



February 20, 2019

RE: Environmental Assessment, Laredo Sector Road Improvement Project, Laredo, Texas, Laredo Sector, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security

To Whom it May Concern:

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) plans to upgrade three roads in Webb County, Texas. CBP is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to determine if the proposed upgrade of the three roads will potentially have any significant environmental impacts.

The upgraded all-weather roads will improve mobility and accessibility for U.S. Border Patrol Agents responding to illegal cross-border traffic. The proposed roads are located where the vanishing points for cross-border violators are seconds to minutes.

Two of the roads, D-1 to Tex Mex and Prada Machin Drive to Vela's Pump, are located within the City of Laredo. The Trevino Ranch Road is located approximately 30 miles northwest of the City of Laredo (Table 1 and Figure 1). Figures 2 through 4 provide more detailed information on the location of each road.

**Table 1. Project Components
Laredo Sector Road Improvement Project**

Road Segment Description	Length (Miles)
Trevino Ranch	5.53
D-1 to Tex Mex	0.64
Prada Machin Drive to Vela's Pump	1.07
All Segments	7.24

The EA will analyze the potential for significant adverse impacts and beneficial effects on the environment from the proposed action and alternatives. The EA will evaluate and assess potential impacts to the natural, physical, social environment to include but not limited to:

- Federal and state listed threatened and endangered species
- Water quality
- Air quality
- Archaeological, historic, and tribal cultural resources
- Wetlands/water resources

- Contamination
- People and commerce

CBP is gathering data and input from the public and state and local government agencies that may be affected by, or that would otherwise have an interest in, this proposed action. Your organization's input is sought regarding the likely or anticipated environmental effects of this proposed action. Please include in your response any state and local restrictions, permitting, or other requirements with which CBP would need to comply during project siting, construction, and operation.

Comments and information will be accepted until Friday, March 22, 2019 by email at commentseenv@cbp.dhs.gov or mailed to:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters
Program Management Office Directorate Wall Portfolio
1300 Pennsylvania Ave. 6.5E Mail Stop 1039
Washington, DC 20229-1100

Please reference "Laredo Roads Improvement" in your response.

We will provide your agency with a copy of the Draft EA for your review and comment.

We appreciate your feedback and help with evaluating the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure(s)

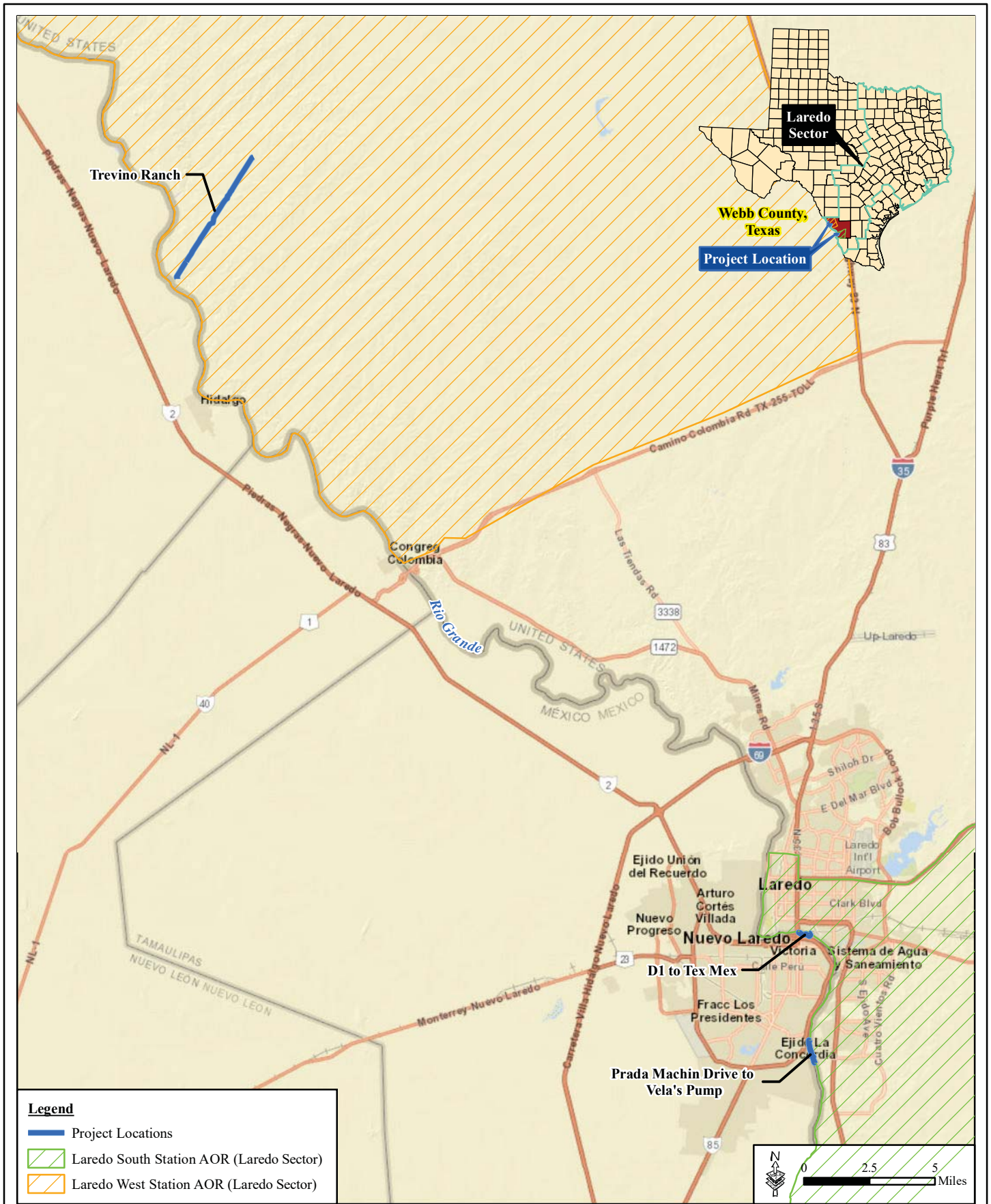


Figure 1. Vicinity Map

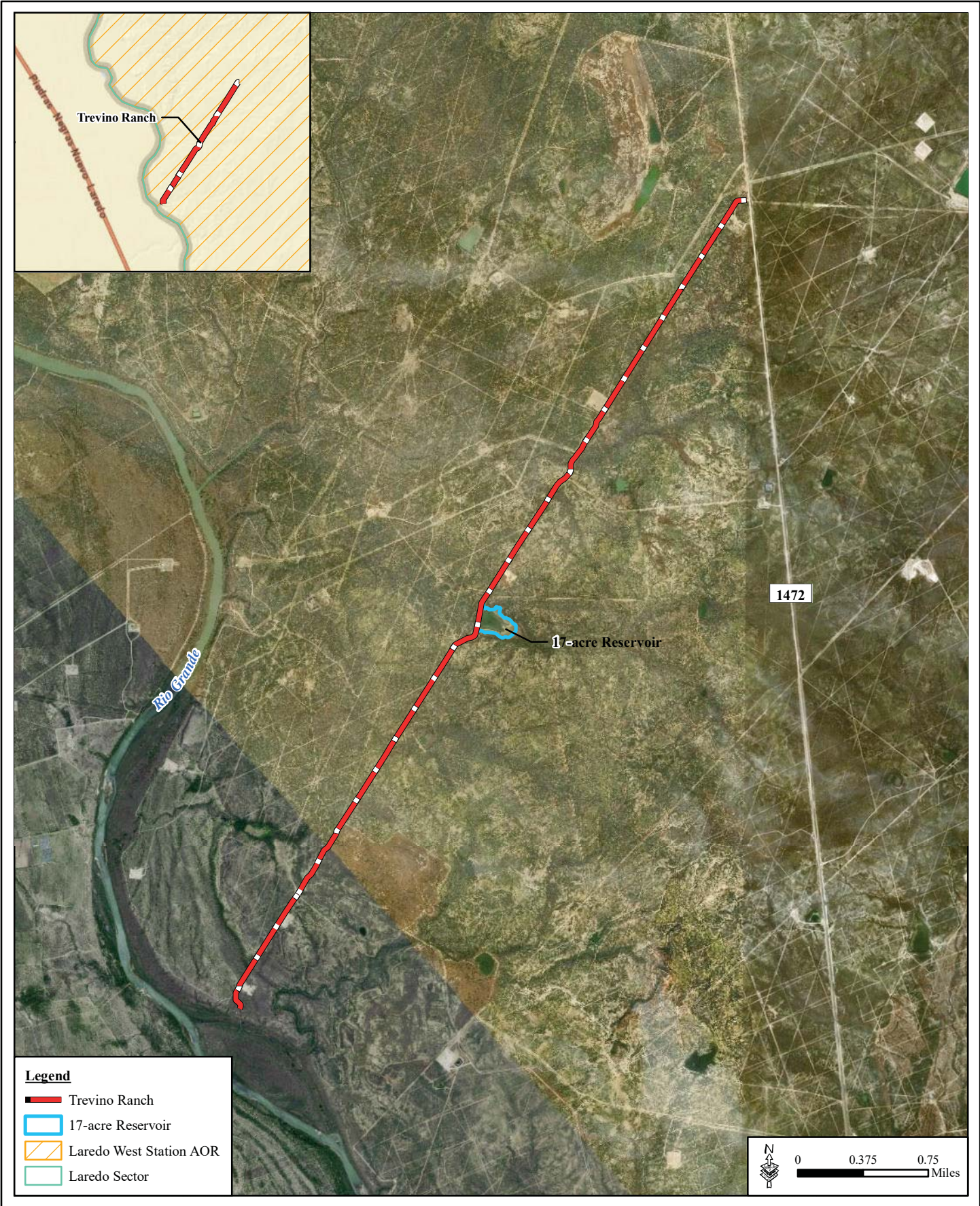


Figure 2. Proposed Road Construction - Trevino Ranch

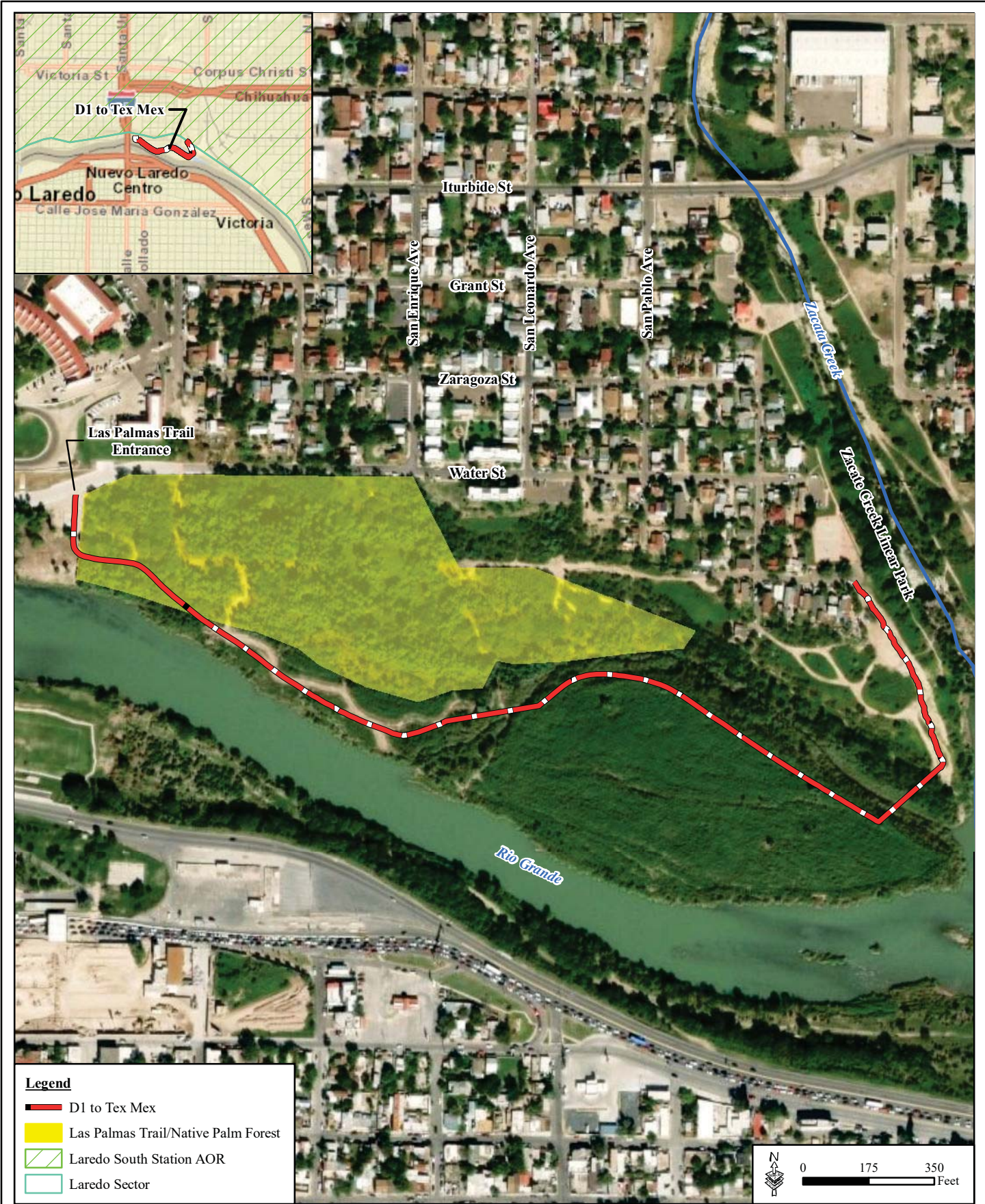


Figure 3. Proposed Road Alignment - D1 to Tex Mex



Figure 4. Proposed Road Construction - Prada Machin Drive to Vela's Pump