classification Change for Westward Avenue