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VIA U.S. Mail and Email

SUBJECT: Notification of CBP Proposed Undertaking – Improvement of Roads in Laredo, Texas

Dear Chairman Barcena:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is writing to notify you of a proposed undertaking involving the improvement of roads in the United States Border Patrol (USBP) Laredo Sector in Webb County, Texas.

Description of Undertaking

The proposed undertaking would involve the improvement of approximately 17 miles of roads in USBP Laredo in Webb County, Texas. The existing roads would be converted to Functional Class-2 (FC-2) all-weather roads. A 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. Maps of the areas of proposed undertaking are included in an attachment to this letter.

Area of Potential Effects

Pursuant to National Historic Preservation Act regulations, 36 C.F.R § 800.4(a)(1) and 800.16(d), the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE) for both above-ground and below-ground and historic or cultural resources is approximately 15 miles long and 50 feet wide. Ground disturbance would be required along the entire length of the road.

Identification and Evaluation of Historic Resources

Through prior cultural resources surveys and a review of cultural resource studies, there are 10 historic or cultural resources or potentially eligible sites for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) that have been identified in the proposed APE:

Site Number ¹	Field ID	Site Type	Eligibility Recommendation
41WB11		Prehistoric; Historic early 19 th to mid-20 th century	Eligible (Historic)

Site Number ¹	Field ID	Site Type	Eligibility Recommendation
41WB12		Prehistoric; mid-19 th century to 20 th century; Anglo-American	Eligible
41WB13		Prehistoric; Historic 20 th century	Undetermined
41WB15		Archaic; Late Prehistoric	Undetermined
41WB16		Prehistoric; Historic late 19 th century to 20 th century	Undetermined
41WB20		Middle Archaic to late prehistoric	Eligible
41WB54		Prehistoric	Undetermined
2003000431	Barrio Azteca Historic District	Mid-19 th century to mid-20 th century	Listed district
2075002011	Fort McIntosh	Mid-19 th century to early 20 th century	Listed district
	Temp Site 262-264	Prehistoric; Historic 19 th century to 20 th century	Recommended potentially eligible

¹ Rows with a blank site number indicate sites which have not been submitted officially to the State of Texas and assigned official State trinomial numbers.

Request for Input

CBP is planning to conduct additional cultural resource surveys in the proposed APE. Additionally, CBP is requesting your assistance in identifying any resources or sites of sacred or spiritual significance to the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas to ensure they are considered as part of CBP’s review of the undertaking. CBP welcomes your input and comments and looks forward to hearing any concerns you may have regarding cultural resources, traditional cultural properties, and sacred sites within the proposed APE. Please respond by March 28, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Barnes at 202-425-1669, michelle.l.barnes@cbp.dhs.gov, or send mail to:

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 U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters
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We also request you provide an electronic copy of your response to Ms. Barnes at michelle.l.barnes@cbp.dhs.gov.

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Laredo Roads Improvement Maps

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