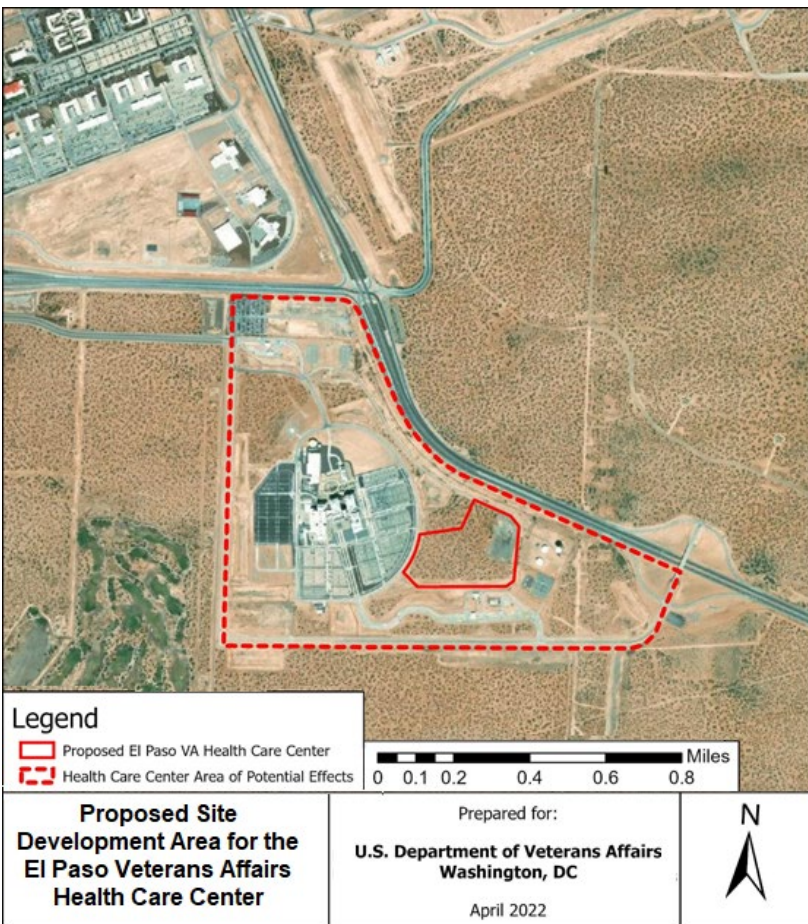


DATE: June 9, 2022

TO: Valued Stakeholders

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability – Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed El Paso Veterans Affairs Health Care Center – El Paso County, Texas

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Construction & Facilities Management announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review and comment. The Draft EA evaluates the potential environmental effects of constructing and operating an approximately 500,000-square-foot health care center (HCC) with approximately 1,500 surface parking spaces located adjacent to the new William Beaumont Army Medical Center on the Fort Bliss garrison in El Paso, Texas.



The proposed site development area for the new El Paso VA HCC is shown in Figure 1. The project will also include temporary construction support areas and utility improvements, both inside and outside the Fort Bliss cantonment, to accommodate the facility. VA has prepared the Draft EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and implementing regulations and herein invites comments from the public and stakeholders.

Copies of the Draft EA is available online at

www.cfm.va.gov/environmental/

A copy of the EA is also available from the reference desk at the Esperanza Acosta Moreno Library in El Paso, Texas.

VA will consider all comments and respond and/or address them appropriately in the Final EA.

The 30-day public review and comment period ends at **11:59 p.m. on July 10, 2022.**

Figure 1. Proposed Site Development Area for the El Paso Veterans Affairs Health Care Center

Comments on the Draft EA should be sent to: VACOEnvironment@va.gov by 11:59 PM, July 10, 2022.

Please include “**Fort Bliss HCC Draft EA**” in the email subject line.

Questions may be directed to the VA point of contact for this project is Mr. Bruce Mack, Bruce.Mack@va.gov. please reference “El Paso HCC Draft EA” in your correspondence.