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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:

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## 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:

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

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,
Paul Enriquez  
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Enclosure: Laredo Roads Improvement Maps  

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