



Notice

Environmental Assessment and Opportunity for a Public Hearing

WORLD TRADE BRIDGE EXPANSION

World Trade Bridge Port of Entry (POE) to the International Boundary with Mexico (Rio Grande)

CSJ: 0922-33-213

Webb County, Texas

The City of Laredo, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to widen the existing bridge and construct an additional eight-lane bridge for northbound traffic adjacent and parallel to the existing eight-lane World Trade Bridge. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project.

The proposed facility will extend for a total of approximately 1,479 feet (ft), across the International Boundary from Mexico (Rio Grande) to the International Port of Entry (POE). The expansion project includes widening the existing bridge by adding two southbound lanes and constructing a new, approximately 1,479-foot-long, span bridge across the Rio Grande River. The new bridge would be located on new right-of-way (ROW) to be acquired by the City of Laredo and proposed to have eight northbound lanes and a safety walkway. The new span would also include additional lighting, electronic signage, and a hazardous materials collections system, that would collect all storm water falling onto the bridge decks into a containment vault that would filter the water through a sand filter before discharging it into the Rio Grande. The project area for this project is approximately 29 acres which includes 11.8 acres of existing City ROW, 5.22 acres of new ROW, and 4.27 acres of temporary construction easements. The right-of-way width would vary from approximately 1,110 feet at the Rio Grande to approximately 1,300 feet inside the POE facility.

Although additional right of way would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained by contacting Johnathan Ramirez the TxDOT Project Manager at 956-712-7495.

The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

The draft EA, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the City of Laredo, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, TX 78040. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov.

The project materials are written in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to review the project materials or submit information, please



contact Eliud De Los Santos, P.E. City Engineer for the City of Laredo, at (956) 791-7346 or edelossant@ci.laredo.tx.us no later than 4 p.m. CT, at least three business days before the date on which you would like to review the project materials or submit information. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Los materiales del proyecto están escritos en inglés. Si usted necesita un intérprete o un traductor de documentos porque su idioma principal no es el inglés o tiene alguna dificultad para comunicarse eficazmente en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si usted tiene alguna discapacidad y necesita ayuda, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para atender la mayoría de las necesidades. Si usted necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción o es una persona con alguna discapacidad que requiera una adaptación para revisar los materiales o enviar información, por favor póngase en contacto con Eliud De Los Santos, Ingeniero Municipal de la Ciudad de Laredo al número (956) 791-7346 o edelossant@ci.laredo.tx.us a más tardar a las 4:00 p.m. hora central, al menos tres días hábiles antes de la fecha en la que desea revisar los materiales del proyecto o enviar información. Por favor sepa que es necesario dar aviso con anticipación, ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que TxDOT los organice.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing on this project. Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are also requested. Written hearing requests and comments may be submitted by mail to Raba Kistner Inc., ATTN: Jaimie Galm 12821 W. Golden Lane San Antonio, TX 78249 or by email to jgalm@rkci.com. All hearing requests and comments must be received on or before Tuesday, April 21, 2026. A hearing will be held if ten or more individuals submit timely written requests for a hearing, or if an agency with jurisdiction over the project submits a timely written request for a hearing that is supported by reasons why a hearing will be helpful. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions regarding the proposed project, please contact Eliud De Los Santos, City Engineer for the City of Laredo, at (956) 791-7346 or edelossant@ci.laredo.tx.us.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 17, 2025, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.