



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20229

February 25, 2022

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

To Whom it May Concern:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is evaluating a proposed action to upgrade approximately 17 miles of existing roads in Webb County, Texas. CBP is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to determine if the proposed upgrade of the roads will potentially have any significant environmental impacts.

As part of the proposed action, roads would be improved to Functional Class-2 (FC-2) all-weather roads. An FC-2 road is a two-lane 24-foot wide, unpaved, all-weather road consisting of a surface of imported aggregate material such as milled bituminous material or processed stone and gravel. The upgraded all-weather road would 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. Enclosed maps provide more detailed information on the location of each road.

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 species
- Water quality
- Air quality
- Archaeological, historic, and tribal cultural resources
- Wetlands/water resources
- Contamination
- Culture 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. Per DHS Directive 023-01, Revision Number 01 (Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act), we will provide your agency with a copy of the Draft EA for review and comment.

Comments and information will be accepted until March 28, 2022 by email at LaredoComments@cbp.dhs.gov or mailed to:

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Please reference "Laredo Roads Improvement" in your response.

We appreciate your feedback and help with evaluating the potential impacts of this project.

Sincerely,

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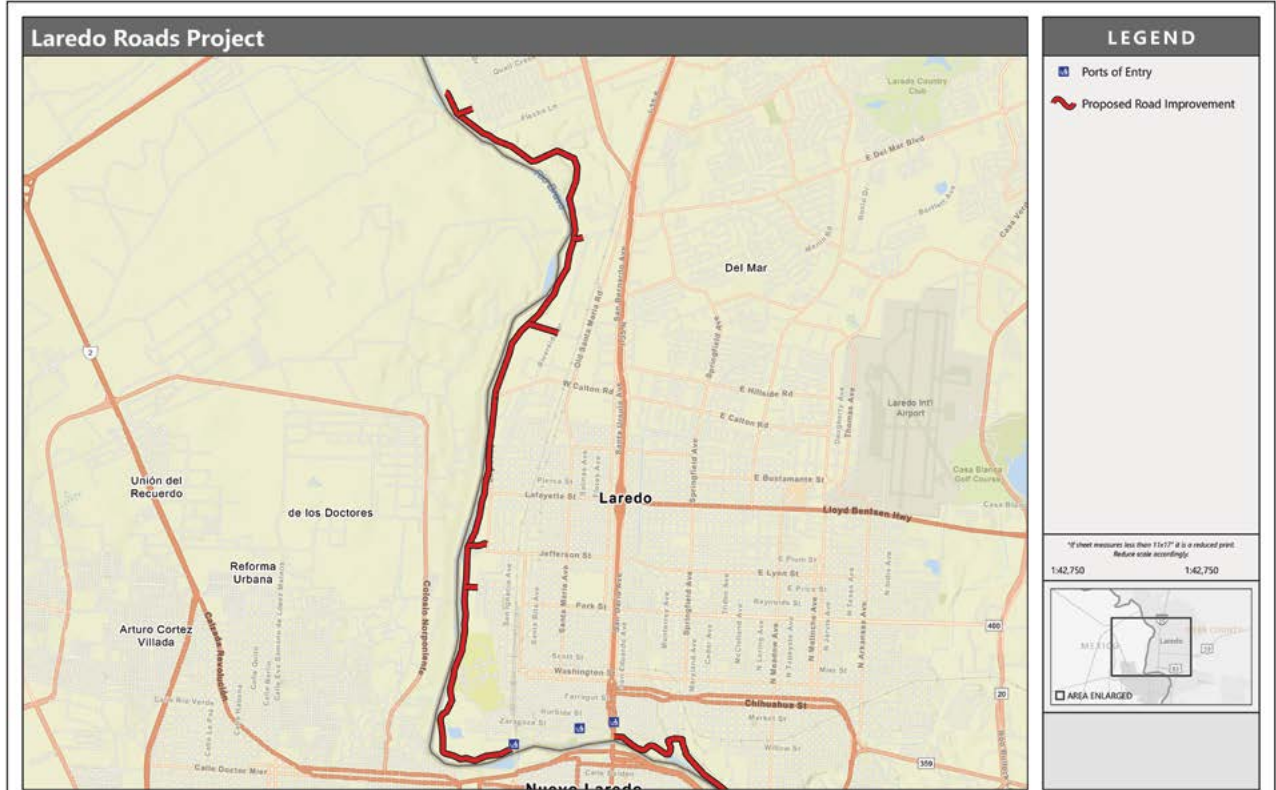
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Enclosure: Laredo Roads Improvement Maps



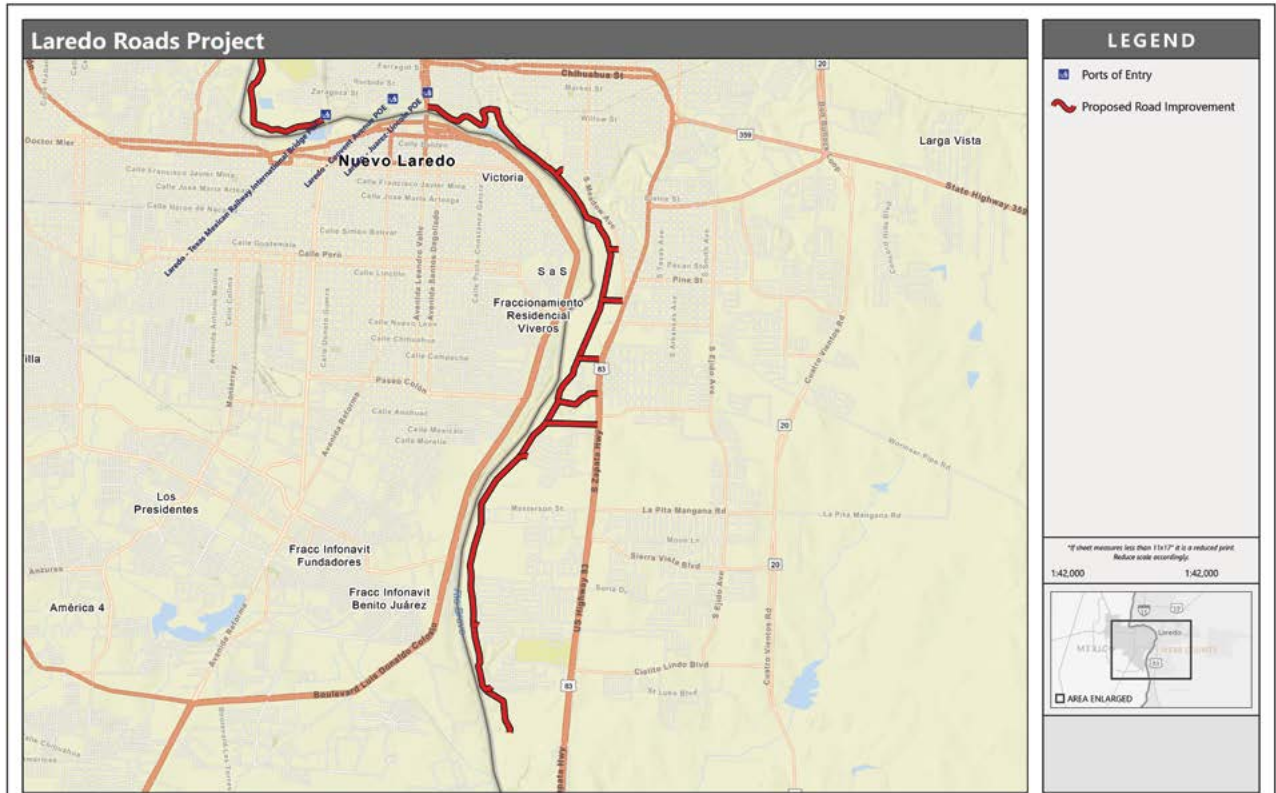
Laredo Roads Improvement Maps

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is evaluating a proposed action to upgrade approximately 17 miles of existing roads in Webb County, Texas. The locations of the roads are detailed in the following maps:



Map Request 760

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