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

• Today’s webinar will be recorded and posted to www.CBP.gov.

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**Presenter Introductions**

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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
- **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.
Border Patrol accomplishes this mission through:

- Physical barriers
- Surveillance
- Electronic sensors
- Aircraft sightings
- Interpreting and following tracks
- Traffic checkpoints
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.

Totaling approximately 69 miles, the mileage by county is divided as follows:

- **Webb County**: Approximately 51 miles
- **Zapata County**: Approximately 18 miles
Typical Border Wall System
Webb County

APPROXIMATELY

51 MILES
Proposed Alignment in Webb County
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Webb County Proposed Border Infrastructure Projects

LEGEND

- Existing Border Barrier
- Proposed Border Wall System

AREA ENLARGED
Zapata County Overview

Zapata County

APPROXIMATELY

18 MILES
Proposed Alignment in Zapata County
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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.
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!