

## **Appendix B – Public Hearing Summary Report**

# Douglas Land Port of Entry (LPOE) Connector Road Study Summary Report

## 1 Introduction

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has been conducting the environmental review process for the City of Douglas New Commercial Land Port of Entry (LPOE) Connector Road Study in Cochise County, Arizona. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental and State of Arizona laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) pursuant to 23 United States Code (USC) 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated June 25, 2024, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and ADOT.

On October 23, 2024, ADOT released the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Design Concept Report (DCR) for public review. The review period closed on December 9, 2024. This report documents efforts by the study team to provide opportunity for public review of the Draft EA.

## 2 Public Outreach

Beginning on October 23, 2024, the Draft EA and DCR were available to view and download on the study website (<https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/douglas-international-commercial-port-entry-connector-road-study>), and hardcopies were available to review at four repository locations near the study area, as listed below.

### 2.1 Newspaper Advertisements

The team prepared and arranged for paid print advertisements that provided the list of online and physical locations where the public could review the draft EA and DCR in the following publication:

Southern Arizona

- *Herald/Review* - English and Spanish language ad (1<sup>st</sup> ad published October 23, 2024)
- *Herald/Review* - English and Spanish language ad (2<sup>nd</sup> ad published October 30, 2024)

A copy of the tear sheets can be found in Attachment 1.

### 2.2 Earned Media

Three articles and one social media post ran in publications across the study area. The articles gave an overview of the EA and DCR review period.

- *The Trucker Media Group*, "Road to opportunity: Public hearing set for Douglas International Commercial Land Port of Entry Connector road study," October 30, 2024, <https://www.thetrucker.com/trucking-news/business/road-to-opportunity-public-hearing-set-for-douglas-international-commercial-land-port-of-entry-connector-road-study>
- *Land Line*, "Public hearing on new Arizona port scheduled," October 31, 2024, <https://landline.media/public-hearing-on-new-arizona-port-scheduled/>

- *Cochise County – Government*, Facebook post, November 17, 2024, [https://www.facebook.com/story.php/?story\\_fbid=981051604066301&id=100064844104540&rdr](https://www.facebook.com/story.php/?story_fbid=981051604066301&id=100064844104540&rdr)

Copies of the earned media can be found in Attachment 2.

### 2.3 Study Website

The study website, <https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/douglas-international-commercial-port-entry-connector-road-study>, was updated on October 23, 2024, to include the Draft EA and DCR documents for review, along with ways to correspond.

### 2.4 GovDelivery Notices/News Releases

The announcement marking the availability of the Draft EA and DCR and review period was distributed by ADOT on October 30, November 5 and December 6, 2024, via GovDelivery and a news release. The GovDelivery notification was distributed to approximately 9,300 recipients. GovDelivery distributes information to members of the public who have subscribed to GovDelivery notifications. The news release was posted to the ADOT website reminding the public that correspondence was due by December 9, 2024.

A copy of the GovDelivery postings and news releases can be found in Attachment 3.

### 2.5 Repositories

The Draft EA and DCR was made available in the following repositories. Each repository location was provided with printed copies of the Draft EA, Draft EA Appendices and Initial DCR.

#### 2.5.1 General Public

- Douglas – City Manager’s Office, 425 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- Douglas – Public Library, 560 E 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- Bisbee – Cochise County Development Services Building, 1415 Melody Lane, Building F
- Bisbee – Public Library, 6 Main St

## 3 Public Review Correspondence

During the review period, correspondence could be submitted a number of ways, including mail, telephone and online through the following methods:

- Bilingual Project Information Line: 1.888.581.3135
- Study Email: [study@SR80DouglasIPOE.info](mailto:study@SR80DouglasIPOE.info)
- Online Comment Form: <https://tinyurl.com/DouglasLPOERoadStudy>
- Mail: Gordley Group

Attn. City of Douglas Land Port of Entry Study 2540 N.  
Tucson Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716

## 4 Open House and Public Hearing

ADOT held an open house and public hearing at the Douglas Visitor Center from 5 - 7 p.m. on November 19, 2024. The purpose of the event was to provide an overview of the study, alternatives considered for the connector road and the preferred alternative for the location of the connector road to the new

commercial port of entry; answer questions from attendees; and provide an opportunity for formal public comments. Spanish interpretation and materials were made available to attendees.

The event began with an open house portion, followed by a presentation by the project team. The open house and presentation portion lasted from 5 – 6 p.m. At the start of the presentation, a Spanish interpreter let the audience know how to receive interpretation services. Participants were provided information on the public hearing comment process at the end of the presentation before formally beginning the public hearing portion, which lasted from 6 – 7 p.m.

The following team members were presenters:

- Courtney King (ADOT), Community Relations Supervisor
- Robert Lemke (STANTEC), Principal Transportation Professional Engineer
- Don Smith (STANTEC), Environmental Compliance Manager

Public hearing panelists included:

- Donald Huish (Douglas Mayor)
- Luis Pedroza (City of Douglas)
- Jackie Watkins (Cochise County)
- Todd Emery (ADOT)

Thirty-two (32) people were recorded as attending the public hearing.

Transcripts of the formal public hearing are included in Attachment 4. A copy of the presentation can be found in Attachment 5.

A comment resolution form is included in Attachment 6.

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DOUGLAS LAND PORT OF ENTRY (LPOE) CONNECTOR  
ROAD STUDY PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024 | 5 - 7 p.m.  
Douglas Visitor Center | 345 16th St., Douglas, AZ

- 5 - 5:30 p.m.

Open house
- 5:30 - 6 p.m.

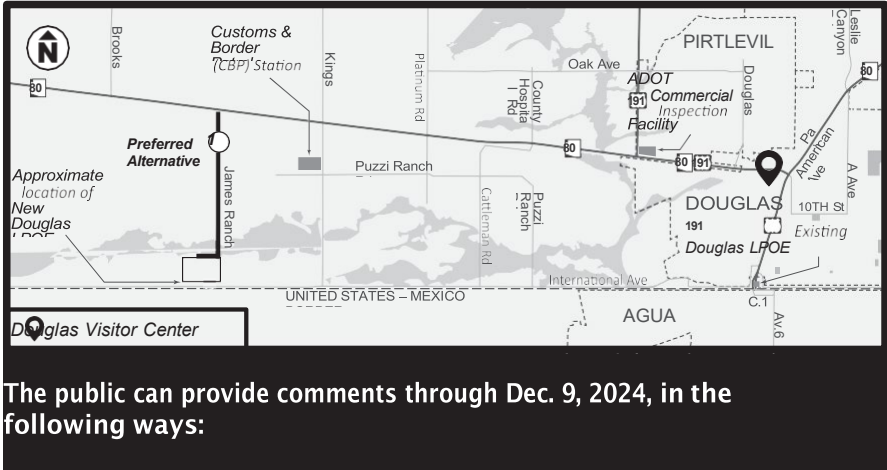
Presentation
- 6 - 7 p.m.

Public comment to hearing panel/open house

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The public hearing materials, draft EA and DCR documents can be viewed on the study website at [azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy](https://azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy). Additionally, printed copies will be available at the City Manager’s Office and the Public Library in Douglas, and at the Cochise County Development Services Building and the Public Library in Bisbee.

The draft EA and DCR will be published and available for public review and comment from Oct. 23, 2024, through Dec. 9, 2024.



- The public can provide comments through Dec. 9, 2024, in the following ways:
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ESTUDIO DEL CONECTOR DE CARRETERAS DEL  
PUERTO DE ENTRADA TERRESTRE DE DOUGLAS  
AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

Martes, 19 de noviembre de 2024 | 5 - 7 p.m.  
Douglas Visitor Center | 345 16th St., Douglas, AZ

- 5 - 5:30 p.m.

Jornada de puertas abiertas
- 5:30 - 6 p.m.

Presentación
- 6 - 7 p.m.

Comentarios públicos al panel de audiencias/jornada de puertas abiertas

El objetivo principal de este estudio es recomendar una ubicación preferida de la carretera conectora que pueda acomodar de manera segura el tráfico de camiones comerciales y proporcionar conectividad desde el segundo LPOE propuesto cerca de Douglas hasta el sistema de carreteras estatales. Se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública en persona para proporcionar una descripción general del borrador del Informe Conceptual de Diseño (DCR, por sus siglas en inglés) y Evaluación Ambiental (EA, por sus siglas en inglés), compartir la recomendación preliminar de ADOT y aceptar comentarios públicos.

Los materiales de la audiencia pública, el borrador de EA y los documentos del DCR se pueden ver en el sitio web del estudio en [azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy](https://azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy). Además, las copias impresas estarán disponibles en la Oficina del Administrador de la Ciudad y en la Biblioteca Pública en Douglas, y en el Edificio de Servicios de Desarrollo del Condado de Cochise y en la Biblioteca Pública en Bisbee.

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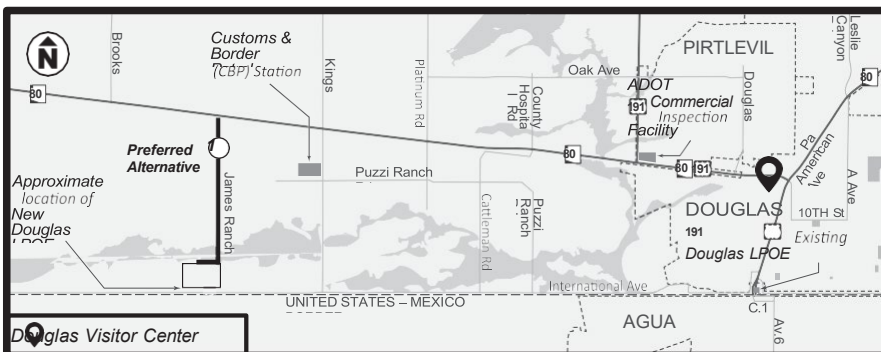
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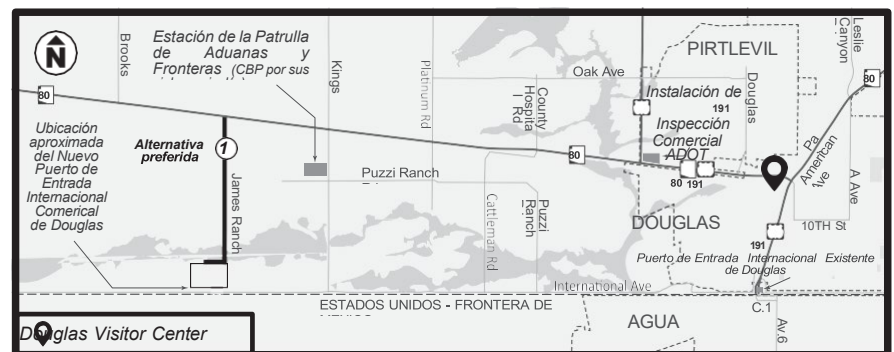
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# Road to opportunity: Public hearing set for Douglas International Commercial Land Port of Entry Connector road study

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A public hearing for Douglas International Commercial Land Port of Entry Connector road study will be held Nov. 19. (Photo courtesy ADOT)

DOUGLAS, Ariz. — The [Arizona Department of Transportation](#) (ADOT) is currently seeking public comments on the recommended location for a connector road between the proposed new Commercial Port of Entry in Douglas to State Route 80 to safely accommodate truck traffic.

According to a department press release, ADOT has released a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Design Concept Report (DCR) identifying the recommended connector road route and will hold an in-person public hearing Nov. 19 to provide an overview of the draft EA and DCR, share ADOT’s preliminary recommendation and receive public comments.

### Public Hearing Details

**When:** Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 5-7 p.m.

**Where:** Douglas Visitor Center, 345 16th St., Douglas, Arizona **Agenda:**

5-5:30 p.m.: open house 5:30-6

p.m.: presentation

6-7 p.m.: public comment to hearing panel/open house

The hearing will include a formal presentation on the study, followed by an opportunity for formal public comment, as well as an open house period for the public to review materials and speak with the study team.

The draft EA and DCR will be available for public review and comment through Dec. 9.

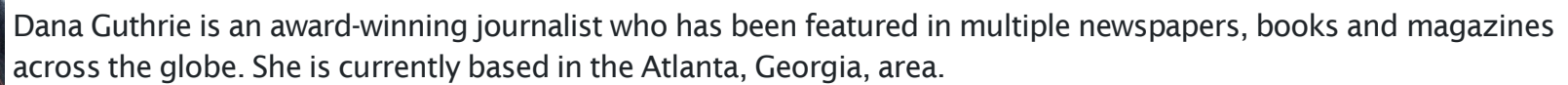
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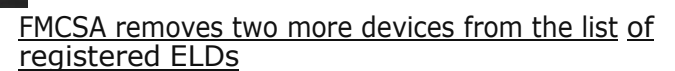
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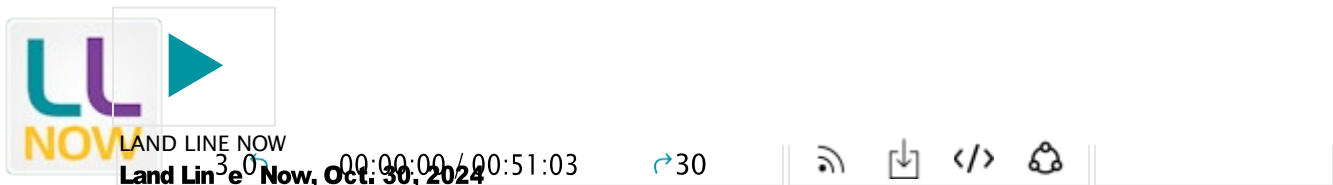
# Public hearing on new Arizona port scheduled

A public meeting regarding the establishment of a larger commercial crossing at the Arizona- Mexico border will be held Nov. 19 at the Douglas Visitor Center in Douglas, Ariz.

The event, beginning at 5 p.m. Mountain Time, will include an open house, presentation and a public comment session. For those unable to attend this event, an online comment form is available online. Comments will also be accepted at 888-581-3135 or [study@SR80DouglasIPOE.info](mailto:study@SR80DouglasIPOE.info) through Dec. 9.

In early October, the U.S. General Services Administration announced a design-build contract for the new Douglas Land Port of Entry, which previously received awards of \$180.3 million and \$92.2 million to increase capacity and facilitate trade and travel between the U.S. and Mexico.

According to the General Services Administration, inbound and outbound trucks are forced to maneuver within an “undersized commercial vehicle inspection compound” at the Raul Hector Castro Land Port of Entry.



“These strategic upgrades are a triple win – generating high-quality jobs that fortify our economy and national security, reducing taxpayer expenses through energy efficiency and paving the way for a more resilient and thriving future for our communities,” GSA Administrator Robin Carnahan said in a statement.

The new port will increase the number of commercial vehicle inspection lanes to four, while commercial vehicle inspection docks will increase from 12 to 36. The processing of oversized mining equipment too large to cross at the Castro port, which is also being upgraded, will be handled at the new Douglas port.

“This project underscores our commitment to border trade, which is the cornerstone of our economic

vitality and future prosperity,” Douglas, Ariz., Mayor Donald Huish said. “By enhancing our infrastructure, we are not only facilitating commerce but also creating jobs and opportunities for our residents.” **LL**

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# PUBLIC HEARING NOV. 19 FOR CONNECTOR ROAD STUDY TO NEW DOUGLAS POE

States News Service

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The following information was released by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT):

Proposed road would link SR 80 to new commercial port of entry west of Douglas

DOUGLAS The Arizona Department of Transportation is holding a public hearing Nov. 19 to discuss the recommended location of a connector road between State Route 80 and a proposed new commercial land port of entry west of Douglas.

The meeting is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Douglas Visitor Center, 345 16th St. in Douglas. The meeting will begin with an open house, followed by a presentation at 5:30 p.m. and then a public comment hearing and continued open house at 6 p.m.

The recommended connector route follows James Ranch Road south of SR 80 to the planned commercial port of entry. That route was identified as part of a draft Environmental Assessment and Design Concept Report.

ADOT evaluated the location of the proposed connector road in partnership with the U.S. General Services Administration, Cochise County, the city of Douglas and other federal, state, tribal and local agency stakeholders.

The GSA has determined a second port of entry is needed west of Douglas for commercial



vehicles to address capacity, congestion and safety issues at the existing Raul Hector Castro Port of Entry in downtown Douglas due to the intermingling of commercial and passenger vehicles with pedestrians. The new port of entry and connector road are intended to reduce congestion in downtown Douglas and improve access, travel times and safety to better serve the economic and transportation needs of the area.

Printed copies of the EA can also be reviewed at the following repository locations:

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Douglas Public Library: 560 E. Tenth St., Douglas

Cochise County Development Services Building and Public Library, 1415 W. Melody Ln., Bisbee

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## **Cochise County - Government**

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### Overview

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in partnership with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), Cochise County, city of Douglas and other federal, state, tribal and local agency stakeholders, is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) and engineering study (Design Concept Report) to evaluate the location of a new proposed connector road from State Route 80 to the planned Douglas Land Port of Entry (LPOE) for commercial vehicles.

The GSA has determined a second port of entry is needed west of Douglas for commercial vehicles to address capacity, congestion and safety issues at the existing Raul Hector Castro LPOE in downtown Douglas due to the intermingling of commercial and passenger vehicles, and pedestrians. The purpose of this study is to identify a preferred route for a new connector road to access the commercial LPOE, which will reduce congestion in downtown

- i** Douglas and improve access, travel times and safety to better serve the economic and transportation needs of the area.

### Recommended Alternative

The study team has identified a recommended alternative route for the connector road, which

- i** follows James Ranch Road south of SR 80 to the planned future commercial port of entry facility.

### Meeting Information and Notices

#### In-Person Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held Nov. 19 to provide an overview of the draft Environmental Assessment and the Design Concept Report (DCR), share ADOT's recommended alternative for a connector road and receive public comments.



#### Public Hearing Info

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Open house: 5:00 p.m. - 5:30

p.m. Presentation: 5:30 p.m. -

6:00 p.m.

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Location: Douglas Visitor Center, 345 16th St., Douglas, AZ 85607

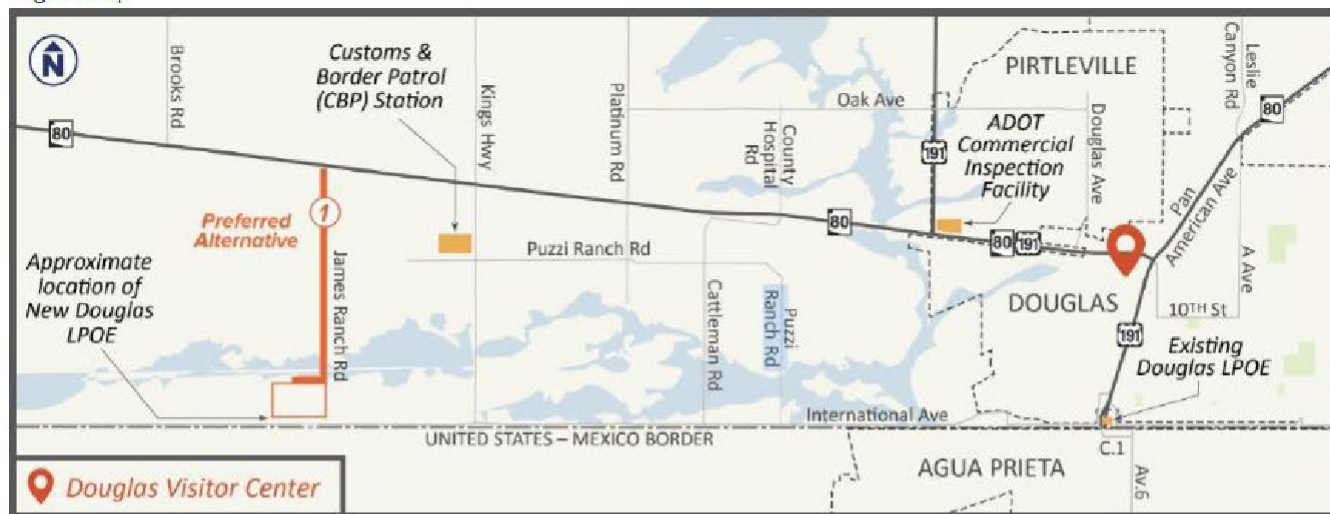
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**Comment period ends Monday, Dec. 9**

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Posted on: November 5, 2024

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The meeting is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Douglas Visitor Center, 345 16th St. in Douglas. The meeting will begin with an open house, followed by a presentation at 5:30 p.m. and then a public comment hearing and continued open house at

6 p.m.

The recommended connector route follows James Ranch Road south of SR 80 to the planned commercial port of entry. That route was identified as part of a draft Environmental Assessment and Design Concept Report.

ADDOT invites the public to review and comment on the draft reports through Monday, Dec. 9, on the study website at [azdot.gov/Douglas/POERoadStudy](http://azdot.gov/Douglas/POERoadStudy).

ADOT evaluated the location of the proposed connector road in partnership with the U.S. General Services Administration, Cochise County, the city of Douglas and other federal, state, tribal and local agency stakeholders.

The GSA has determined a second port of entry is needed west of Douglas for commercial vehicles to address capacity, congestion

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# Douglas Land Port of Entry (LPOE) Connector Road Study

## Summary Report

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Summary Report

Attachment 5  
Presentation

# Douglas Commercial Land Port of Entry Connector Road Study

Initial Design Concept Report and  
Draft Environmental Assessment

Public Hearing

November 19, 2024

Hello, I am Courtney King, a Community Relations Supervisor with the Arizona Department of Transportation. Thank you for joining us for this public hearing for the Douglas Commercial Land Port of Entry Connector Road Design Concept Report and Environmental Study.

Interpretation of the presentation in Spanish is available tonight. If you need interpretation, please see our interpreter, Jessamyn. Jessamyn will repeat this information in Spanish. *(Interpreter will come forward to interpret this portion in Spanish).*

Before we review the agenda for this meeting, I would like to recognize any elected officials or GSA and FHWA officials in attendance tonight. We're looking forward to your comments and questions. If you are interested in providing verbal comments during the formal hearing portion of our meeting tonight, please sign up at the speaker registration table located in the back. After the presentation, we'll provide information for all the methods of asking a question or making a comment. Keep in mind that after this meeting, you can continue to ask questions or provide comments anytime through Dec. 9.

## Agenda

- Hearing Purpose and NEPA requirements
- Study Background, Purpose and Need
- Study Process and Alternatives Considered
- Environmental Analysis Performed
- Preferred Alternative
- Next Steps and Timeline
- How to provide Public Hearing comments

Tonight, we will discuss the following the agenda items:

1. The Hearing Purpose and NEPA Requirements
2. Review the Study Background, its Purpose and Need
3. Discuss the Study Process and Alternatives Considered
4. Provide some basic information on the NEPA Environmental Analysis Performed
5. Present the Preferred Alternative
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7. and explain how to provide Public Hearing comments. After the presentation, we will begin our formal public comment period. For those not giving comments, staff will be available to answer questions during the Open House.

Now I would like to introduce our first presenter Robert Lemke, Principal Transportation Professional Engineer with Stantec.

## Hearing Purpose

- Provide overview of study, purpose and need
- Present the alternatives considered and the preferred roadway alternative that will safely accommodate commercial truck traffic from SR 80 to the new LPOE facility
- Provide overview of environmental considerations
- Provide opportunity for public comments

Thank you, Courtney. The purpose of tonight's public hearing is to provide an overview of the study, alternatives considered for the connector road, the preferred alternative for the location of the connector road to the new commercial port of entry and provide an opportunity for formal public comments.

## NEPA Requirements

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that:
  - Agencies analyze, disclose, avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse environmental impacts for studies with federal involvement
  - Applicable federal agencies review the study's impacts and mitigations documented during the NEPA process
- Environmental Assessment (EA): NEPA document that evaluates potential impacts
- EA describes the need for the proposed action, alternatives developed and environmental impacts of the Preferred Alternative and No-Build Alternative

This study and public hearing is being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, which requires agencies to analyze, disclose, avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse environmental impacts for studies with federal involvement. The study team has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment which describes the need for the study, documents the alternatives considered and evaluated, and addresses the environmental impacts and planned mitigation.

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## Study Background

- 2019: General Services Administration (GSA) identified need for separate commercial and non-commercial Ports of Entry in Douglas
- Commercial Land Port of Entry (LPOE) site was identified approximately 4.5 mi west of existing LPOE



The General Services Administration conducted a study in 2019, which identified the need to separate commercial and non-commercial traffic at the border to improve traffic flow and safety.

As a result of that effort, a new commercial port of entry facility is planned, which will be located 4.5 miles west of the existing Castro Land Port of Entry on an 80-acre site at the intersection of James Ranch Road and the U.S. / Mexico border.

Once construction of the Douglas Land Port of Entry has been completed, commercial operations will move from the Castro Land Port of Entry to the new facility.

The new port would process commercial traffic for the binational region and provide cross-border access between the states of Arizona and Sonora, Mexico.

Our current study evaluated a new connector road to provide connectivity between the new commercial land port of entry and State Route 80.



## Study Purpose & Need

- Support planning by the City of Douglas and GSA by providing a new all-weather roadway connection between SR 80 and the new commercial LPOE
- No all-weather, paved roadway facility between GSA's new commercial Land Port of Entry and SR 80



**Purpose:** The purpose of the ADOT City of Douglas new Commercial Land Port of Entry Connector Road Study is to support planning by the City of Douglas and GSA by providing a new roadway connection to SR 80 from the future Land Port of Entry, and provide improved access for future economic development.

**Need:** Improvements are needed to connect the new land port of entry to the existing transportation system because there is currently no allweather, paved roadway facility between GSA's new commercial Land Port of Entry and SR 80.

## Study Process

- Prepare conceptual engineering options for improvements (Design Concept Report)
- Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate impacts of the options
- Includes a No-Build option in which no improvements are made
- Seek input from the public and affected agencies
- Identify a Preferred Build Alternative that best meets the study purpose, needs, goals and has agency and public support
- Identify Selected Alternative (agency decision)

As part of the study process, ADOT prepared engineering concepts of the options for the connector road as part of the Design Concept Report. We have developed the Initial DCR, which identifies the Preferred Build Alternative.

We also prepared a draft Environmental Assessment to evaluate the various environmental considerations of a new connector road, which are compared to the No Build alternative, which means no improvements would be made.

At previous meetings we presented various alternatives and sought public input. Based on the engineering and environmental analysis and community input, ADOT identified a Preferred Alternative for the location of the connector road and associated improvements that best meets the goals for the study.

We are here tonight to present the Preferred Alternative as part of the draft DCR and EA, and seek comments from the public.

Once we have received public comment, the ADOT study team will

determine the final selected alternative, which represents the agency's decision and will be identified in the final EA and DCR documents.

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## Initial Alternatives Considered

- Alternative 1: James Ranch Road alignment
- Alternative 2: Puzzi Ranch Road alignment
- Alternative 3: Brooks Road alignment
- No-Build Alternative: Do nothing

The map displays three proposed road alignment alternatives (1, 2, and 3) connecting SR 80 to the Proposed IPOE. Alternative 1 is shown in yellow, Alternative 2 in red, and Alternative 3 in purple. The map includes labels for Brooks Road, James Ranch Road, and SR 80. A legend in the bottom left corner identifies the alternatives by color and number. A north arrow is located in the top left corner of the map area.



ADOT evaluated several alignment options for a new connector road between SR 80 and the new Land Port of Entry Facility, located on James Ranch Road and the US/Mexico border. Note that a new road would be constructed to the facility in Mexico, to provide a direct route to the facility for commercial trucks as they cross the border.

- Alternative 1, which is in yellow, shows the new roadway that follows James Ranch Road from SR 80 to the eastern end of the future commercial Port of Entry facility.
- Alternative 2 shown in red is the new roadway from SR 80 to the Land Port of Entry, which would initially follow the James Ranch Road alignment, then continue west on the Puzzi Ranch Road alignment, then south to the new Land Port of Entry, with access to the new Land Port of Entry near the middle of the parcel.
- Alternative 3: Shown in purple shows the roadway from SR 80 along the Brooks Road alignment, then east along the northern edge of the new Land Port of Entry, with access to the new Land

Port of Entry near the eastern end of its parcel.

- The final alternative is the No-Build alternative, which is to do nothing.

Now I would like to introduce Don Smith with Stantec to discuss the Environmental Analysis performed.



## Environmental Analysis

As part of the Draft Environmental Analysis, ADOT evaluated:

- **Air Quality Analysis**
- Biological Evaluations
- Visual Impacts
- **Noise Analysis**
- Water Quality
- All other impacts evaluated

Thanks Rob and hello everyone. As part of the EA, the ADOT study team evaluated various environmental considerations of the alternatives considered and the Preferred Alternative for the connector road. The two items you see in bold, we'll come back and speak to in a moment.

- For biological evaluations, field surveys were conducted for threatened and or endangered species and Arizona native plants. There will be no species impacts. Some native plants will need to be relocated.
- In terms of visual impacts, field surveys were conducted to characterize the visual setting of the study area. Minor impacts will occur because where the roadways will be constructed will change the visual setting to a slight degree, but not significantly. There will be greater impact to visual setting from future land development in the study area.

- For water quality, potential minor impacts from erosion and stream flows will be mitigated to meet the water quality standards of the state and federal agencies.

## **Environmental Analysis (cont.)**

### **Air Quality Analysis**

- A study level and regional transportation air quality conformity analysis was prepared per EPA requirements.
- The study is not expected to have a negative impact on air quality.
- A technical report documenting this analysis is included as Appendix A in the Draft EA.

A conformity analysis determined that this study will not have a negative effect on air quality. EPA, FHWA and ADEQ reviewed the conformity analysis per regulations. Local analysis indicated the study is not a study of air quality concern.

A technical report documenting this analysis is included as Appendix A in the Draft EA that can be found on the study website and at repository locations that we'll share later in our presentation.

## **Environmental Analysis (cont.)**

### **Noise Analysis**

- A noise analysis was conducted following federal guidelines and ADOT's current Noise Abatement Requirements.
- Noise barriers were evaluated but are not warranted based on ADOT Noise Policy and federal guidelines.
- See Draft EA Noise Section and Appendix F.

The noise analysis was conducted on both SR 80 and James Ranch Rd. where sensitive receptors (homes) are present. The analysis determined that barriers are not needed as Noise Abatement Criteria were not exceeded on the Preferred Alternative.  
Now back to Robert.



## Preferred Alternative for Connector Road



The study team has identified the preferred Alternative route for the connector road to the new Commercial Land Port of Entry facility, which is shown on this map and generally follows the existing James Ranch Road alignment. The Land Port of Entry facility will be located immediately west of James Ranch Road and north of the U.S.- Mexico border.

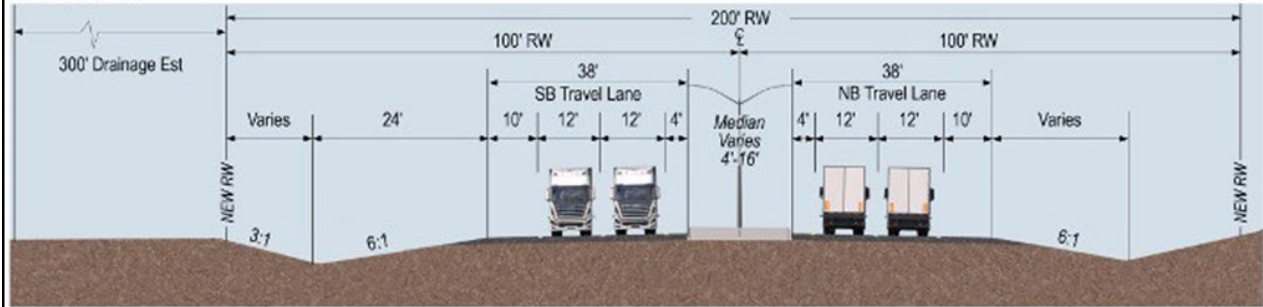
Commercial traffic from Mexico would travel on a new road constructed in Mexico that will connect directly into the Land Port of Entry facility, diverting commercial vehicles away from the existing Raul Hector Castro Port of Entry in downtown Douglas.

Access to the new land port of entry for commercial truck traffic entering on the US side from the north will occur beginning at the intersection of State Route 80 and James Ranch Road and will follow the road south to the LPOE facility.

It is anticipated that the Connector Road would include two roundabouts to access the LPOE and a separate lane for workers to access the facility.

## Preferred Alternative Cross Section

JAMES RANCH ROAD (ULTIMATE)  
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The Preferred Alternative Cross-Section consists of two 12-foot lanes in each direction with a 4-foot inside and 10-foot outside shoulders as shown in the exhibit.

## Preferred Alternative Findings

### Right-of-Way and Easement Requirements

- Connector Road Construction will require:
  - 200 feet of new right-of-way
  - A 300-foot wide drainage easement west of connector road
- Approximately one dozen partial property impacts and potentially one potential full-property acquisition anticipated



The Preferred Alternative will require 200 feet of new Roadway Right-of-Way and 300 feet for a Drainage Easement on the west side of the connector road.

Partial property impacts to approximately one-dozen parcels and potentially one-full property acquisition are anticipated.

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## Project Funding

- Project construction is included in ADOT's FY25-29 Five Year Program for design, right-of-way and construction.
- Anticipate a combination of federal and ADOT funding.
- ADOT is seeking a federal grant for additional construction funding.

The connector road project is included in ADOT's FY 2025-29 Five Year Program for Design, Right-of-Way, and Construction.

It is anticipated that both federal and state funding will be used for the project design and construction, which is expected to cost approximately \$49 million. Due to the large project costs, ADOT has applied for funding grants.

## Next Steps and Timeline

### Study Timeline



This graphic shows the study schedule, moving from left to right.

The study started in January 2023, with an exploration of various options for the connector road. ADOT conducted public meetings in April 2023 and August 2023 to seek public input regarding the scope of the study and alternatives being considered for the connector road.

The study team evaluated and narrowed the alternatives to a preferred alternative, and prepared the draft environmental assessment and design concept report. These reports, along with the preferred alternative are presented here tonight. Following the close of the comment period on December 9th, the study team will review and address all comments from the public and agencies.

ADOT, in coordination with its study partners, will select the final alternative, which will be identified in the final EA and DCR documents and released to the public as the final decision for the study.

Thank you. At this time, I'll pass it back to Courtney to close the presentation and start the formal public hearing.

## **Availability of Draft EA/DCR Documents for Review**

The City of Douglas Connector Road Draft EA and Initial DCR documents are available for review through 12/9/2024 in the following locations:

- Study website: [Azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy](https://azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy)
- Local repository locations:
  - Douglas City Manager's Office: 425 E. Tenth St., Douglas, AZ 85607
  - Douglas Public Library: 560 E. Tenth St., Douglas, AZ 85607
  - Cochise County Development Services Building and Public Library: 1415 W. Melody Ln., Bisbee, AZ 85603

The Douglas commercial LPOE draft EA/DCR documents are available for review through December 9, 2024 at the following locations:

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And these documents are also available to review tonight in the Open House and also on the Study website:  
[Azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy](https://azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy)

## How to Comment

Commenting deadline is **December 9, 2024**

- Tonight's hearing:
  - Provide verbal comments to a panel of study team members
  - Privately submit comments directly to a court reporter
  - Submit written comments on a comment form
- **Online:** [Azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy](https://azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy)
- **Email:** [study@SR80DouglasPOE.info](mailto:study@SR80DouglasPOE.info)
- **Call:** 1.888.581.3135
- **Mail:** Attn. Douglas Land Port of Entry Connector Road Study  
Gordley Group  
2540 N. Tucson Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716

Your input is important, and we appreciate you taking the time to learn more about the study and provide your feedback. The presentation along with all the materials provided tonight can be found on the study website at [Azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy](https://azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy). You can continue to view information about the study and submit additional questions or comments. If you don't have computer access, please contact us at 1.888.581.3135. As a reminder, comments are being accepted during the comment period through Dec. 9, through the following options:

You may submit written comments on a comment form here tonight or online at [azdot.gov/Douglas IPOERoadStudy](https://azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy)

You may submit a comment via email at [study@SR80DouglasPOE.info](mailto:study@SR80DouglasPOE.info)

You may submit a comment over the phone at 888.581.3135

And you can send your comment via US mail to Attn. Douglas Commercial Land Port of Entry Connector Road Study  
Gordley Group 2540 N. Tucson Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85716

## **Public Hearing Comment Process**

- Complete a registration card
- When your name is called, approach the microphone
- Provide comment to the panel
- Commenters will have a four minute time limit
- The panel is not able to respond to comments
- Questions should be directed to the study team during the open house

We will now begin the Public Hearing, where you can give your formal public comments verbally. A reminder that if you would like to provide a comment to our panel, please register at the speaker registration table. Speakers will be called in the order they registered. When it is your turn to speak, please state your name and speak clearly for our court reporter. Once it is your turn, you will have four minutes to provide your comments.

Our panelists tonight include: Todd Emery from ADOT, Jackie Watkins from Cochise County, Luis Pedroza from the city of Douglas and Donald Huish from the city of Douglas

Please be aware, our panel is not allowed to respond to any comments or questions. If you have a question or would like clarification on anything, please head to the Open House area where you can have those discussions with members of our study team. All formal Comments provided by the public will be responded to in the hearing comment summary.



## Douglas Commercial Land Port of Entry Connector Road Study

**Thank you for attending!**

Thank you for attending the public hearing.