

Fiscal Year 2020 Laredo Sector Border Wall System Question & Answer Session

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Presenter Introductions

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Presentation Objectives

- The purpose of this webinar is to:
 1. Inform participants about the Border Wall System Projects in Laredo
 2. Share ways you can contribute feedback
 3. Answer your questions



Topics to be Covered

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection Mission
- Overview of Projects
- Public Input Overview





U.S. Customs and Border Protection

- **CBP Mission:** To prevent terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering the United States, while facilitating the flow of legitimate trade and travel.
- In supporting CBP's mission, U.S. Border Patrol is charged with establishing and maintaining effective control of the borders of the United States.





U.S. Customs and Border Protection

- Border Patrol accomplishes this mission through:
 - Physical barriers
 - Surveillance
 - Electronic sensors
 - Aircraft sightings
 - Interpreting and following tracks
 - Traffic checkpoints





Project Overview

- At this time, CBP is in the planning stages for approximately 69 miles of border wall requirements in Webb and Zapata Counties.
- These activities include obtaining rights of entry from landowners that may be within the proposed alignment to conduct real estate and environmental surveys and other planning activities.
- CBP's Fiscal Year 2020 appropriation will fund the construction of these requirements.
- Totalling approximately 69 miles, the mileage by county is divided as follows:

Webb County
Approximately 51 miles

Zapata County
Approximately 18 miles



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Typical Border Wall System





Webb County Overview

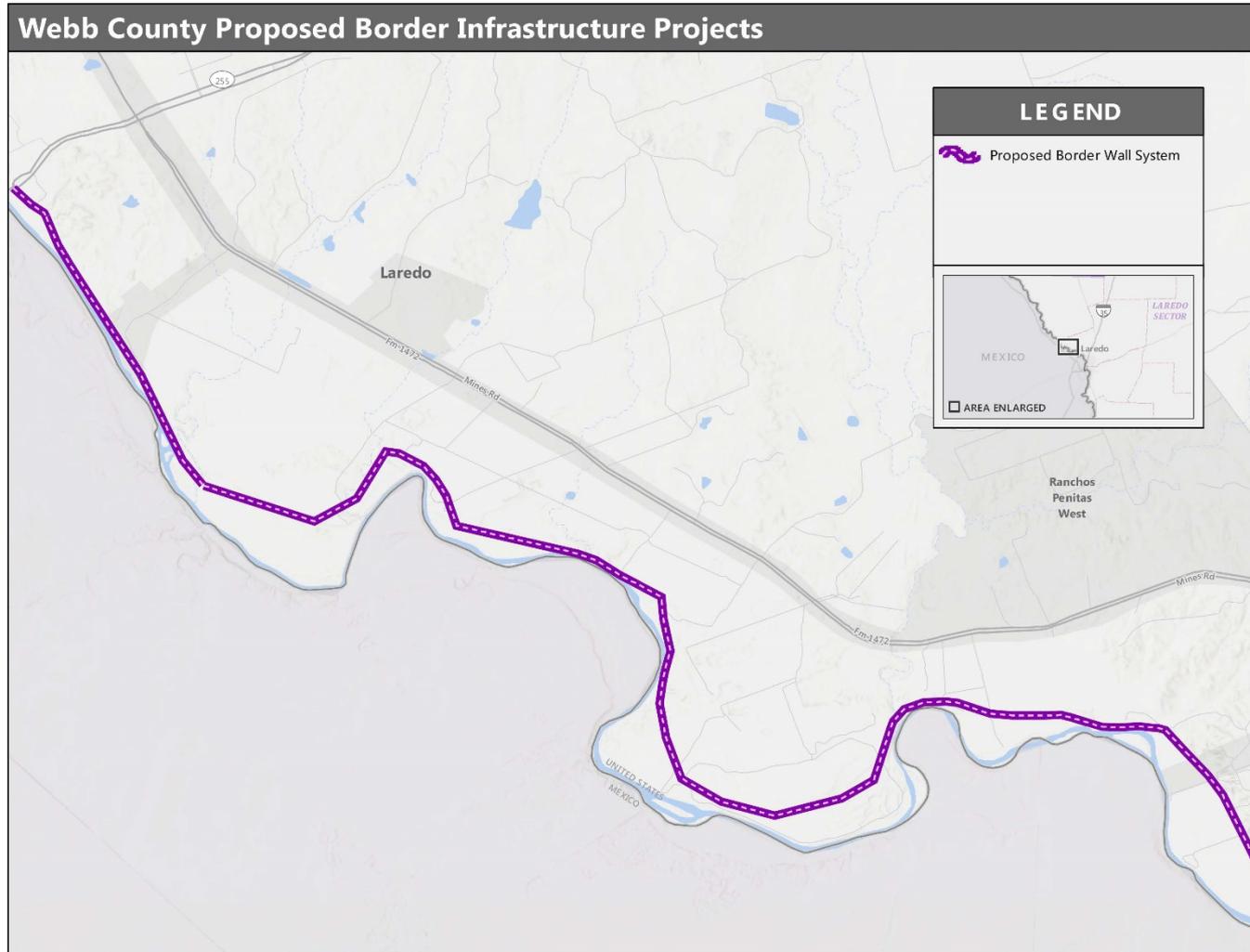
Webb County

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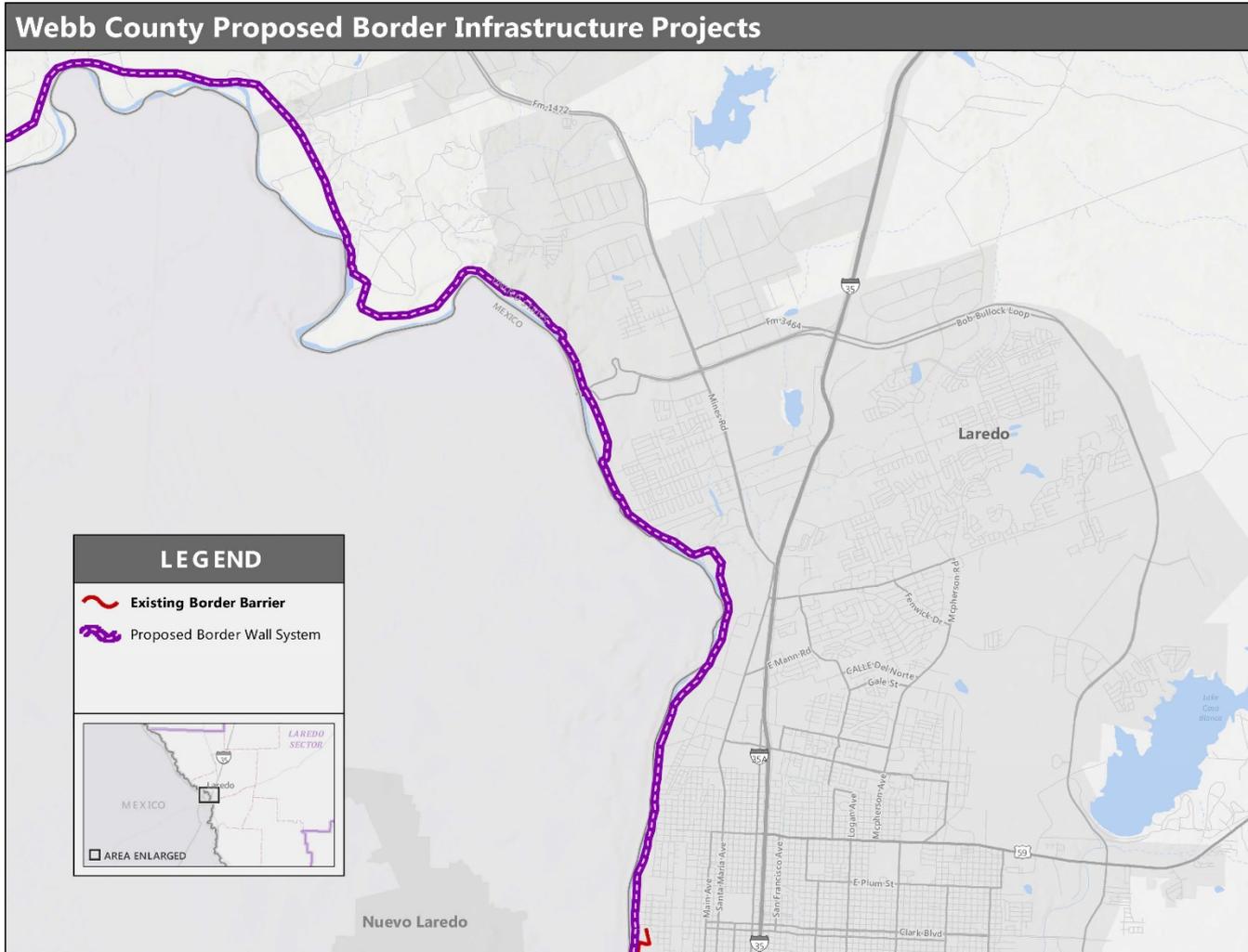


Proposed Alignment in Webb County



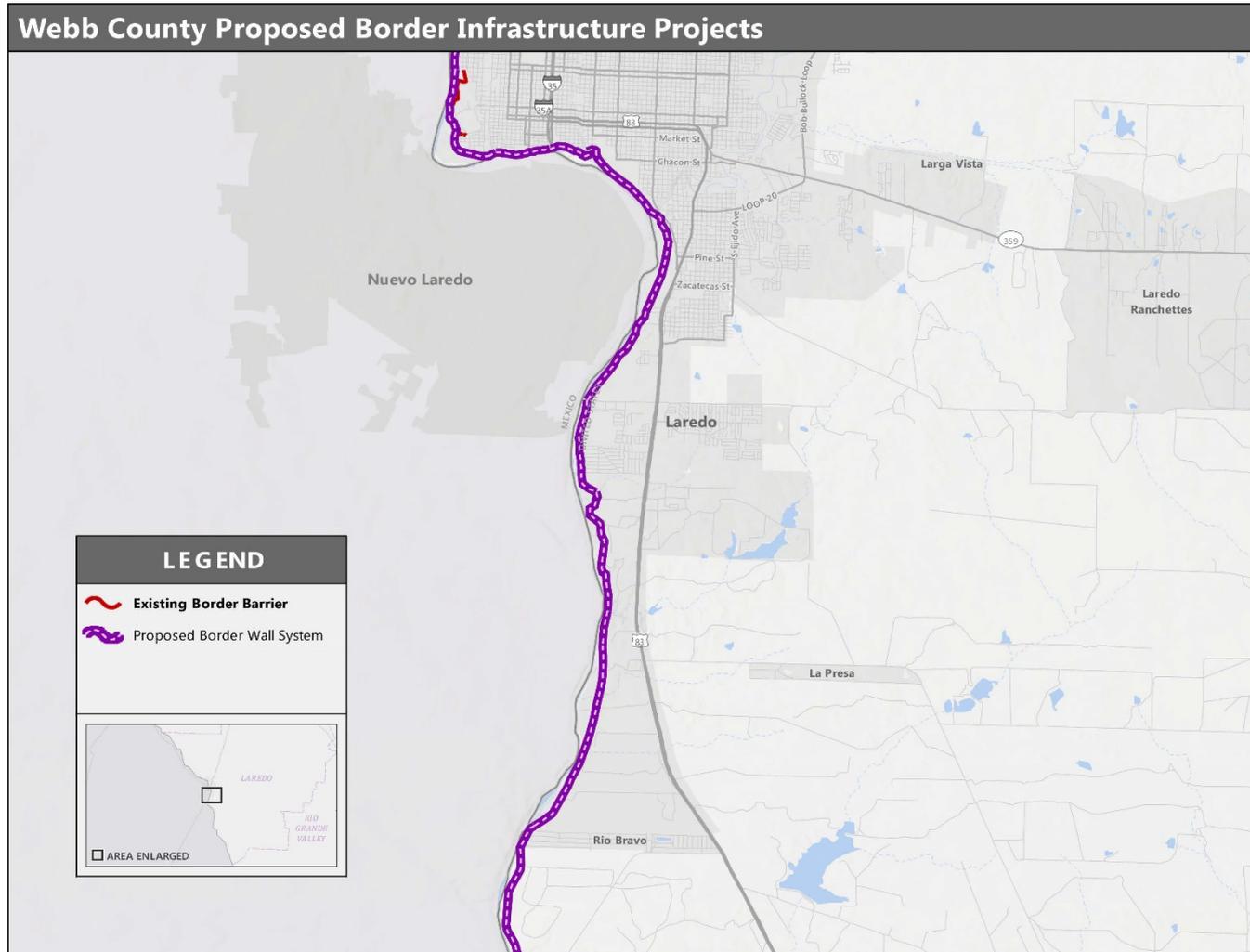


Proposed Alignment in Webb County





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Zapata County Overview

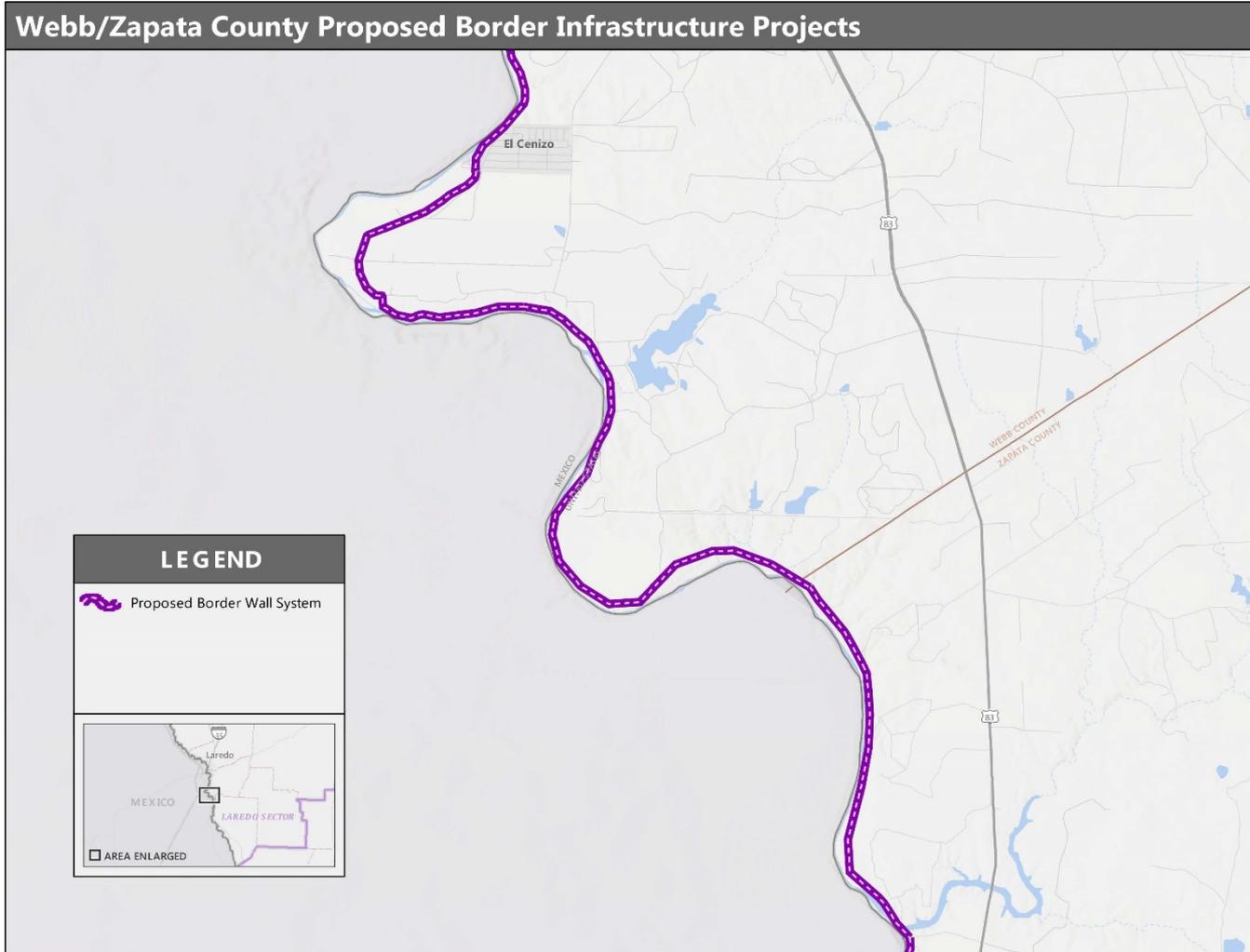
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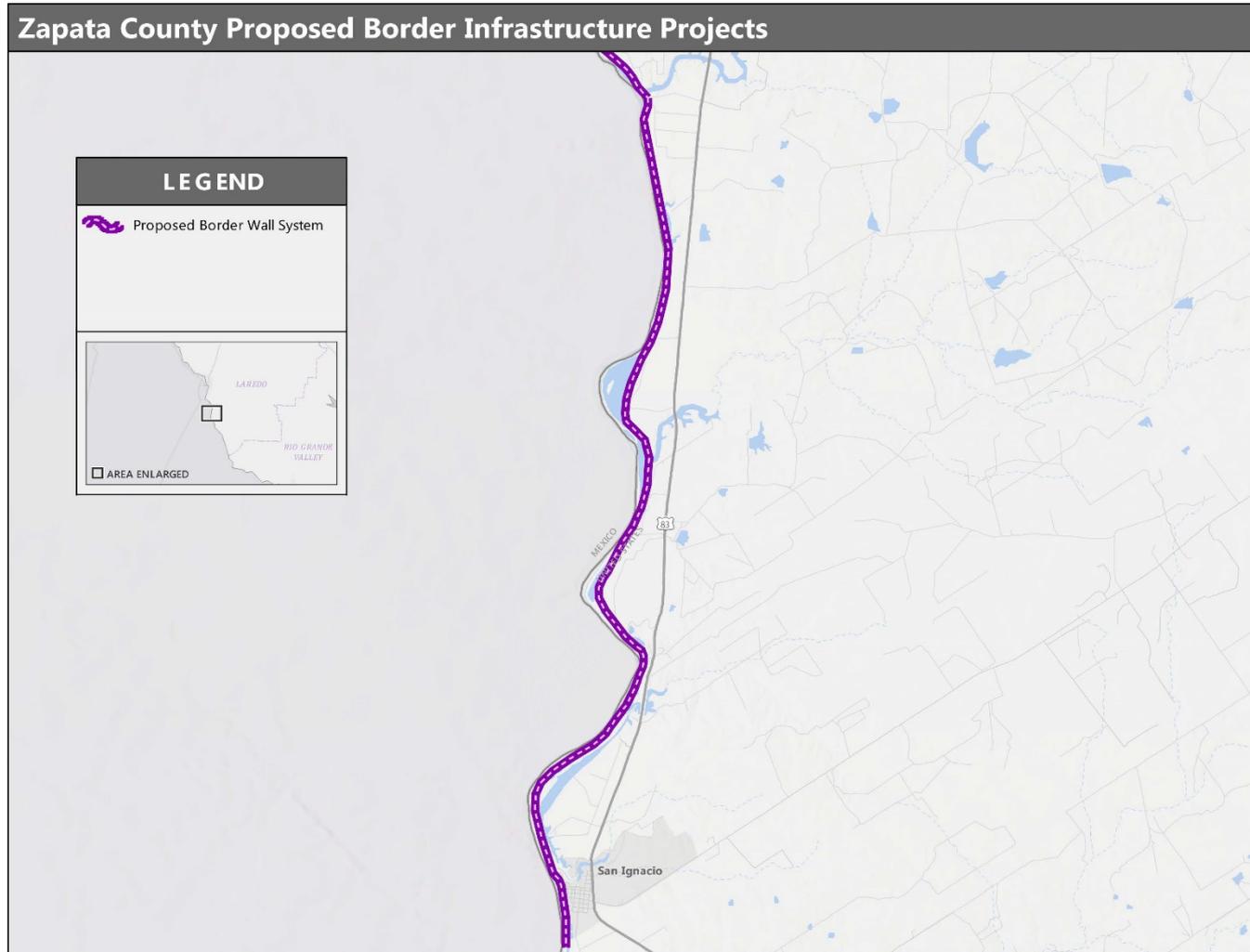


Proposed Alignment in Zapata County





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Environmental Planning

- CBP conducts environmental planning in order to understand the areas of concern related to the proposed border wall system in order to avoid or minimize impacts to the greatest extent possible.
- CBP's environmental planning process is informed by:
 - Existing environmental data.
 - New biological, cultural, and natural resources field surveys.
 - Consulting and coordinating with relevant stakeholders.



Public Input Overview

- Comments should include data or information that could help inform CBP's analysis of potential impacts. Helpful comments are fact-based, and include the following information:

Links to DATA or
RESEARCH

Specific information on
BIOLOGICAL resources

Specific information on
CULTURAL resources

Specific information on
NATURAL resources

- If known, include any state and local restrictions, permitting or other requirements that CBP should consider during project siting, construction, and operation.



How Can the Public Submit Comments?

- Comments about the proposed projects in Laredo are now being accepted until **May 21, 2020**.
- Comments can be emailed to LaredoComments@cbp.dhs.gov. The email should reference “FY20 Laredo Border Wall System Projects” in the subject line.
- Comments can also be mailed to:

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

- Comments received will be part of the public record.



How Can the Public Stay Informed?

- Further information and updates, including Spanish-language materials can be found here: <https://www.cbp.gov/about/environmental-cultural-stewardship/documents/docs-review>.
- Thank You!

