



United States Border Patrol (USBP) Laredo Sector Border Security Projects

Overview: There are many different efforts underway in Laredo in order to secure our Nation's border. This document provides an overview of border security infrastructure projects currently planned or in progress located within the USBP Laredo Sector.

Laredo Roads Improvement (~17 Miles)

- CBP is proposing to upgrade approximately 17 miles of existing patrol roads in Webb County, Texas to improve mobility and accessibility for U.S. Border Patrol Agents operating along the border. This project does not involve the construction of new border barrier.
- The new roads would be a Functional Class-2 (FC-2) all-weather road, which is a two-lane 24-foot wide, unpaved, all-weather road consisting of a surface of imported aggregate material, such as processed stone and gravel. CBP will implement the Rights of Entry for Surveys needed to obtain temporary access to conduct surveys for potential environmental impacts and geotechnical evaluation of the project areas.
- In addition, CBP is gathering data and input from the public, Tribes, and state, local, and federal government agencies that may be affected by, or would otherwise have an interest in, this proposed action. The comments will be used in the development of an Environmental Assessment.
- The public comment periods will take place during Spring 2022 and Summer 2022.

Laredo Remote Video Surveillance System (RVSS) Towers

- CBP is proposing to install 82 new RVSS towers along the U.S.-Mexico border in the Laredo Sector in Webb, Zapata, Duval, Jim Hogg, and LaSalle counties, Texas. Of the 82 towers, 53 would be located in Webb County and 15 would be located in Zapata County.
- The new RVSS towers would allow extended surveillance over larger areas, contribute to agent safety, and increase operational effectiveness as they detect, identify, and classify incursions/illegal entry and resolve the incursions with the appropriate level of response.
- Each 80-foot, relocatable tower will be equipped with a suite of day/night cameras, and communications and support equipment. CBP will work with landowners to evaluate locations and lease property for the towers.

Laredo New Border Barrier Environmental Planning (~69 Miles)

- CBP is conducting environmental planning to analyze the potential impact of construction, operation, and maintenance of approximately 51 miles of new border barrier system in Webb County, Texas and approximately 18 miles of new border barrier system in Zapata County, Texas.
- The proposed border barrier would afford operational control of the border, by providing persistent impedence of illegal cross-border activity. This impedence would allow USBP agents sufficient time to respond to and resolve threats.
- The design of the border barrier could include 30-foot high, six-inch square steel bollards spaced approximately four inches apart and fitted with a five-foot anti-climb plate.
- The border barrier is the planning stage only—border barrier construction and land acquisition are not part of the environmental planning process.
- During the environmental planning process, CBP will implement the Rights of Entry for Surveys required to obtain temporary access to conduct surveys of potential environmental impacts of the project areas.
- In addition, CBP is gathering data and input from the public, Tribes, and state, local, and federal government agencies that may be affected by, or would otherwise have an interest in, this proposed action. The comments will be used in the development of an Environmental Assessment.
- The public comment periods will take place during Spring 2022 and Fall 2022.
- Environmental planning activities for this project, which are funded by DHS's Fiscal Year 2020 appropriation, are in accordance with DHS's Border Barrier Plan.

For more information about the above projects, contact the USBP Laredo Sector Border Community Liaison, Sara Melendez, at SARAH.A.MELENDEZ@cbp.dhs.gov