February 21, 2020

RE: FY20 Laredo Sector Border Wall System Projects Request for Input

To Whom it May Concern:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is seeking your input concerning a new border wall system in Zapata and Webb Counties, Texas. CBP is accepting comments until Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

CBP is proposing to design and construct approximately 51 miles of new border system in Webb County, Texas and approximately 18 miles of new border system in Zapata County, Texas. CBP would be responsible for the funding and execution of the projects. The approximately 69 miles of new CBP-funded border wall system in Webb and Zapata County are in addition to any border wall system that is being funded and constructed by the Department of Defense pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2808.

More information about the projects are included in an attachment to this letter. Additional information, including Spanish language materials, is available at the following website: www.cbp.gov/about/environmental-cultural-stewardship/nepa-documents/docs-review.

CBP is seeking your input on potential impacts to the environment, culture, quality of life and commerce, including potential socioeconomic impacts from the approximately 69 miles of CBP-funded border wall system being proposed in Webb and Zapata Counties. CBP will also be conducting environmental site surveys and assessments and is gathering data and input from state and local government agencies, federal agencies, Native American tribes, and landowners that may be affected by or otherwise have an interest in the proposed projects. As the projects progress, there will be additional opportunities for public comment. CBP will prepare environmental planning documents to evaluate potential environmental impacts and make those documents available to the public.

How to Provide Comments

Comments and information will be accepted until Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Comments should include data or information that could help inform CBP’s analysis of potential impacts. Helpful comments are fact-based, include links to data or research, and provide specific information concerning potential impacts to biological, cultural, and natural resources. If known, your response should include any state and local restrictions, permitting or other requirements that CBP should consider.

Specifically, CBP is looking for answers to the following questions:

- Are you aware of threatened or endangered plant or animal species within the area of proposed construction? If so, where?
- Are you aware of recreational activities that take place in the area of proposed construction?
- Are you aware of possible impacts to businesses? Where are those businesses located?
- Are you aware of historical sites or areas of cultural significance located within the area of proposed construction? If so, where?
- Do you foresee your day-to-day activities being impacted by the proposed projects?
• Are you aware of any studies, data or other information available that would aid in the analysis of potential environmental impacts in the proposed project areas?
• Do you have any recommendations for practices the construction contractor should follow to avoid or minimize impacts?

Comments can be emailed to CBP at laredocomments@cbp.dhs.gov. Please include “FY20 Laredo Border Wall System Projects” in the subject of your email. Comments received in response to this letter, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record. If you are providing a comment about a specific area, please specify that in your comment.

You may also submit comments, questions, or concerns to the following address:

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

We appreciate your feedback and help with evaluating the environmental impacts of these projects.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Enclosure: FY20 Laredo Sector Border Wall System Projects Overview
Fiscal Year 2020 Laredo Border Wall System Projects Overview

Proposed Border Wall System for Webb and Zapata Counties

The proposed projects for Fiscal Year 2020 total approximately 69 miles. The mileage by county is divided as follows:

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Enclosed you will find maps showing the proposed locations for the new border wall system. The maps are also available online at: www.cbp.gov/about/environmental-cultural-stewardship/nepa-documents/docs-review

Additional details of the possible components of the project are as follows:

- **Border Wall**— The proposed border wall is 30-feet high utilizing 6” x 6” concrete-filled steel bollards.
- **150-foot Enforcement Zone**— The proposed enforcement zone extends from the south/river side of the border wall system approximately 150 feet and involves clearing all vegetation within the enforcement zone.
- **Gates**— Automated vehicle gates will be installed with a minimum height of 18 feet and minimum width of 20 feet. In addition, gates designed to allow for farming equipment to travel through will be installed where appropriate and range in width from 40 to 50 feet. All gates will be motorized overhead sliding gates.
- **Lighting**— LED lighting will be installed as part of this project. CBP will work with the appropriate stakeholders to develop solutions to avoid excess lighting beyond the enforcement zone.
- **All-Weather Road**— An all-weather patrol road will be constructed on the south/river side, parallel to the border wall system and within the 150-foot enforcement zone. The specific location of the road within the enforcement zone will be determined during the design phase of the project.
- **Cameras**— A camera surveillance system will be installed to monitor the border wall system, the enforcement zone, and southern approach.
Webb and Zapata Counties Proposed Border Wall System Projects

Webb/Zapata County Proposed Border Infrastructure Projects

Legend:
- Existing Border Barrier
- Proposed Border Wall System

Webb County Proposed Border Infrastructure Projects

Legend:
- Proposed Border Wall System