

U.S. General Services Administration

BOTALand Port of Entry

Border crossing station in El Paso, Texas

Budget: \$650-\$700 Million



Primary Tenants











Project Overview

The Bridge of the Americas (BOTA) Land Port of Entry was built in 1967. It is located on the international border separating El Paso, TX, and Juarez, Chihuahua, MX. This port connects with the Mexican port of "Cordova" in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, MX. The facility processes privately owned vehicles, pedestrians and commercial traffic. The bridge, one of four border crossings in El Paso, is the only toll-free crossing. Much of the port facility has reached the end of its functional use. Most of the buildings and infrastructure are operating beyond capacity.

Current Status

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is in progress. The EIS will identify, describe, and analyze the potential effects of the proposed alternatives. A draft EIS will be prepared and will be open to public comments. After the final EIS is published, a minimum 30-day waiting period is required before a decision is announced in a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD notifies the public of the decision made on the proposed action and presents the reasons for that decision. No action can be taken until the decision has been made public.

Project Timeline

Planning

Design

Construction

Enhanced Feasibility StudySeptember 2022 - November 2023

Environmental & Site Needs May 2023 - December 2024 Design Award March 2025 Construction Start Date May 2026

Substantial Completion June 2029

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes \$3.4 billion for GSA to modernize and construct land ports of entry along the nation's borders. These projects will strengthen supply chains, create good-paying jobs, enhance safety and security, and serve as models of sustainability.