

April 1, 2020

RE: Comment Period Extended for Maverick and Val Verde Counties Border Barrier Projects

To Whom It May Concern:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is extending the deadline for public input concerning new border barrier projects in Maverick County, Texas, and Val Verde County, Texas from April 15, 2020 to Friday, May 15, 2020.

Given the current schedules for some projects, the comment period may extend into pre-construction activities and border wall construction. All comments received will continue to be taken into consideration and will be used in CBP's evaluation of environmental and cultural impacts and will be used to identify measures that avoid or minimize impacts to the greatest extent possible throughout the duration of each project.

In Maverick County, CBP will be replacing approximately two (2) miles of existing pedestrian barrier with new steel bollard fencing. In Val Verde County, CBP will also be replacing approximately two (2) miles of existing pedestrian barrier with new steel bollard fencing. The existing pedestrian barrier no longer meets the U.S. Border Patrol's operational needs.

The projects also include the installation of a linear ground detection system, road construction or refurbishment, and the installation of lighting, which will be supported by grid power and include embedded cameras. The design of the new steel bollard fencing includes 30-foot steel bollards that are approximately 6" x 6" in diameter.

How to Provide Comments

Comments and information will be accepted until Friday, May 15, 2020. Comments should include data or information that could help inform CBP's analysis of potential impacts. Helpful comments are fact-based, include links to data or research, and provide specific information concerning potential impacts to biological, cultural, and natural resources. If known, your response should include any state and local restrictions, permitting or other requirements that CBP should consider.

Specifically, CBP is looking for answers to the following questions:

- Are you aware of threatened or endangered plant or animal species within the area of construction? If so, where?
- Are you aware of recreational activities that take place in the area of construction?
- Are you aware of possible impacts to businesses? Where are those businesses located?
- Are you aware of historical sites or areas of cultural significance located within the area of construction? If so, where?

- Do you foresee your day-to-day activities being impacted by the projects?
- Are you aware of any studies, data or other information available that would aid in the analysis of potential environmental impacts in the project areas?
- Do you have any recommendations for practices the construction contractor should follow to avoid or minimize impacts?

Comments can be emailed to CBP until May 15, 2020 at DelRioComments@cbp.dhs.gov. Please include “Maverick and Val Verde Counties Border Barrier Projects March 2020” in the subject of your email. Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become a part of the public record. If providing a comment about a specific area, please specify that location in your submission.

You may also submit comments, questions, or concerns to the following address:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters
1300 Pennsylvania Ave. 6.5E Mail Stop 1039
Washington, D.C. 20229-1100

Sincerely,

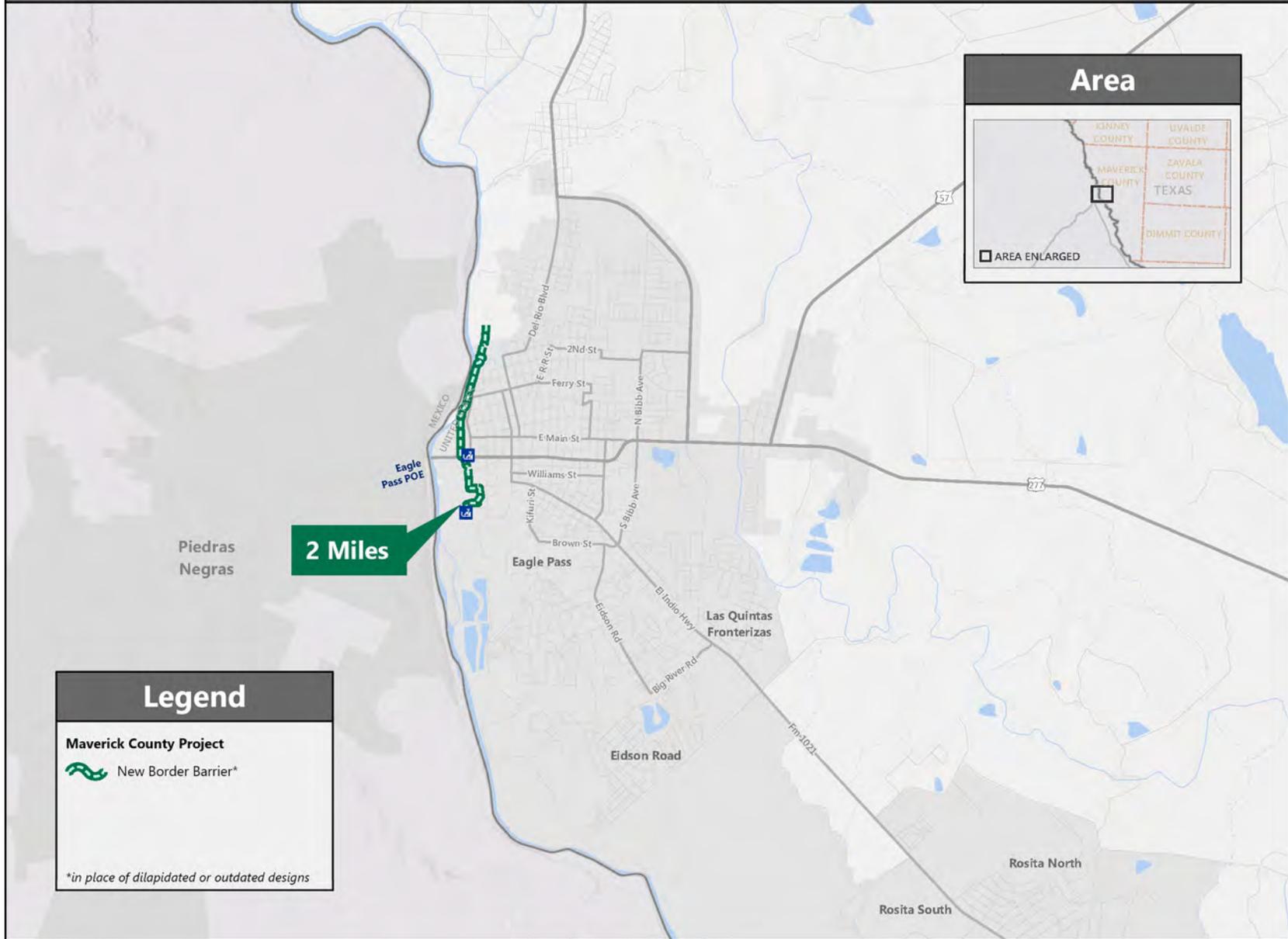


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Enclosure: Maverick and Val Verde Counties Border Barrier Project Maps



Maverick County Border Barrier Map



Legend

Maverick County Project

 New Border Barrier*

**in place of dilapidated or outdated designs*



Val Verde County Border Barrier Map

