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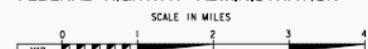
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
CAMERON COUNTY
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1990 CENSUS FIGURES
HIGHWAYS REVISED TO APRIL 1, 2002

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LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC PROJECTION - 1927 NORTH AMERICAN DATUM
STANDARD PARALLELS 27°25' AND 34°55'

TRAVEL INFORMATION
Dial 1-800-452-9292 for travel assistance from a professional Texas travel counselor, including routing in Texas, emergency road condition information, and other travel services or to register a comment or complaint about department operations.

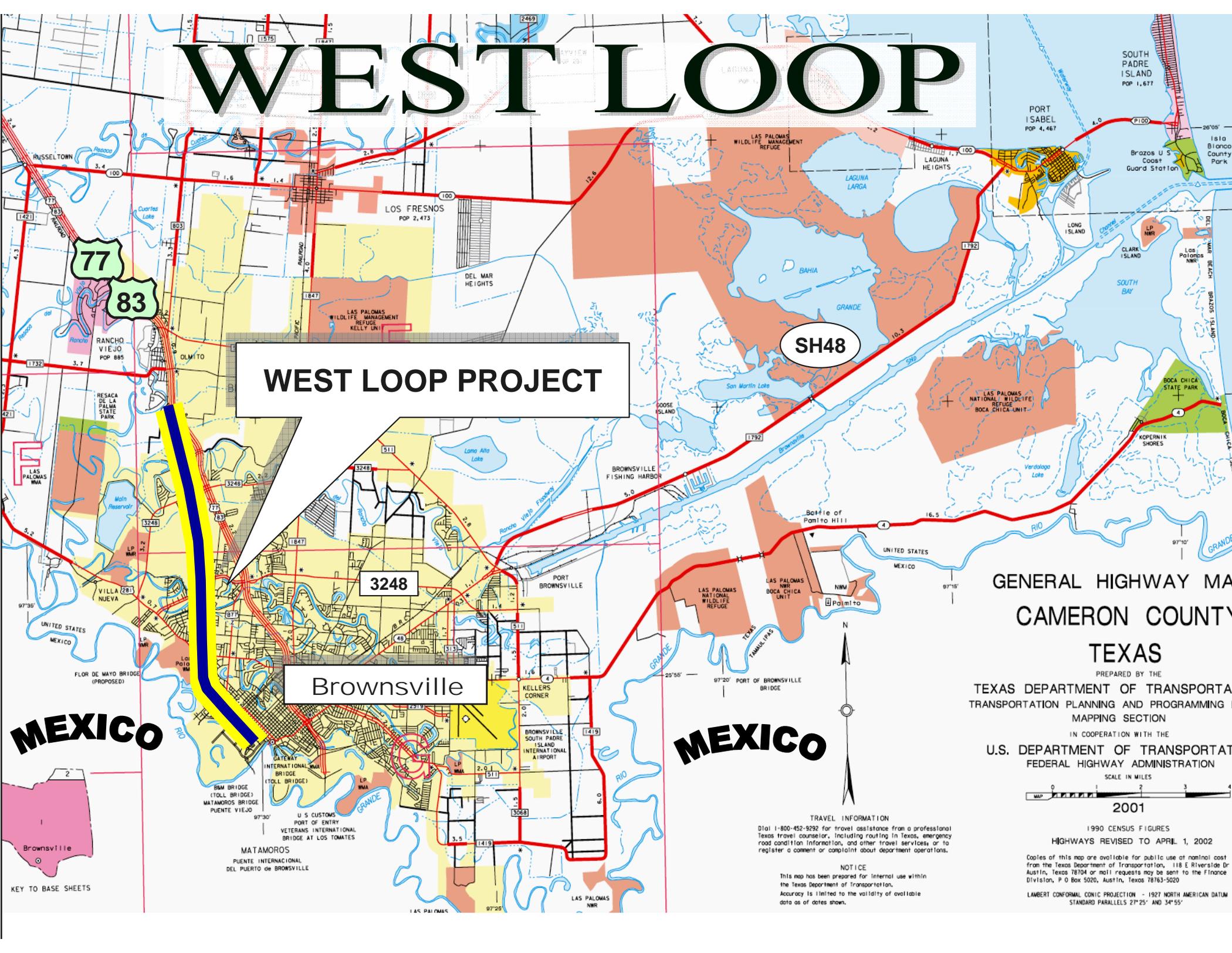
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An aerial photograph of a highway interchange. A multi-lane highway runs vertically through the center, crossing over a river via a bridge. To the left, a road labeled 'West Loop' curves around the interchange. To the right, a road labeled 'B & M Bridge' crosses the highway. The surrounding area includes industrial buildings, parking lots, and green spaces.

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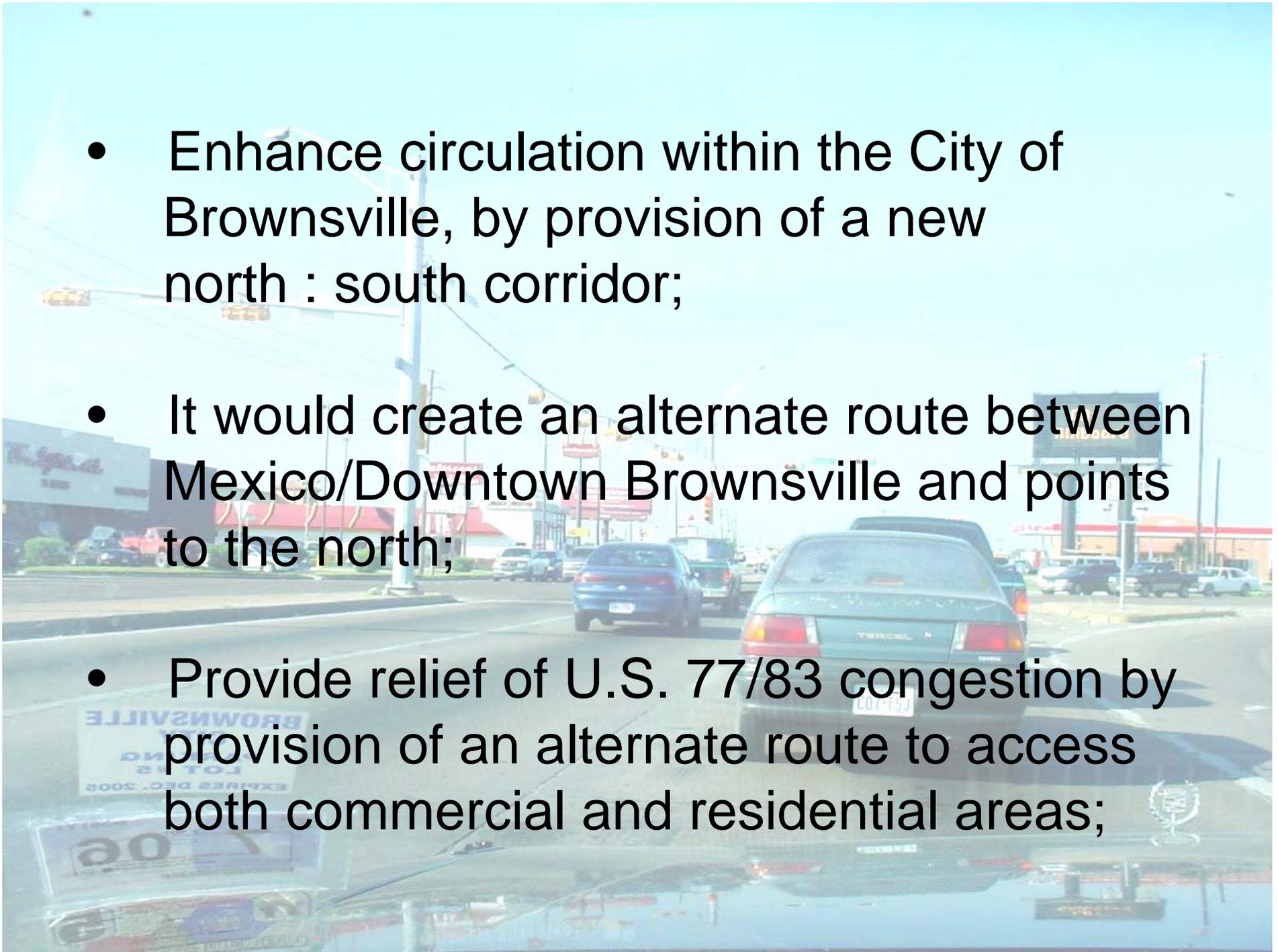
B & M Bridge

Brownsville West Loop

The West Loop would serve a number of valuable transportation purposes (or functions):

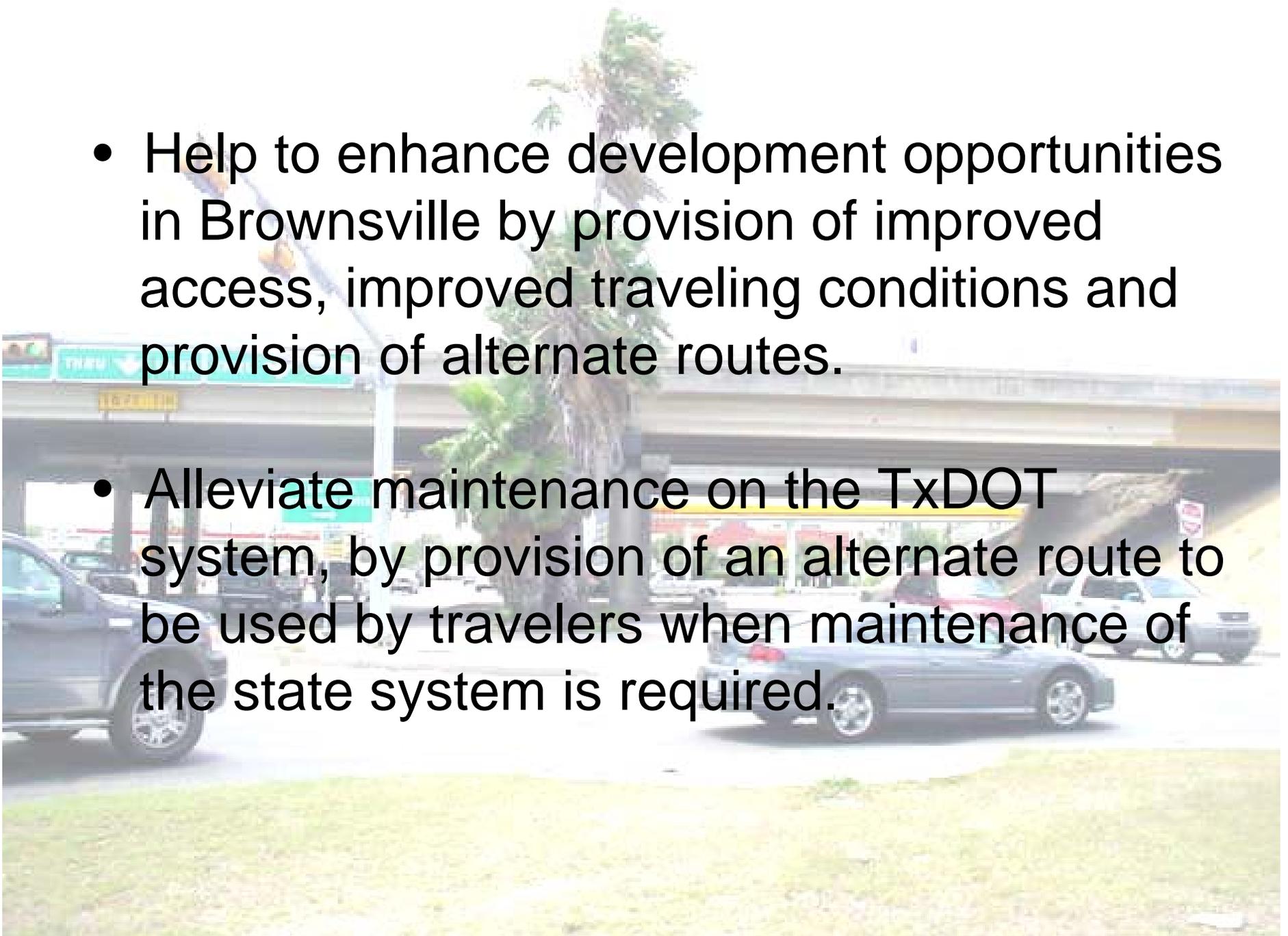


- Enhance circulation within the City of Brownsville, by provision of a new north : south corridor;
- It would create an alternate route between Mexico/Downtown Brownsville and points to the north;
- Provide relief of U.S. 77/83 congestion by provision of an alternate route to access both commercial and residential areas;

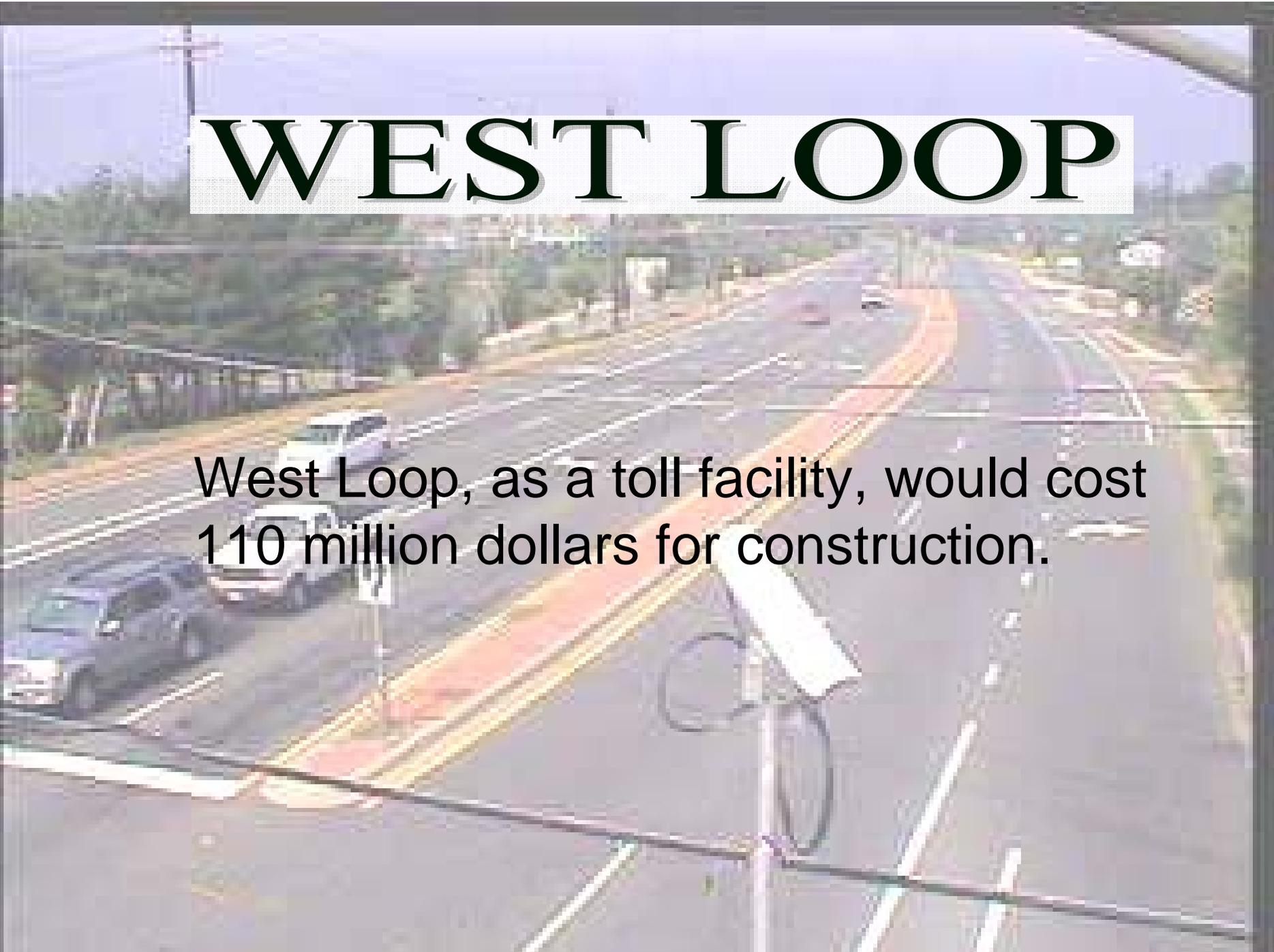


- Help to enhance development opportunities in Brownsville by provision of improved access, improved traveling conditions and provision of alternate routes.

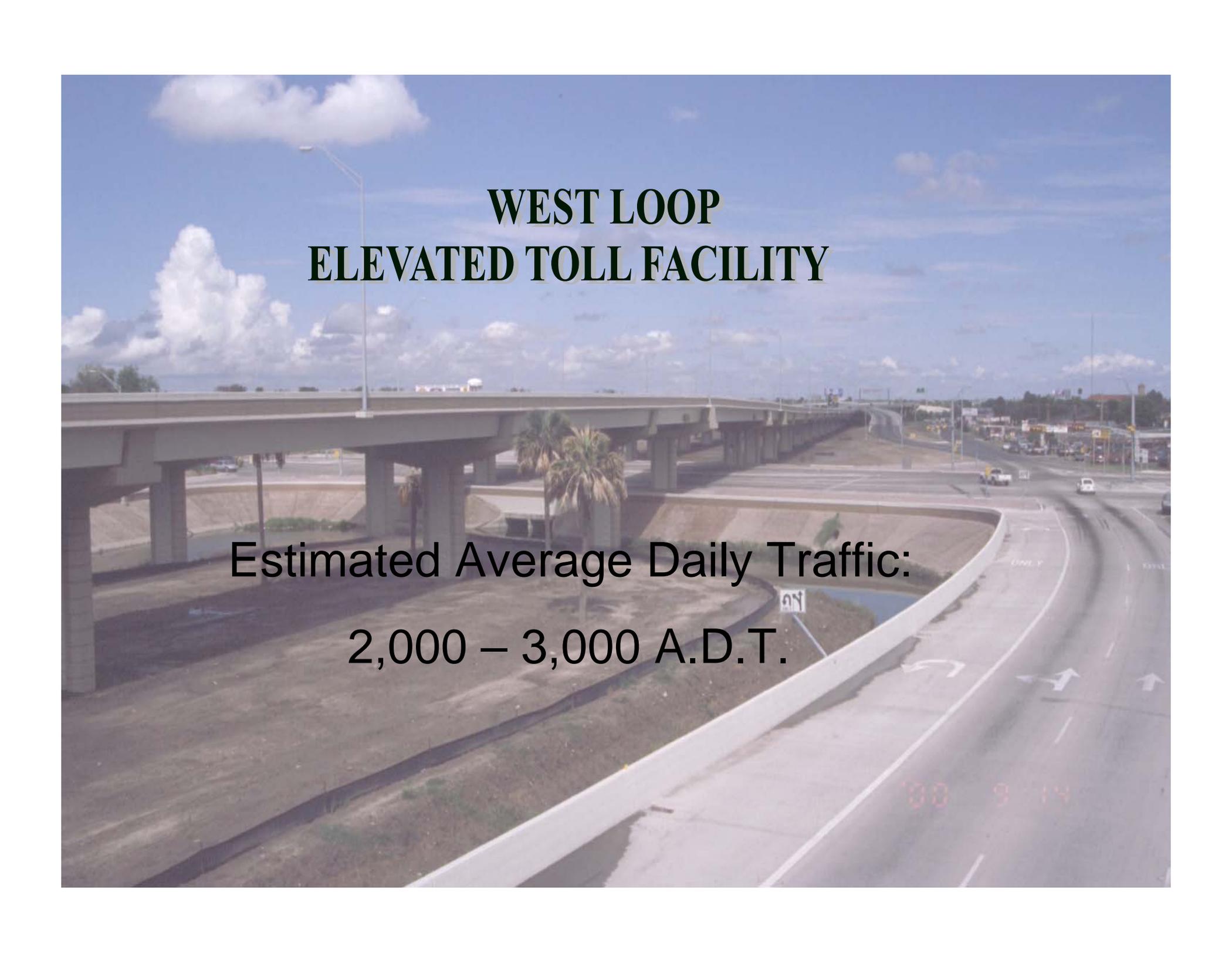
- Alleviate maintenance on the TxDOT system, by provision of an alternate route to be used by travelers when maintenance of the state system is required.



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An aerial photograph of a multi-lane highway. A prominent red-paved median runs down the center of the road. On the left side of the road, there are several vehicles, including a white truck and a dark car. A white signpost with a circular sign is visible in the foreground on the right side of the road. The background shows a mix of greenery and some buildings under a clear sky.

West Loop, as a toll facility, would cost 110 million dollars for construction.

A photograph of a multi-lane elevated highway. The road is concrete with white lane markings and arrows. A concrete barrier runs along the edge of the road. In the background, there are palm trees, a clear blue sky with some clouds, and a distant cityscape. A road sign with the number '97' is visible on the right side of the road. The text 'WEST LOOP ELEVATED TOLL FACILITY' is overlaid in the upper center of the image.

WEST LOOP ELEVATED TOLL FACILITY

Estimated Average Daily Traffic:
2,000 – 3,000 A.D.T.

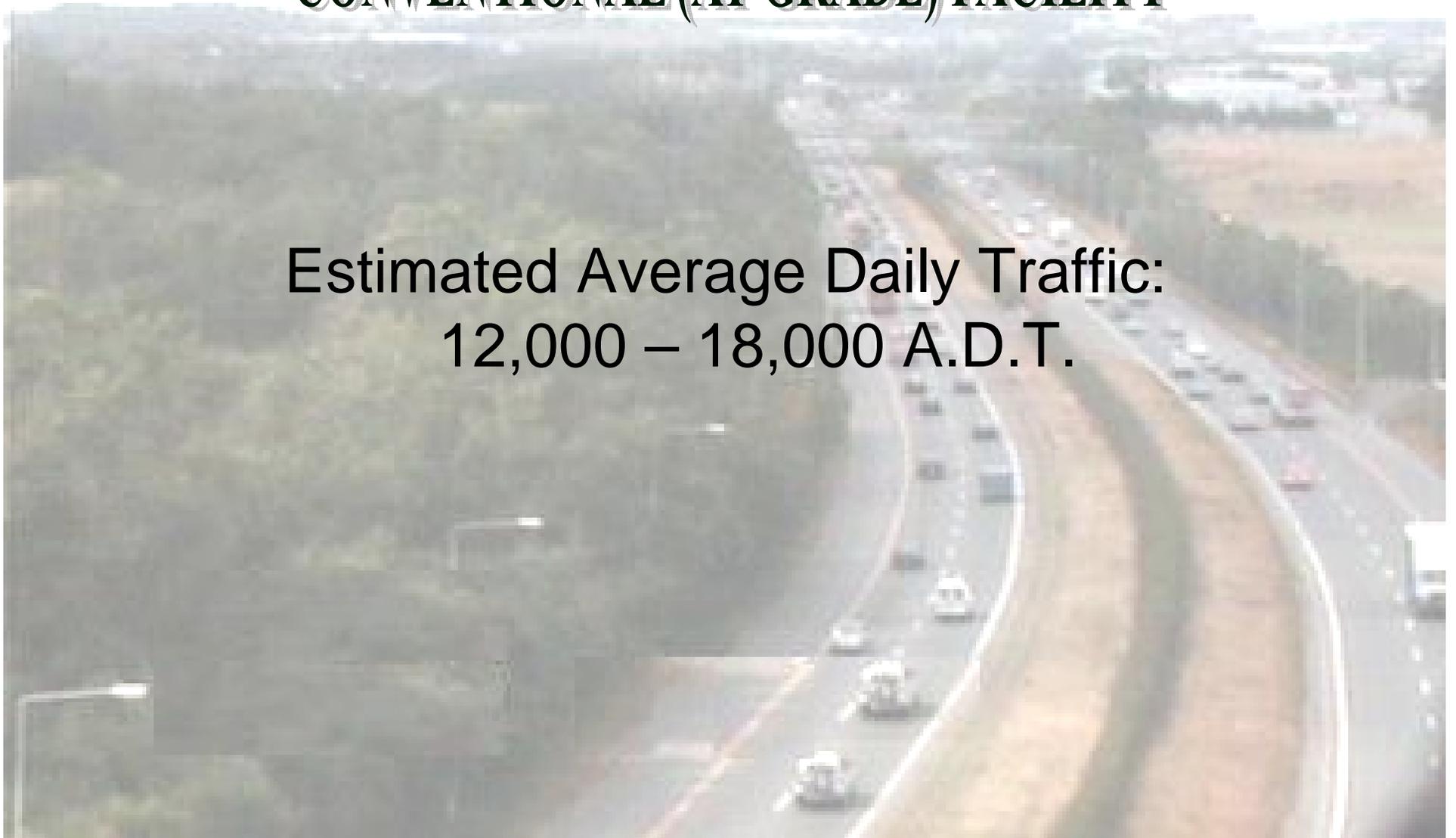
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A conventional roadway would cost considerably less. A cost estimate of 28-40 million dollars is probably accurate, or perhaps on the high side.



WEST LOOP CONVENTIONAL (AT-GRADE) FACILITY

Estimated Average Daily Traffic:
12,000 – 18,000 A.D.T.

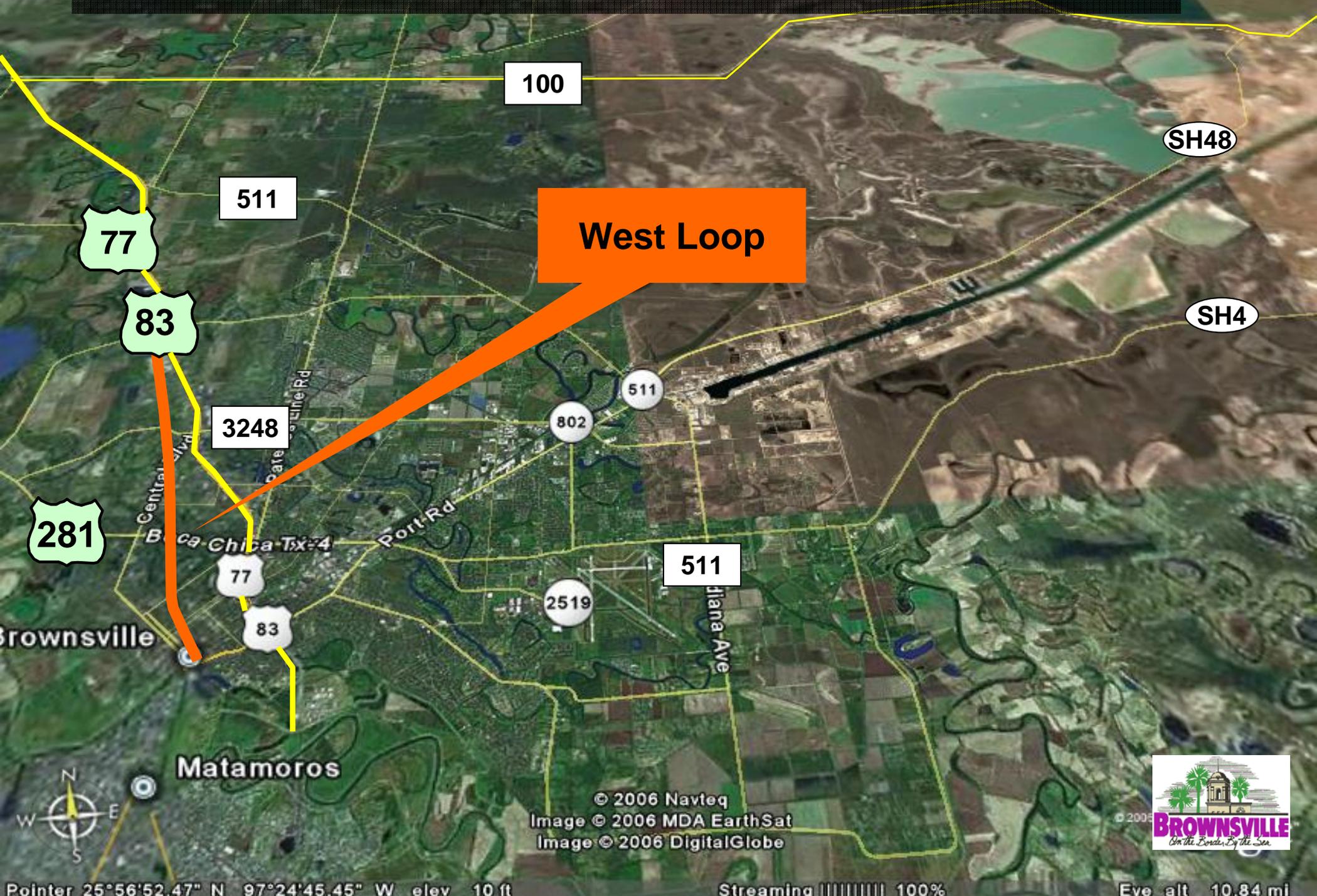


Potential sources of funds:



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- “Pass thru” tolls
 - Assessments
 - Private:Public Partnerships
 - (a) B&M International Bridge
 - (b) Tax Increment Refinancing Zones (TIRZs)
 - Combination of Different Tools

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