

Appendix D – Public Meeting Comments and Responses

**CITY OF DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL PORT OF ENTRY (IPOE) CONNECTOR
ROAD STUDY – MEETING MINUTES
ADOT Project No. F0534 01L
Federal Project No. 999-A(561)T**

Agency Scoping Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2023; 1:00 pm

Attendees:

- Sharon Gilman, Cochise County
- Jackie Watkins, Cochise County
- Daniel Coxworth, Cochise County
- Luis Pedroza, City of Douglas
- Elise Moore, City of Douglas
- Jennifer Smith, City of Douglas
- J.D. Rottweiler, Cochise College
- Kraig Fullen, Douglas Police Department
- Kevin Lomeli, Douglas Fire Department
- Tazeen Dewan, ADOT
- Sarah Karasz, ADOT
- Nanette Pageau, Kaneen
- Millie Pageau, Kaneen
- Letitia Flores, Kaneen
- Rob Lemke, Stantec
- Don Smith, Stantec

Rob Lemke convened the meeting at 1:10 pm at the Douglas Visitors' Center by asking the attendees to introduce themselves. He then indicated the purpose of the study is to develop and evaluate alternatives to provide a connector road between the new Douglas commercial POE and SR 80. The study is needed because an all-weather roadway does not exist between the proposed POE and SR 80. The goal of the study is to recommend a preferred connector road location and typical section that can safely accommodate the future commercial truck traffic.

Rob then provided an overview of the study process, as presented on the fact sheet handout, and described the current study status.

- Traffic: A traffic report has been prepared and is being reviewed by ADOT. The report evaluated alternatives for the SR 80/connector road intersection. A stop sign will not work efficiently. Options include a signalized intersection and a roundabout. A future traffic interchange may be warranted.
- Hydraulics: A report addressing the drainages in the study area has been prepared and is under review by ADOT.
- Environment: Field studies regarding biological, cultural, and visual resources, hazardous materials, and air quality/noise are in process.
- Public Meeting: The agenda for the evening meeting was described, and the timeline for the study was presented. Alternatives will be developed based on our

studies and research, and they will be presented to the agencies and public at another meeting this summer. A recommended alternative will be presented in a meeting during the Winter 2024.

Rob indicated there is a concurrent utility project by the City of Douglas to provide power, water, sewer, and broadband service to the new IPOE. Jackie Watkins, Cochise County, asked if the utilities will be placed in the connector road right-of-way (ROW) and indicated she did not want them located under the road. Rob replied the proposed 200-foot-wide ROW for the connector road will accommodate the utilities.

Luis Pedroza (City) and Kraig Fullen (Douglas PD) asked about the connection to SR 80 and expressed concerns about the ability to expand roadways as traffic volumes increase. Rob indicated:

- The typical section at each end of the connector road will expand to accommodate projected traffic volumes.
- Turn lanes to and from SR 80 will be provided.
- Additional ROW along SR 80 will be identified to accommodate an increase in traffic volumes and limit impacts on future development.
- The team will evaluate needs for additional ROW and lanes as a part of the design concept study.

Daniel Coxworth (Cochise County): Will restricted access occur along the connector road and will frontage roads would be considered? He suggested that the team review truck volumes at the Nogales POE to determine if any truck traffic could be diverted to the new Douglas POE.

- Access would depend on potential development along the connector road.
- The team will investigate a potential for truck diversions from Nogales to Douglas.

Jackie Watkins and Luis Pedroza suggested investigating how the San Luis POE accommodated traffic as growth rates vary between POEs.

Jackie Watkins: Are any considerations or studies being done to determine what type of improvements will be needed on SR 191?

- Traffic analyses from this study may result in a separate 191 study in the future.

Luis Pedroza: Is ADOT waiting for GSA's POE configuration? YES.

Daniel Coxworth: There currently are separate federal and state inspection stations. Will unified inspections occur?

- GSA and ADOT are discussing this topic to determine if this will occur.

J.D. Rottweiler (Cochise College) expressed concerns about traffic issues at the College during rush hour, especially if trucks cause backups, and if traffic diversions from other POEs would compound the problem.

- It will depend on whether the trucks will enter SR 80 all at once or if they will stop at warehouses along the connector road.

Kraig Fullen mentioned the possibility of commercial traffic getting priority in roundabouts which is being considered by the legislature.

Daniel Coxworth: Will a diverging diamond interchange be considered at SR 80? What was the invitation coverage for the public meeting?

- The diverging diamond interchange is not being considered now as we are still reviewing traffic projections.
- Invitations were sent to residents and businesses 2 miles outside the project study area shown on the area map on the wall.

Luis Pedroza: The City of Douglas has received funding for an environmental evaluation of the utility work associated with the new POE. Are you aware of this parallel study?

- We are aware of it and will be coordinating with that study team as our respective studies progress.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 pm.

City of Douglas International Port of Entry Connector Road Study

Public Meeting #1 Summary

April 27, 2023

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1. Introduction

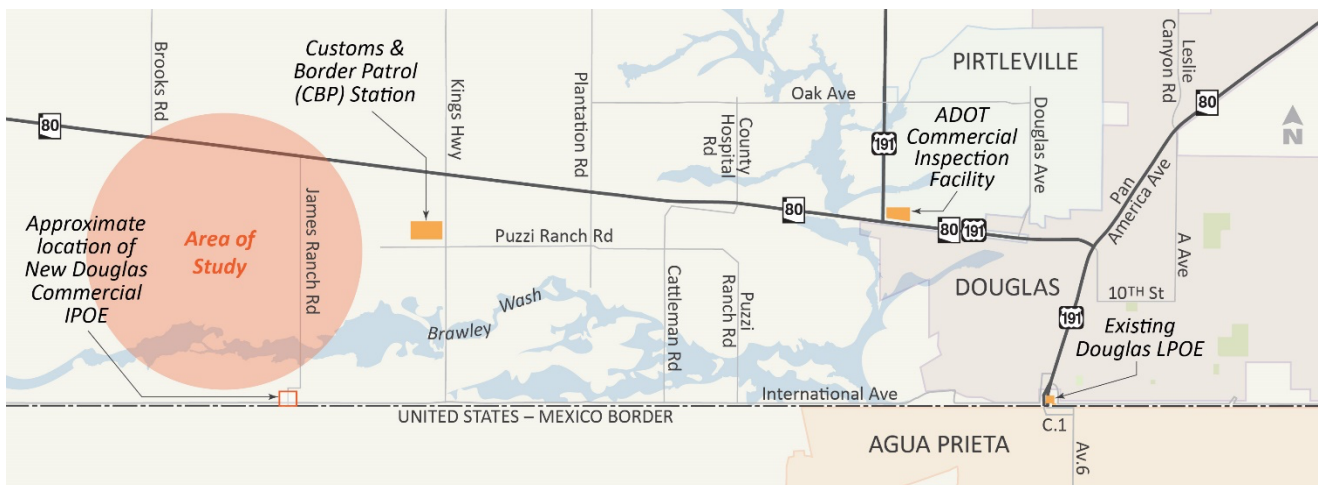
Project Overview

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Cochise County, City of Douglas and other federal, state, and local agency stakeholders, will focus on developing a Design Concept Report and an Environmental Assessment to study improvements that would provide connectivity from the proposed second international POE near Douglas to the state highway system – State Route 80.

Major project elements include:

- Engineering study that includes evaluating three (3) alternatives of the connector road and a no-build alternative.
- Preparation of a Design Concept Report (DCR) with results from above study and a recommended alternative.
- Preparation of an Environmental Assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

Figure 1: Project Area Map



2. Public Meeting #1

ADOT hosted a public meeting on April 27, 2023, from 4-6 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information on the project's purpose and need, as well as the timeline for the study and what residents could expect in the coming months. The meeting also provided opportunities for the public to ask questions and make comments.

Spanish speaking team members were available to converse with members of the public if necessary and all materials were prepared in English and Spanish. A total of 55 community members, elected officials, and others attended the public meeting. Project team members and staff from the City of Douglas were also in attendance.

A short presentation was given to attendees at 5:15 and was followed by an open Q&A session for individuals to ask questions to the project manager, as well as Mayor Huish, who was in attendance.

2.1 Public Meeting Notification

2.1.1. Project Website

The project website provided a project overview, including a list of the project elements, a timeline, the public meeting date with instructions on how to participate in the public meeting, project fact sheets in English and Spanish, a link to an online comment form and information on the ways to ask questions or make comments. All the materials related to the public meeting were posted to the project website, including:

- Public meeting information and location of meeting
- Public meeting materials (English and Spanish)
- Title VI/Civil Rights information

Copies of the public meeting materials posted to the website are included in Appendix B.

2.1.2 Govdelivery and Emails

Information for the public meeting was distributed on April 25, 2023 via Govdelivery. A copy of the Govdelivery notices can be found in Appendix A.

2.1.3 News Release

ADOT Public Information staff distributed a news release about the meeting to media outlets on April 25, 2023. A copy of this news release can be found in Appendix A.

2.1.4 Social Media

The City of Douglas posted meeting notices to their Facebook account on April 21 and 24, 2023. Cochise County posted meeting notices to their Facebook and Twitter accounts on April 7, 26, and 27, 2023. A copy of these posts can be found in Appendix A.

2.1.5 Direct Mailers

Direct mailers in English and Spanish were sent to all residential and business properties (106 total) two miles outside of the project study area, as well as an additional list that included elected officials in the Cochise County and City of Douglas area. The direct mail 8.5 x 11" flyer included information about the project, where to attend the public meeting and how to provide comments. The mailers were sent twice. The first on March 27, 2023 and the second time on April 19, 2023. A copy of the direct mailer can be found in Appendix A.

2.1.6 Earned Media

News stories about the public meeting ran on Fox 11 News and KOLD 13 news on April 24 and April 26, 2023. A picture of the news story about the meeting can be found in Appendix A.

2.1.7 Project Contact List

Project staff developed a project stakeholder list, which includes elected officials, property owners, and other neighborhood contacts in the project area. As the project is almost five miles outside of the more populated area of the City of Douglas, the stakeholder list is small. Additionally, a mailing list of property owners and businesses within 2 miles outside of the study area was obtained directly by the mailing house. A larger mailing list of all properties within a mile of the intersection was used for the project mailer and obtained directly by the mailing house. A list of those properties was not provided to ADOT by the mail house, they were provided to the communications team at Kaneen Communications to use for sending the direct mailer. The project contact list was expanded to include attendees at the Public Meeting who signed in, provided their email addresses, and agreed to being updated throughout the project.

3. Public Meeting

The meeting was hosted in person at the Douglas Visitor Center from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., with a formal presentation beginning at 5:15 p.m. Team members fluent in Spanish were present for those who needed translation throughout the meeting. The meeting featured two large project maps that showcased the area of study, participants were encouraged to write and comment on the map, as well as approach project team members directly if they had questions. The formal presentation was given verbally by Stantec project manager Robert Lemke. He explained the purpose and need for the project, shared with the public the area of study that the team was reviewing, and explained the reports and analysis required to establish alternatives. Participants were able to ask questions following the presentation. Participants asked questions regarding utilities, design progress on the Mexican side of the border, updates to other roads, and how the final connector road would be chosen. Key project team members attended the meeting, including: ADOT Project Manager Tazeen Dewan, Consultant Project Manager Robert Lemke (Stantec) and Environmental Manager Don Smith, ADOT Community Relations Project Manager Courtney King. Additional ADOT and consultant staff were present to assist in facilitating the meeting and Q&A session. Participants were notified that comments and questions about the project could also be submitted during the formal public comment period through email, telephone, mail or online. Participants were notified that all project related materials, including the presentation, were available online.

3.1 Public Meeting Materials

A variety of meeting materials were made available to the public at the meeting and online following the meeting. These public meeting materials can be seen in Appendix B and include:

- Fact sheet
- Comment form
- Anonymous Self-Identification Survey (Appendix B)

3.1.1 **Presentation**

The presentation covered the following topics:

- Project Overview – Purpose and Need
- Project Schedule
- How to Provide Input
- Q&A

4. Public Comments

This section presents a summary of the comments received during the public comment period that ran from April 19 through May 19, 2023. During the comment period, questions and comments could be submitted through the following methods: USPS mail, telephone, e-mail and online. An online comment form was created in Google Forms at this [link](#).

A total of 10 comments were received through the following methods:

- Online comment form: 5 comments
- Email: 3
- Left at Public Meeting: 1
- Mail: 1
- Project Information Line: 0

Community Relations and subconsultant staff worked with the project team to provide responses to each of the questions/comments to include in the comment log.

The public comment log is included in Appendix C. Names, email addresses and other personally identifying information was redacted from the comment log to protect privacy.

4.1 Summary of Comments

Comments primarily were focused on issues outside of the study area, but a few focused on traffic control and future plans. Comments were grouped into the following categories:

- Traffic – 3 comments
- Alternative Locations & Routing – 1 comment
- Other – 4 comments

A sample of comments from each category is provided below. Full comments received during the public comment period are included in Appendix C. Names and other identifying information was redacted from the comment log to protect privacy.

Traffic

- I understand the entry is needed however have the routes leading through the rest of Cochise County and other counties been thought out? The 2 lane undivided highways are not adequate for the volume of projected heavy load traffic. We are already seeing daily accidents on these roadways many fatalities and adding more big Riggs in the mix will only further increase the toll. Not to mention many moved out to areas like Davis Road to not have the heavy traffic of I-10 and will be seeing a lot more traffic is there a plan to increase lanes to increase safety??
- Your solution to the problem at the proposed Port of Entry in Douglas is to send truckers north on SR80. That means you are sending them through Tombstone a tourist town. Then on to St David a sleepy rural town with a school facing SR80 and then on to Benson straight through the business district. Why? Have you considered sending them north on SR191? There is only one town impacted in that direction, Elfrida. Sunsites has a frontage road so the impact there will be less. Or why don't you send them East on the 80 into New Mexico? Traffic has already increased due to the tourist attractions in Tombstone. Your plan will create a nightmare. Please reconsider.
- Please have the truck go up 191 to I-10. Hwy 80 does not need the added traffic. I saw a head on wreck on 5/12. Dragoon Road cannot handle the [truck] weight. They must not use the road. Many still do and it tears up the asphalt.

Alternative Locations & Routing

- So is phase 1 "study plan" done? Or is that what is just starting? The website does say that the study area is east of James Ranch Road. But is there thought of just paving and widening the current road into an all-weather road?

Other

- The border should be closed . No reason to open another pathway into the USA

5. Title VI Reporting

5.1 Self-ID Surveys

Meeting participants were asked to complete ADOT's self-identification survey for Title VI reporting purposes. The self-ID survey was not completed by any meeting attendees.

5.2 Title VI Meeting Summary

A Title VI public meeting summary documenting ADOT's efforts to comply with Title VI and Title II nondiscrimination and accommodations was submitted to the Civil Rights Office on June 6, 2023.

5.3 Title VI Compliance Report Summary

The Civil Rights Office conducted a review of the public meeting and determined the meeting was compliant with Title VI and Title II requirements. The CRO's report is included in Appendix D.

Appendix A: Public Meeting Notification

Project Website (Public Meeting page)

Govdelivery Notices

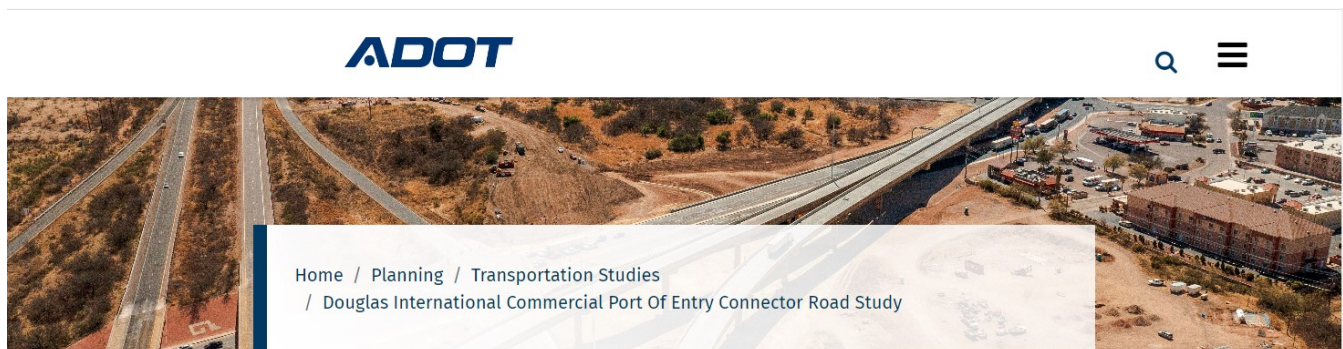
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Social Media

Direct Mailers

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Project Website (Public Meeting page)



Douglas International Commercial Port-Of-Entry Connector Road Study



Meeting Information and Notices

In-Person Open house

The study team will hold an in-person open house to present the project to the public.

The open house will be held:

Douglas Visitor Center
345 16th St
Douglas, AZ 85607
April 27, 2023,
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Study team members will be available to answer any questions about the study.

The comment period following the first open house will close on May 19, 2023. Comments can be made online using the online comment form in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Govdelivery, sent April 25, 2023

From: Arizona Department of Transportation <adot@info.azdot.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 11:11 AM
To: Nanette Pageau <nanette@kaneenpr.com>
Subject: ADOT to hold open house on port of entry road study in Douglas

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The open house will provide an overview of the study and an opportunity for residents, businesses and other stakeholders to ask questions and provide comments.

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The open house materials will be posted online for those who cannot attend the meeting. For more information, as well as to submit questions or comments, please visit AZDOT.gov/DouglasIPO-ERoadStudy.

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Facebook Post, April 27, 2023

**Cochise County - Government** 
April 27 at 6:00 AM 

 The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in conjunction with Cochise County and the City of Douglas are conducting an Environmental Assessment and engineering study to evaluate alternatives to provide a connector road from the new Douglas IPOE to State Route 80. The primary goal of this study is to recommend a preferred connector road location that can safely accommodate commercial truck traffic and provide connectivity from the proposed second IPOE near Douglas to State Route 80.

The public comment period ends May 19, 2023 via the following methods:

- Toll-free bilingual project information line: 1.855.753.5327
- Email: study@SR80DouglasIPOE.info
- Website: Azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 04/16/2019, and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

  Learn more about the Douglas IPOE Connector Road Study

● Thursday, April 27, 2023, 4 - 6 p.m. ●

A formal presentation will be held from 5:15pm - 5:30pm

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

Join us for a Public Open House - Douglas International Port of Entry (IPOE) Connector Road Study

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Acompáñenos en la Jornada de Puertas Abiertas - Estudio del Conector de Carreteras del Puente de Entrada Internacional de Douglas (IPOE por sus siglas en inglés)

RESUMEN DEL PROYECTO

El Departamento de Transportación de Arizona (ADOT) con la ayuda en inglés, como el Condado de Cochise y la Ciudad de Douglas están realizando una evaluación ambiental y un estudio de ingeniería para evaluar alternativas para proporcionar un camino conector desde el nuevo Puente de Entrada Internacional (IPOE) por sus siglas en inglés de Douglas a la Ruta Estatal 80. El objetivo principal de este estudio es recomendar una ubicación preferida de la carretera conectora que pueda acomodar con seguridad el tráfico de camiones comerciales y proporcionar conectividad desde el segundo IPOE propuesto cerca de Douglas hasta la Ruta Estatal 80. El periodo de comentarios públicos termina el 19 de mayo de 2023 a través de los siguientes métodos:

- Teléfono gratuito bilingüe de información sobre proyectos: 1.855.753.5327
- Correo electrónico: study@SR80DouglasIPOE.info
- Sitio web: Azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy

Venga a informarse sobre el Estudio del Conector de Carreteras del IPOE de Douglas

Jueves 27 de abril de 2023, 4 - 6 p.m.

Una presentación formal se llevará a cabo de las 5:15 - 5:30 p.m.

Centro de Visitantes de Douglas, 345 16th St., Douglas, AZ 85607

Social Media

Facebook Post, April 26, 2023

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Facebook Post, April 26, 2023



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April 26 at 6:00 AM · 🌐

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- Public Open House and project information: 1-800-755-ADOT
- Email: adot@adot.org
- Website: www.adot.org

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Mike Harris

Be nice if you guys would just fix the roads we already have.....

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Facebook Post, April 7, 2023



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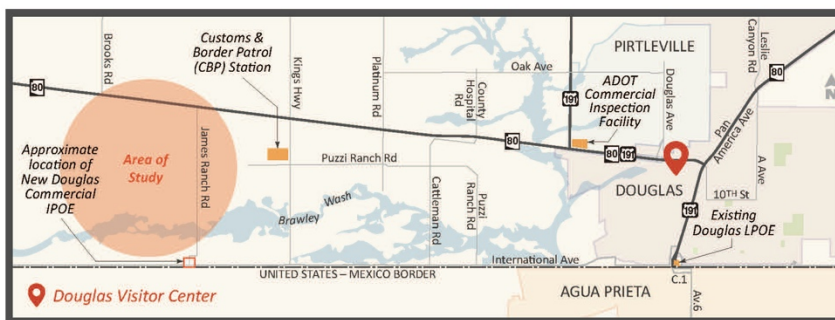
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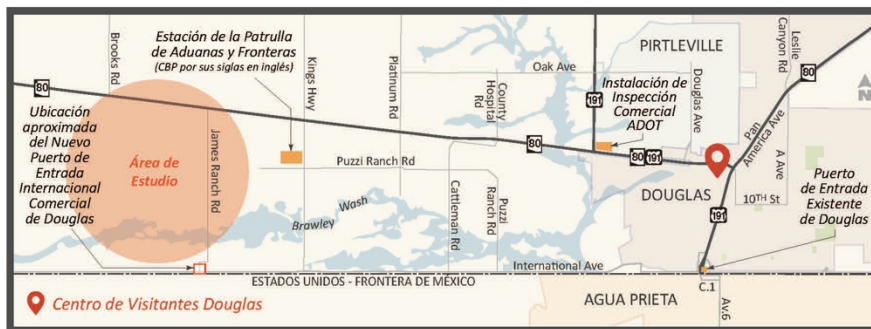
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The Arizona Department of Transportation hosted an open house regarding the new road construction to connect the Douglas Port to State Route 80 last week in Douglas. An attendee, who wished not to be identified, jots notes down on one of the area maps provided for the meeting.
MARK LEVY HERALD/REVIEW

DOUGLAS — Since 1933, the Raul Castro Land Port of Entry, a 4.8-acre facility, has provided a thoroughfare for millions of people going to and coming from Mexico.

Sixty years later the second largest port in Arizona was expanded and again 30 years later it has reached another crossroads. Decisions by the Mexican and U.S. governments to shift commercial traffic of semi-trucks to a second port built specifically for the heavier traffic will finally free Douglas from huge tractor trailers rumbling through the city.

As it stands, the existing port is not able to fully meet U.S. Customs and Border Patrol mission requirements. In its current configuration, both inbound and outbound trucks maneuver within the same undersized commercial vehicle inspection compound, which slows traffic and poses safety hazards.

"The effective capacity of the port's small commercial inspection dock consists of just five bays. Furthermore, northbound pedestrians need to cross the path of northbound commercial trucks, posing a further safety hazard for people traveling on foot," according to the General Services Administration website.

A consortium of partners including Cochise County, the city of Douglas, Douglas Regional Economic Development Corporation, Douglas International Port Authority, Douglas Industrial Development Authority and many others have been working to improve the border crossing experience for people and goods and is focused on making the two-port solution a reality.

The commercial port of entry will improve safety, security and overall operations at the border. It will simultaneously reduce overcrowding commercial truck traffic in downtown Douglas, as well as reduce queueing times for everyone trying to cross the border.

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During an April 27 open house at the Douglas Visitor Center hosted by the Arizona Department of Transportation, StanTec Consulting senior design build project manager Robert Lemke said the location of the road to connect the new port to U.S. Route 80 is under study. He explained flat streets were better for big commercial trucks than those with hills and washes. So, the road has to be weather ready.

Stantec is a transport planning and design company with an office in Tucson.

The commercial port will be constructed west of Douglas within an 80-acre parcel along James Ranch Road and down to the border. Cochise County gave the land to Douglas, which then donated it to the GSA. The only problem is the road is not paved and has some problems as a wash running from east to west could require a secondary choice for a road, Lemke said.

A feasibility study will determine the location for the connector road location and roadway design that can safely accommodate the commercial vehicle traffic. The study will not involve the construction of the connector road, as the purpose is to evaluate and propose the best alternative for the connector road, Lemke explained.

The GSA received funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for the complete modernization of the existing Douglas port of entry. The funding is programmed consistent with Custom and Border Protection's five-year plan to deliver a fully functioning port as established in the spending plan submitted to Congress in February 2020. A master plan for the two Douglas ports will further define the construction phasing and funding needs within the \$3.4 billion provided by BIL.

Lemke said ADOT needed a 200-foot right of way so the connector road can be enlarged if needed in the future. Traffic impact is included in the study. He said it will determine any needs for U.S. Route 80 expansion.

Douglas Mayor Donald Huish noted the Mexican government will be connecting from Mexican Federal Highway 2 north to the new port. There, the government has drafted plans and is a bit ahead of the U.S. schedule.

The only problem with the plan is truck traffic will have to drive 4 miles east on U.S. 80 to get to the ADOT weighing station. Lemke said currently there were no plans to move it closer to the new port.

There were questions about the impact the truck traffic would have on Cochise College, 3.2 miles west of James Ranch Road. There were concerns for the safety of the students as they enter and leave the campus.

Another concern was hazardous materials being transported. Lemke said there were emergency protocols in place to handle any spills.

Lemke said plans to expand U.S. Route 80 to add turn lanes are in the initial phase.

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He also suggested installing one lane for non-commercial traffic as a convenience.

In response to a question, Lemke pointed out there was no talk of sending traffic up Central Highway, Brooks Road or Kings Highway as has been rumored.

Douglas will be responsible for getting the water and sewage lines to the site, noted Huish. When asked how the city was going to get water to the new port, he joked, "We're taking donations for hose."

Arizona Public Services has agreed to install new power lines to serve the port at its expense. Lemke said Southwest Gas Company was contacted about installing gas lines to the new port.

Huish said a truck stop should be included in the plan as there are no locations in Douglas to accept such large vehicles stopping for food and fuel, which would provide more money in sales tax.

In response to a question about who maintains the road down to the border, Lemke said an intergovernmental agreement would need to be crafted, but added ADOT would not be a party to maintain the road.

Livestock inspections will continue at the Raul Castro port in Douglas, said Lemke.

Work on the facility will begin in the fall of 2025 and should be completed by the fall of 2028.

Once the study is completed, Lemke said ADOT will hold a second public meeting sometime this summer when the road location will be presented.

Port information

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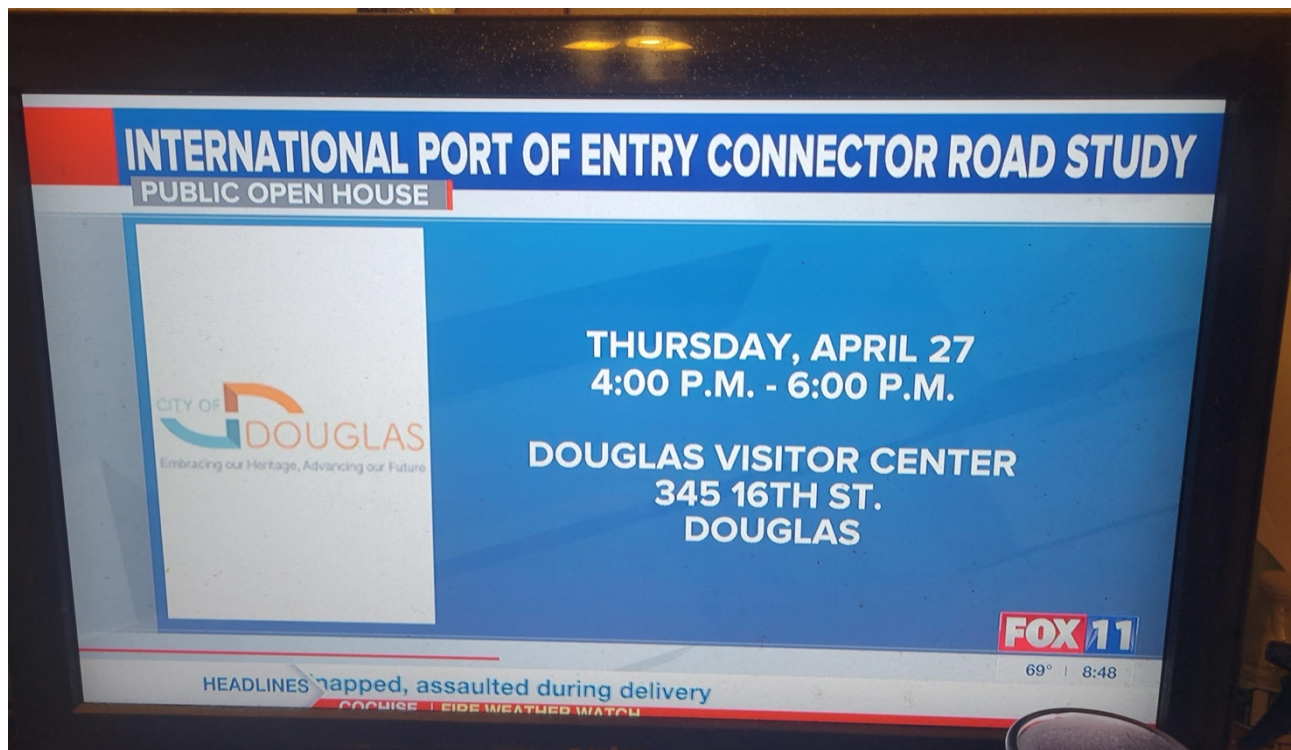
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Fact sheet (English and Spanish)

Online comment form (English and Spanish)

Anonymous Self-Identification Survey (English and Spanish)

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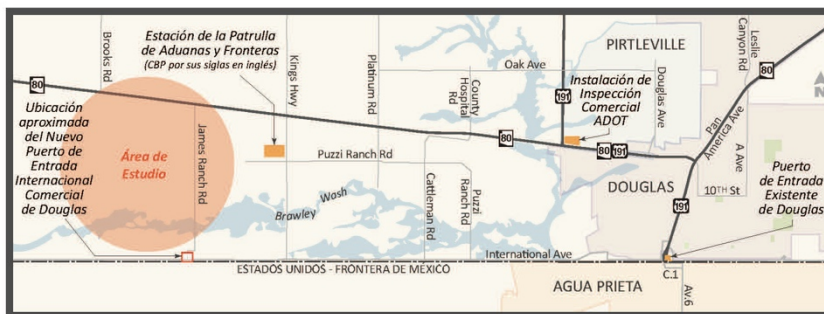
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La Administración de Servicios Generales de los Estados Unidos (GSA por sus siglas en inglés), en colaboración con la Ciudad de Douglas y los grupos de interés de la comunidad, completó un estudio de viabilidad regional en 2019 e identificó la necesidad de separar los flujos de tráfico comercial y no comercial en la Ciudad de Douglas. El nuevo puerto comercial estará ubicado 4.5 millas al oeste del Puerto de Entrada Castro (LPOE por sus siglas en inglés) en un sitio de 80 acres en la intersección de la Calle James Ranch y la frontera entre los Estados Unidos y México. El nuevo puerto procesaría el tráfico comercial para la región binacional y proporcionaría acceso transfronterizo entre los estados de Arizona y Sonora, México. Una vez finalizada la construcción del IPOE de Douglas, las operaciones comerciales se trasladarán del Castro LPOE a las nuevas instalaciones.

FASE DE ESTUDIO ACTUAL

El estudio se encuentra actualmente en la fase de información pública. Durante esta fase, una parte importante del estudio consiste en recibir información de todos los afectados e interesados que sea posible. La información recibida durante la fase de información pública actual ayudará a refinar las alternativas, conocer cualquier información importante para que el equipo de estudio la tenga en cuenta en la evaluación de las alternativas y comprender mejor las prioridades y preocupaciones del público.



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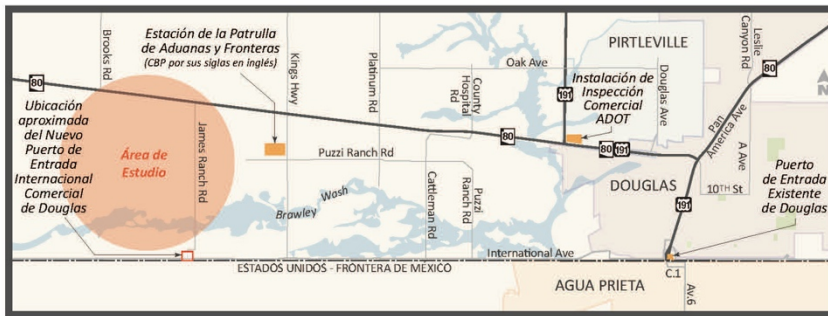
CONTEXTO DEL PROYECTO

El Departamento de Transporte de Arizona (ADOT por sus siglas en inglés), junto con la Administración Federal de Carreteras (FHWA por sus siglas en inglés), el Condado de Cochise, la Ciudad de Douglas y otros grupos de interés, están evaluando alternativas para proporcionar una carretera conectora desde el nuevo Puerto de Entrada Internacional de Douglas IPOE hasta la Ruta Estatal 80. El objetivo principal de este proyecto es recomendar la ubicación preferida del conector de carreteras para acomodar con seguridad el tráfico de camiones comerciales y proporcionar conectividad desde el segundo IPOE propuesto cerca de Douglas hasta la sistema estatal de carreteras.

La Administración de Servicios Generales de los Estados Unidos (GSA por sus siglas en inglés), en colaboración con la Ciudad de Douglas y los grupos de interés de la comunidad, completó un estudio de viabilidad regional en 2019 e identificó la necesidad de separar los flujos de tráfico comercial y no comercial en la Ciudad de Douglas. El nuevo puerto comercial estará ubicado 4.5 millas al oeste del Puerto de Entrada Castro (LPOE por sus siglas en inglés) en un sitio de 80 acres en la intersección de la Calle James Ranch y la frontera entre los Estados Unidos y México. El nuevo puerto procesaría el tráfico comercial para la región binacional y proporcionaría acceso transfronterizo entre los estados de Arizona y Sonora, México. Una vez finalizada la construcción del IPOE de Douglas, las operaciones comerciales se trasladarán del Castro LPOE a las nuevas instalaciones.

FASE DE ESTUDIO ACTUAL

El estudio se encuentra actualmente en la fase de información pública. Durante esta fase, una parte importante del estudio consiste en recibir información de todos los afectados e interesados que sea posible. La información recibida durante la fase de información pública actual ayudará a refinar las alternativas, conocer cualquier información importante para que el equipo de estudio la tenga en cuenta en la evaluación de las alternativas y comprender mejor las prioridades y preocupaciones del público.



CRONOLOGÍA

Aviso de Procedimiento
4 de enero 2023

Reunión Pública Nº 1
27 de abril 2023

Desarrollo de
Alternativas
Primavera/Verano 2023

Reunión Pública Nº 2
Verano 2023

Desarrollo de
la Alternativa
Recomendada e
Iniciales del DCR y EA
Verano/Otoño 2023

Audiencia Pública
Invierno 2024

Desarrollos Finales
del DCR y EA
Primavera 2024

Revisión y
Aprobación ADOT
Verano 2024

★ Fase del proyecto actual

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Online comment form page 1 (English)

City of Douglas International Port of Entry (IPOE) Connector Road Design Concept Report and NEPA Environmental Study COMMENT FORM

Please print clearly and add extra pages if necessary

Thank you for participating in the Douglas IPOE Connector Road Study process by completing this comment form. The public involvement process will allow the study team to continue evaluating the study area while considering the issues that are important to you.

1. Please share your thoughts on the Douglas IPOE Connector Road Study.

2. Any Additional Comments?

3. Contact information if you would like to receive study information:

Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Thank you. Please leave your comment form with us, or send us your comments by May 19, 2023.



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FORMULARIO DE COMENTARIO

Por favor, escriba claramente y agregue páginas adicionales si es necesario.

Gracias por participar en el proceso del Estudio del Conector de Carreteras de Douglas IPOE completando este formulario de comentarios. El proceso de participación pública permitirá que el equipo de estudio continúe evaluando el área de estudio mientras considera los temas que son importantes para usted.

1. Por favor, comparta su opinión sobre el Estudio del Conector de Carreteras Douglas IPOE.

2. ¿Algún Comentario Adicional?

3. Información de contacto si desea recibir información sobre el estudio:

Nombre: _____ Dirección: _____

Ciudad: _____ Estado: _____ Código postal: _____ Teléfono: _____

Correo electrónico: _____

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FORMULARIO DE COMENTARIO

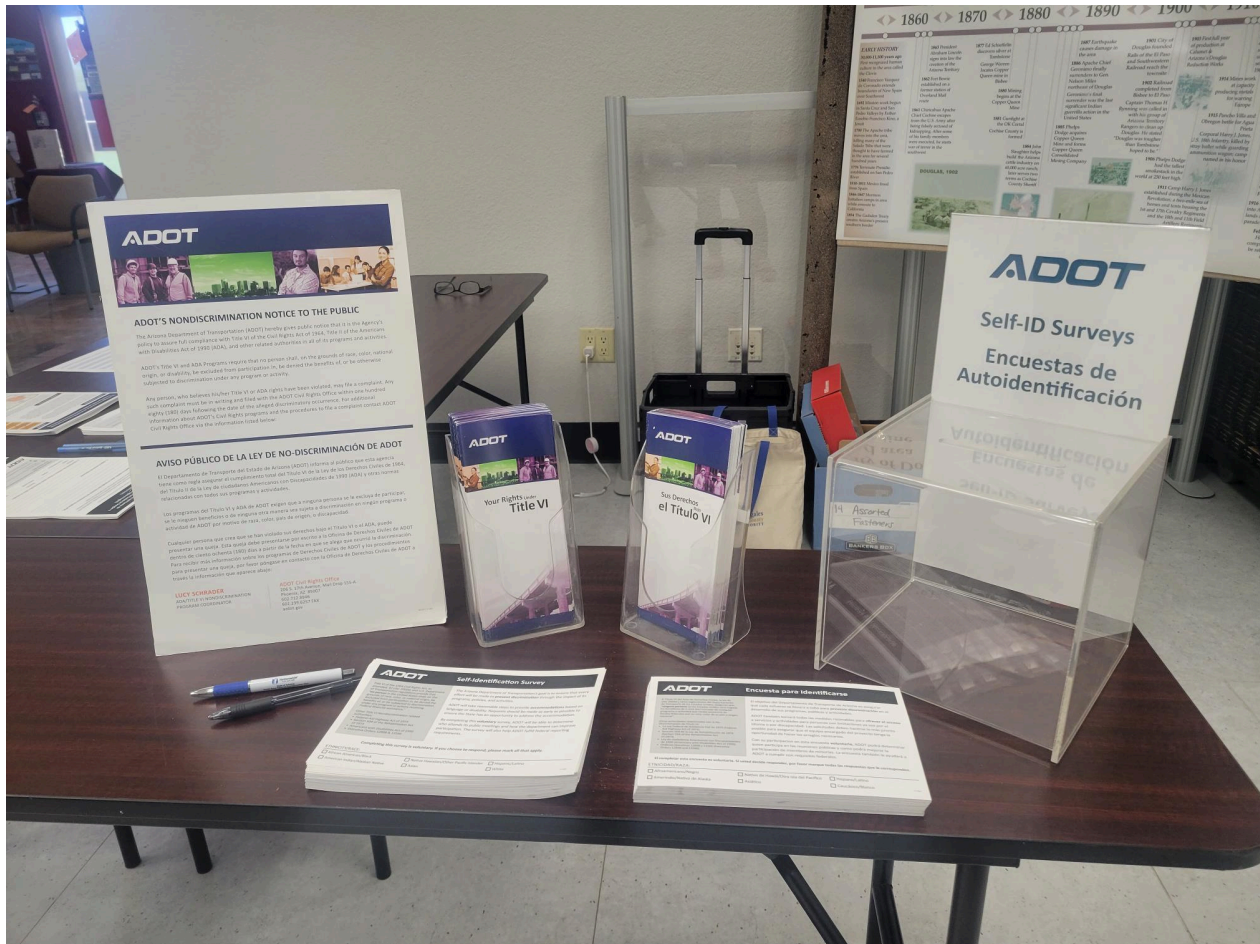
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Anonymous Self-Identification Survey (English and Spanish)



Appendix C: Public Comments

Public Comment Log

Project Website/Comments Public

Meeting Questions/Email/Phone Questions/Comments

Project Website/Comments Public

Douglas International Port of Entry (IPOE) Connector Road Study Open House Comment Form/Estudio del Conector de Carreteras del Puerto de Entrada Internacional de Douglas (IPOE por sus siglas en inglés) Formulario de comentarios de la jornada de puertas abiertas

Please submit comments by **May 19, 2023** to have them included in the study record./
Comparte sus comentarios antes del **19 de Mayo, 2023** para que se incluyan en el registro
del proyecto.

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* Indicates required question

Email / Correo electrónico *

Your answer

Name/Nombre *

Your answer

Address/Domicilio *

Your answer

City/Ciudad *

Your answer

Zip code/Código postal *

Your answer

If you have comments about the **Douglas International Port of Entry Connector Study** please provide them below. / Si tiene comentarios sobre el estudio del conector del puerto de entrada internacional de Douglas, por favor proporcionarle a continuación.

Your answer

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Public Comments – Comments and Questions from the Project Website, Mail-in, Public Meeting and Project Email page 1

Date Received	Questions/Comments	Communication Method	Responses	Response Method
5.19.23	I understand the entry is needed however have the routes leading through the rest of Cochise County and other counties been thought out? The 2 lane undivided highways are not adequate for the volume of projected heavy load traffic. We are already seeing daily accidents on these roadways many fatalities and adding more big Riggins in the mix will only further increase the toll. Not to mention many moved out to areas like Davis road to not have the heavy traffic of I 10 and will be seeing a lot more traffic is there a plan to increase lanes to increase safety??	Project Website	N/A	
5.19.23	Please have the truck go up 191 to I-10. Hwy 80 does not need the added traffic. I saw a head on wreck on 5/12. Dragoon road cannot handle the truck weight. They must not use the road. Many still do and it tears up the asphalt.	Project Website	N/A	
5.19.23	The border should be closed. No reason to open another pathway into the USA	Project Website	N/A	
5.19.23	Cochise County Engineering and Natural Resources/Floodplain Division checks Prior to construction start-up (and disturbed construction/proposed area is equal to or greater than one (1) acre), proposed to be altered or disturbed or where imperviousness increases more than fifty (50%) percent from the existing conditions (if parcel is less than an acre), a drainage analysis will be required. This report shall be certified by an Arizona Registered Professional Civil Engineer. • A Clearing Permit must be obtained from Cochise County. Please contact: https://www.cochise.az.gov/development-services/home. The drainage analysis will be forwarded to the Cochise County Engineering Department/Floodplain Division for review and approval. • A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) may be required from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) if outside of Cochise County's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). This will also include a Notice of Intent (NOI) to clear land. A copy of the NOI must be submitted to Cochise County. For more information, please contact: https://azdeq.gov/AZPDES/CGP • If the area to be disturbed is within the Cochise County MS4 area, a copy of the SWPPP will be required to be submitted to The Cochise County Engineering Department/Floodplain Division for review and approval per Cochise County's Stormwater Ordinance. - Check if your area is within Cochise County's MS4 area. Go to: https://cochise.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=cb4fc995f40043e29e665d9e88007f08, enter you parcel number/s, click on the layers list and check the USA Urban Areas (MS4) and incorporated Limit layers. - If your project is within Unincorporated Cochise County, the SWPPP requirements shall follow Cochise County Stormwater Ordinance: https://www.cochise.az.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7798/Stormwater-Ordinance-PDF	Project Website	N/A	

Public Comments – Comments and Questions from the Project Website, Mail-in, Public Meeting and Project Email page 2

	• A Notice to Clear Native Plants may be obtained from the Arizona Department of Agriculture and a copy submitted to Cochise County. For more information, please contact: https://agriculture.az.gov/plantsproduce/native-plants • A Drainage Analysis will be required. This includes, but not limited to, Grading Plans, Site Plans, and Drainage Reports prepared by an Arizona Registered Civil Engineer. Please contact the Cochise County Engineering and Natural Resources Department for a copy of the Floodplain Regulations for Cochise County (December 2015) or download from: https://www.cochise.az.gov/DocumentCenter/View/735/Floodplain-Regulations-PDF - o As a part of the Drainage Analysis, the engineer shall demonstrate that no adverse impacts (increases in water surface elevation or increases in velocity) to adjacent parcels, or adjacent roads shall occur due to the proposed development. Refer to Section 5.1.D of the Cochise County Floodplain Regulations (2015). If a/multiple detention/retention basin/s is/are proposed, the increase in stormwater runoff shall be detained/retained on site to meet the adverse impact requirement. Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) Requirement for Floodplain and Floodway Delineation in Riverine Environments (SS-2-96) shall be followed. Contact the Floodplain Administrator for allowable methods or if methods proposed are acceptable. - o Section 5.6, of the Cochise County Floodplain Regulations, states that any land disturbance that occurs within a regulatory floodplain (Q100> 500cfs) or FEMA special flood hazard area requires a Floodplain Use Permit (FPUP). - o Any residential and or commercial development shall require that finished floors shall be elevated a minimum of one (1) foot above the determined water surface elevation from the drainage analysis. - o Erosion hazard setbacks shall follow Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) State Standard for Watercourse System Sediment Balance (SS5-96) or Standards Manual for Drainage Design and Floodplain Management in Tucson, Arizona, City of Tucson Department of Transportation, Engineering Division, 1989. - o Bank Stabilization shall follow ADWR State Standard for Watercourse Bank Stabilization (SS7-98), Standards Manual for Drainage Design and Floodplain Management in Tucson, Arizona, City of Tucson, 1989, may also be used for Rip-Rap and/or concrete structures. • If Dry wells are proposed for retaining water onsite Starting September 24, 2022, NEW drywells and drywells wishing to MODIFY will need to be "inventoried" with EPA. The myDEQ application and the website will provide the required links to the EPA website for an easy transition: https://www.epa.gov/uic/forms/underground-injection-well-registration-epas-pacific-southwest-region-9#form For more information through ADEQ Drywell Registration see their website:
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Public Comments – Comments and Questions from the Project Website, Mail-in, Public Meeting and Project Email page 3

	https://azdeq.gov/drywell_registration				
	When these items are submitted, then the review process will begin?				
5.19.23	1. Please share your thoughts on the Douglas IPOE Connector Road Study. a. I attended the April 27th meeting. I thought the ADOT rep did a great job on presenting information to the public about the IPOE Connector Rd. The mayor also did a great job on other information about the IPOE Connector Road. 2. Any Additional Comments? a. I own 10 acres on James Ranch Rd. The property has a well on it. Currently the well is not operational. I lived on the 10 acres in the mid 1970's.	Mail-in Comment Form	N/A		
5.27.23	1. Please share your thoughts on the Douglas IPOE Connector Road Study. Please correct your map... Platinum Rd is actually PLANTATION Rd.	Public Meeting Comment	N/A		
5.20.23	ADOT's website said there is information from the open house. But does not say what it is or where to find it. So is phase 1 "study plan" done? Or is that what is just starting? The website does say that the study area is east of James Ranch Road. But is there thought of just paving and widening the current road into an all-weather road? Thank you for your time and help.	Project Email	Mr. Barnett,	Email	Thank you for your inquiry. Following the meeting, ADOT's website had to undergo some updates and we were not able to upload the information from the open house until the end of the day on Friday, May 5. As of now the website is updated with the information from the open house. You can click this link to access the project's website page - https://azdot.gov/planning/transpo-tation-studies/douglas-international-commercial-port-entry-connector-road-study To answer your other questions, the Phase I study has just started and will conclude in mid-2024. The Project Area map on the website shows the study area covers James Ranch Road on the east and Brooks Road extension on the west. James Ranch Road is one of the alternatives being evaluated as an all-weather road connection to

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			GSA's new commercial port-of-entry. Please let us know if you have any further questions! -The Douglas IPOE Connector Road Study Team	Email
5.20.19	Continued from prior comment: His Response: Thank you for the e-mail. My question is: When will work begin to widen Davis Road in McNeal, Cochise County, that connects to SR 80 SR. Thank you.		Our Response: Mr. Hatfield, The County is completing the design to upgrade the road with paved shoulders from US191 to Central Highway and they are in the process of obtaining a 200 foot ROW for future lane expansion. They have applied for a BRIC grant to complete a DCR from Central Highway to SR80 to further study the assessment plan that was completed in 2016. The very long-range plan is to continue with the paved shoulders to SR80. When/if ADOT widens US191 or SR80 to 4 lanes then the County would also upgrade Davis. That is a very long range plan. Please let us know if you have any further questions, The Douglas IPOE Connector Road Study Team	Email
5.20.19	Question: Your solution to the problem at the proposed Port of Entry in Douglas is to send truckers north on SR80. That means you are sending them through Tombstone a tourist town. Then on to St David a sleepy rural town with a school facing SR80 and then on to Benson straight through the business district. Why?Have you considered sending them north on SR191? There is only one town impacted in that direction, Elfrida. Sunsites has a frontage road so the impact there will be less. Or why don't you send them East on the 80 into New Mexico? Traffic has already increased due to the tourist attractions in Tombstone. Your plan will create a nightmare. Please reconsider.	Project Email	Our traffic study is under review by ADOT, and it does identify SR 191 as a likely route for northbound traffic to I-10. Thank you for your input because your comments assist us in understanding the resident perspective and adds information to help the team make decisions.	Email

					Please reach out with any comments or questions, The Douglas IPOE Connector Road Study Team	
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Appendix D: Civil Rights Meeting Compliance Summary

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Civil Rights Meeting Summary

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SR 80 Douglas Port of Entry Connector Road s

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Civil Rights Meeting Summary

Time, Date and Purpose of Meeting *

4-6 p.m. , April 27, 2023, Public scoping meeting to introduce the study and scope of the and seek input on the location of the connector road.

Number of public attendees: *

57

of Self-Identification Surveys returned *

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ADOT Self-Identification Survey/Racial breakdown. (African American/Black, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, or White). *

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Civil Rights Meeting Summary

Accommodation Request for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and ADA? If so, please provide accommodations made or requested and amount associated. *

No specific accommodation requests were received. Based on the LEP evaluation, simultaneous Spanish interpretation was provided at the meeting.

How many participants took advantage of the interpretation services offered (and specify the language) *

None

Where were meeting notices advertised? Please provide the name of the publication, web addressed if posted online and any physical locations of where notices were posted. *

Bilingual direct mail postcards were mailed to approximately 1000 residents and businesses located within a two-mile radius of the new port of entry location and SR 80. Newspaper ads were run in the Sierra Vista Herald Review/Douglas Dispatch, ADOT posted the invite on the project web page (<https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/douglas-international-commercial-port-entry-connector-road-study>), ADOT sent out a GovDelivery notices (SR 80 stakeholder list)

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Were there any EJ (low-income or minority) populations identified as potentially affected communities? If yes, what community engagement tools were used? *

Yes, There are 90 % minority individuals. The following tools were used to engage minority and low-income populations in the study area for the public meeting:

Public meeting notices were provided in both English and Spanish, mailed to all approximately 1000 residents and businesses within a two mile radius of the study area. Engagement was conducted with government institutions (Mayor, County and Board of Supervisors). In addition, study and meeting information was shared with other city partners and key stakeholders and businesses in the area, and they were asked to share with their residents/constituents/customers.

The in-person public meeting materials - the project comment form - were translated into Spanish and made available on the study website at:

<https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/douglas-international-commercial-port-entry-connector-road-study>

The project flyer was available at the meeting and online in English and Spanish. Spanish interpretation was available at the meeting, but none used it. An announcement regarding the availability of the Spanish interpretation services was made in English and Spanish at the beginning of the meeting.

Provide or attach the LEP, and EJ demographic information that was collected prior to this meeting. Data should include in-person and online data collected. *

See attachments below

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City of Douglas International Port of Entry Connector Road Study

Public Meeting #2 Summary

August 3, 2023

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1. Introduction

Project Overview

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Cochise County, City of Douglas and other federal, state, and local agency stakeholders, will focus on developing a Design Concept Report and an Environmental Assessment to study improvements that would provide connectivity from the proposed second international POE near Douglas to the state highway system – State Route 80.

Major project elements include:

- Engineering study that includes evaluating three (3) alternatives of the connector road and a no-build alternative.
- Preparation of a Design Concept Report (DCR) with results from above study and a recommended alternative.
- Preparation of an Environmental Assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

Figure 1: Project Area Map



2. Public Meeting #2

ADOT hosted a public meeting on August 3, 2023, from 4-6 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information on the three (3) alternative connector road locations that were presented at the public meeting, in order to gather public input before the design team produces a detailed analysis which will recommend a preferred alternative. The meeting also provided opportunities for the public to ask questions and make comments.

Spanish speaking team members were available to converse with members of the public, if necessary, and all materials were prepared in English and Spanish. A total of 52 community members, elected officials, and others attended the public meeting. Project team members and staff from the City of Douglas were also in attendance.

Two presentations were given, as a result of the large attendance, at the beginning of the meeting. A presentation was given to attendees at both 4:30 pm and 5:15 pm and each were followed by open Q&A sessions for individuals to ask questions to the project manager, as well as Mayor Huish, who was in attendance.

2.1 Public Meeting Notification

2.1.1. Project Website

The project website provided a project overview, including a list of the project elements, a timeline, the public meeting date, instructions on how to participate in the public meeting, project fact sheets in English and Spanish, a link to an online comment form and information on the ways to ask questions or make comments. All the materials related to the public meeting were posted to the project website, including:

- Public meeting information and location of meeting
- Public meeting materials (English and Spanish)
- Title VI/Civil Rights information

Copies of the public meeting materials posted to the website are included in Appendix A.

2.1.2 GovDelivery and Emails

Information for the public meeting was distributed on July 27, 2023, via GovDelivery. A copy of the GovDelivery notices can be found in Appendix A.

2.1.3 News Release

ADOT Public Information staff distributed a news release about the meeting to media outlets on July 28, 2023.

2.1.4 Social Media

The City of Douglas posted meeting notices to their Facebook account on July 26, July 31, August 2, and August 3, 2023. ADOT posted meeting notices to their Facebook page on July 28 and August 2, 2023. A copy of these posts can be found in Appendix A.

2.1.5 Direct Mailers

Direct mailers in English and Spanish were sent to all residential and business properties (106 total) within two miles of the project study area, as well as an additional list that included elected officials in the Cochise County and City of Douglas area. The direct mail 8.5 x 11 flyer included information about the project, where to attend the public meeting and how to provide comments. The mailers were sent on July 1, 2023. A copy of the direct mailer can be found in Appendix A.

2.1.6 Earned Media

News stories about the public meeting ran on Fox 11 News and KOLD 13 news on July 31, 2023. A picture of the news story about the meeting can be found in Appendix A.

2.1.7 Project Contact List

Project staff developed a project stakeholder list, which includes elected officials, property owners, and other neighborhood contacts in the project area. As the project is almost five miles outside of the more populated area of the City of Douglas, the stakeholder list is small. Additionally, a mailing list of property owners and businesses within 2 miles of the study area was obtained directly by the mailing house. A larger mailing list of all properties within a mile of the intersection was used for the project mailer and obtained directly by the mailing house. A list of those properties was not provided to ADOT by the mail house, they were provided to the communications team at Kaneen Communications to use for sending the direct mailer. The project contact list was expanded to include attendees at the Public Meeting who signed in, provided their email addresses, and agreed to being updated throughout the project.

3. Public Meeting

The meeting was hosted in person at the Douglas Visitor Center from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., with formal presentations at both 4:30 p.m. and at 5:15 p.m. Team members fluent in Spanish were present for those who needed translation throughout the meeting. The meeting featured two large project maps that showcased the area of study, participants were encouraged to write and comment on the map, as well as approach project team members directly if they had questions. The formal presentation was given verbally by Stantec Project Manager Robert Lemke together with a power point presentation. He provided an overview of the project and reminded the attendees of the overall purpose and need. A map showing 3 alternative designs for the connector road was presented with a detailed description of the alternatives as well as the analysis required to develop the alternatives. Attendees were able to ask questions following the presentation. Participants asked how drainage/flooding would be handled, what was the progress on the Mexican side of the border, updates to other roads and how the final connector road would be chosen. Key project team members attended the meeting, including: ADOT Project Manager Tazeen Dewan, Consultant Project Manager Robert Lemke (Stantec), Stantec Environmental Manager Don Smith, and ADOT Community Relations Project Manager Courtney King.

ADOT and consultant staff were present to assist in facilitating the meeting and Q&A session. Participants were notified that comments and questions about the project could also be submitted during the formal public comment period through email, telephone, mail or online. Participants were notified that all project related materials, including the presentation, were available online.

3.1 Public Meeting Materials

A variety of meeting materials were made available to the public at the meeting and online following the meeting. These public meeting materials can be seen in Appendix A and include:

- Fact sheet
- Comment form
- Anonymous Self-Identification Survey (Appendix B)

3.1.1 Presentation Materials

The presentation covered the following topics:

- Project Overview – Purpose and Need
- Review of Development of Alternatives
- Project Schedule Update
- How to Provide Input
- Q&A

4. Public Comments

This section presents a summary of the comments received during the public comment period that ran from August 3 through September 1, 2023. During the comment period, questions and comments could be submitted through the following methods: USPS mail, telephone, e-mail and online. An online comment form was created in Google Forms at this [link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjv6psP1ccFiNNp1ku61KDQEfZwwFrqN7xiP0qHQP2isVqEA/viewform).
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A total of 7 comments were received through the following methods:

- Online comment form: 0 comments
- Email: 4
- Left at Public Meeting: 3
- Mail: 0
- Project Information Line: 0

Community Relations and subconsultant staff worked with the project team to provide responses to each of the questions/comments to include in the comment log.

The public comment log is included in Appendix C. Names, email addresses and other personally identifying information was redacted from the comment log to protect privacy.

4.1 Summary of Comments

Comments primarily were focused on the three alternatives presented and what factors were driving the final selection. A few comments focused on traffic concerns, noise/dust issues and alternative locations and routing. Comments and questions were grouped into the following categories:

- Preference for one of the three Alternatives – 3 comments
 - Alternative 1 – 1 individual
 - Alternative 2 – none
 - Alternative 3 – 2 individuals
- Traffic – 2 comments
- Alternative Locations & Routing – 1 comment/2 questions
- Other – 2 comments

A sample of comments from each category is provided below and all comments received during the public comment period are included in Appendix C. Names and other identifying information were redacted from the comment log to protect privacy.

Alternative Preference

- I prefer Alternative 1. It appears there will be flood problems on all three options. I see no benefit for 2 or 3.
- Option 3 looks like best option. Good access to COD land holdings, no homes exist, provides most distance from CBP station.

Traffic

- Encourage study to include intersections such as the Michigan or free-flow types similar to Houghton and I-10 in Tucson.
- An existing intersection at Brooks Road and Highway 80 already exists.

Alternative Locations & Routing

- Surprised that a route using the Puzzi Ranch Road into Highway 191 was not an option.
- What factors drove the alternate options? Did they arise from the State or as pressure from the CBP Station?
- Do you have any idea which options the City is leaning toward?

Other

- Support addressing wildlife crossings. Often drainage and wildlife crossing solutions coincide. We want wildlife off the roadway with large trucks moving along.
- Where possible, need to revegetate with native plant seeds.
- Note: Questions #9 – 15 from a submitted email were referred to GSA for response.

5. Title VI Reporting

5.1 Self-ID Surveys

Meeting participants were asked to complete ADOT's self-identification survey for Title VI reporting purposes. There were no attendees who completed the self-ID survey.

5.2 Title VI Meeting Summary

A Title VI public meeting summary documenting ADOT's efforts to comply with Title VI and Title II nondiscrimination and accommodations was submitted to the Civil Rights Office on March 10, 2022.

5.3 Title VI Compliance Report Summary

The Civil Rights Office conducted a review of the public meeting and determined the meeting was compliant with Title VI and Title II requirements. The CRO's report is included in Appendix D.

Appendix A: Public Meeting Notification

Project Website (Public Meeting page)

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Douglas International Commercial Port-Of-Entry Connector Road Study

About the project

The Arizona Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, US General Services Administration (GSA), the city of Douglas and Cochise County, is evaluating alternatives for a connector road from the new Douglas International Port of Entry (IPOE) to State Route 80.

Currently, there is no all-weather roadway that exists in the study area. The primary goal of this study is to recommend a preferred connector road location and roadway designs that can safely accommodate the commercial vehicle traffic. The study will not involve the construction of the connector road, as the purpose is to evaluate and propose the best alternative for the connector road.

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April 2023 Meeting Fact Sheet (English)

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Project Map

English Map

Mapa Español

The project is located in unincorporated Cochise County approximately 4.5 miles west of the city of Douglas limits and the existing Road Hector Casas Port of Entry in Douglas, Arizona. The project study area is bounded by State Route 80 to the north, the international border with Mexico to the south, Brooks Road to the west, and James Ranch Road to the east. The study area currently consists of mixed land uses, including commercial, residential, and vacant land.

James Ranch Road is an existing two-lane dirt road that extends approximately one mile south of SR 80. Infrastructure in the general vicinity includes the existing U.S. Border Patrol Station located south of SR 80 and east of James Ranch Road in the northwest quadrant of Kings Highway and West Pats Ranch Road.

Study Process

Study Objectives and Timeline

Anticipated to be constructed approximately 4.5 miles west of the existing international port of entry IPOE, this Phase 1 - Study will develop, evaluate, and recommend the location of the Connector Road. The Study will be documented in a Design Concept Report (DCR) and Environmental Assessment (EA). The Phase II - Final Design will involve the preparation of the construction documents based on the recommended improvements from Phase 1.

Meeting Information and Notices

In-Person Meeting

The study team will hold an in-person meeting to share information about three potential alternatives for a connector road from the new Douglas International Port of Entry to State Route 80.

The meeting was held

August 3, 2023 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Location:
Douglas Visitor Center
340 16th St.
Douglas, AZ 85907

Meeting Presentation

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The comment period following the first open house will close on Sept. 1, 2023. Comments can be made online using the online comment form in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Contact Us

Stay Informed

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- **By e-mail:** casu@azdot.gov or casu@azdot.gov
- **By phone:** Call the toll-free Bilingual Project Information Line at 1.855.753.5327
- **By mail:** Write to ADOT Community Relations, c/o 12215 2nd Ave, Tucson, AZ 85713.
- For information about current project-related restrictions and closures, please visit [adot.az.gov](#) or call 511, except while driving.

ADOT will provide more information about the project as information becomes available. If you would like to receive updates on the Douglas Connector Road Study, please [subscribe](#) for email updates.

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The second in-person public meeting for the Douglas IPOE Connector Road study is scheduled as follows:

- When: Thursday, Aug. 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. The presentation will start at 5:15 p.m.
- Where: Douglas Visitor Center located at 345 16th St., Douglas, AZ 85606

As part of the meeting, ADOT and technical staff will be available to answer questions. Those attending will also be able to provide comments to the study team.

For those unable to attend, the meeting presentation and other meeting materials will be posted to the Douglas IPOE study web page at: [Azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy](https://azdot.gov/DouglasIPOERoadStudy)

Comments on the study will be accepted through September 1, 2023. Comments can be submitted to ADOT in the following ways:

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AMA

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not let this latest attempt by big government subvert the will of the people. We must all stand together and say no to them.

"The AMA does not do anything to curtail big corporations overpumping. The AMA takes away small farmers' and individuals' grandfathered water rights. That is illegal."

Christian Sawyer, a supporter of the AMA, replied to her comments, saying, "One thing I've learned over the last two years is that our elected officials and other government-adjacent people are not as familiar with statute as you might expect."

"And I'm sorry that many of our elected officials don't know the law well enough. And I'm sorry that you lost your grandfathered rights on account of not having irrigated those vacant acres. When we're in a place where our groundwater withdrawals are exceeding natural recharge by over 200%, and ground water levels are declining on average, and wells keep going dry, and local farms keep getting bought up by the big guys, there are no easy solutions. There just aren't."

Fellow AMA supporter Ben Leapple responded to Waters, "If all the things you ... said were true, they would

hold up in court, wouldn't they? Water is a public resource, stealing water from future generations for today's corporate profits is not okay."

He suggested the group organize an effort to remove state Rep. Gail Griffin for her lack of action on the underground water problems of the state's rural areas. He claimed she "disallowed a rural management area designation or other such local water control from being discussed in her committee and to this day refuses to draft any such legislation."

Griffin attended ADWR's hearing on the Douglas basin AMA on June 28 and said, "The area's economy is greatly supported by agricultural production and the presence of agriculture in the area. The management goal and plan for the Douglas AMA is to allow development of non-agricultural uses and economies and to preserve and protect uses and economies for as long as feasible, consistent with the necessity to preserve future water resources for non-agricultural uses."

She pointed out the Legislature is offering \$360 million to enhance water security in the state through the use of recharge projects, water districts' infrastructure improvements, assistance with updating old irrigation systems, rural water studies and much more through grants.

ADOT wants to hear preferences for road to new commercial port of entry

BY SHAR PORIER
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DOUGLAS — There is much to be done to ready a location for the new commercial port of entry just west of Douglas, but one thing on the "to-do" list is underway already — building the road to and from the new port to State Route 80.

Arizona Department of Transportation has been tasked with connecting the new port of entry to the state's highway system. ADOT staff, the county, Douglas, Stantec Consulting engineers and the Federal Highway Administration have developed three options for the proposed four-lane all-weather road.

During a second public meeting on Aug. 3, ADOT presented the three alternative roads that will have to pass through a few washes to get from the border to State Route 80.

The easiest route is down James Ranch Road from SR 80, which runs straight into the proposed location. A second route would still use a portion of James Ranch Road, but would have a dogleg that would ease past a deep wash just to the west. The third is to use Brooks Road and come back east to connect to the port.

Rob Lemke, Stantec senior design build project manager, went through the various requirements for building the road, which includes an environmental review study.

It would entail identifying any threatened and endangered species, cultural and archaeological resources, any hazardous materials in the building zone and air quality testing, Lemke explained.

The area is in a vast floodplain that has a wash originating in Mexico. It splits into several washes that stretch west to east along SR 80 and plunges back down into Mexico some distance beyond the new POE. All three routes would pass through a number of washes. Extra planning is necessary because the new road must be able to handle the truck traffic, regardless of weather conditions. Though the washes typically only run during heavy rains in monsoon season, the road will have to handle that and provide a safe route for heavy loads.

ADOT will have to acquire rights of way from property owners the road would cross.

The intersection of the POE road with SR 80 may be just stop signs, a traffic light or even a roundabout, ADOT officials said at the Aug. 3

PORT OF ENTRY

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meeting. They said they want to hear from the public to find out which traffic control type residents prefer.

Once the new commercial port is built, the existing Raul H. Castro Land Port of Entry in Douglas will be upgraded to meet the needs of border security and the easier passage of pedestrians who walk across the border, as well as those in family vehicles going to and from Agua Prieta, Sonora.

"The modernization and reconfiguration of the legacy facility will replace the systems and buildings that are undersized and well beyond their useful life," the General Services Administration website reads. "The Castro POE renovation will include replacement and expansion of pedestrian and vehicular inspection and administrative facilities to meet CBP's current standards, and provide a safe and efficient processing of privately-owned vehicle and pedestrian traffic."

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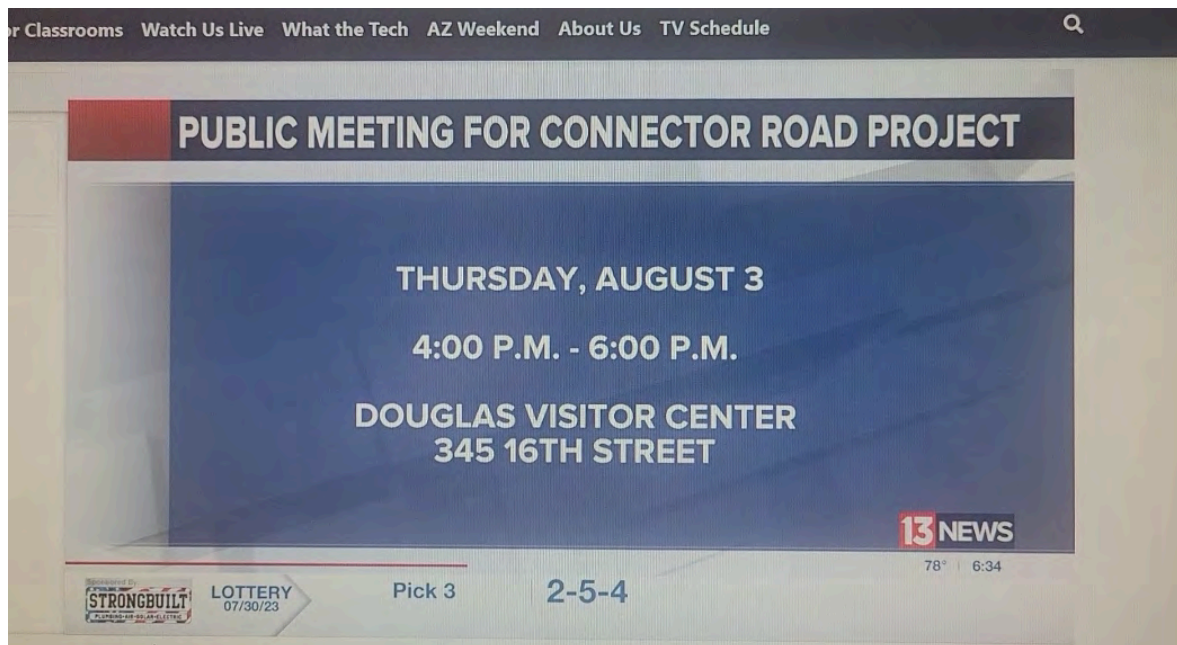
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The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), in collaboration with the City of Douglas and community stakeholders, completed a regional feasibility study in 2019 and identified the need to separate commercial and non-commercial traffic flows in the City of Douglas. The new commercial port will be located approximately 4.5 miles west of the Castro Land Port of Entry (LPOE) on an 80-acre site at the intersection of James Ranch Road and the U.S. / Mexico border. The new port would process commercial traffic for the binational region and provide cross-border access between the states of Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Once construction of the Douglas IPOE has been completed, commercial operations will move from the Castro LPOE to the new facility.

CURRENT STUDY PHASE

The study is currently in the public involvement and design concept phase. Input received from the previous public meeting has helped identify three possible alternatives. During this current phase, receiving input from as many affected and interested parties as possible is valuable to the study. The information provided will assist the study team while they evaluate the alternatives and will allow them to better understand the concerns and priorities of the public.



TIMELINE

Notice to Proceed
January 4, 2023

Public Meeting No. 1
April 27, 2023

Development of
Alternatives
Spring/Summer 2023

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Recommended
Alternative & Initial
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CONTEXTO DEL PROYECTO

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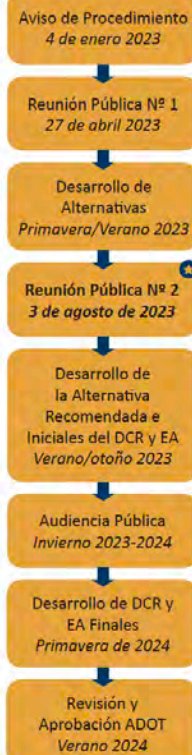
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FASE DE ESTUDIO ACTUAL

El estudio se encuentra actualmente en la fase de participación pública y concepción del diseño. Las aportaciones recibidas en la reunión pública anterior han ayudado a identificar tres posibles alternativas. Durante la fase actual, es muy valioso para el estudio recibir aportaciones del mayor número posible de partes afectadas e interesadas. La información facilitada ayudará al equipo de estudio a evaluar las alternativas y le permitirá comprender mejor las preocupaciones y prioridades del público.



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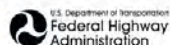
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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 04/16/2019, and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

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La revisión ambiental, consulta y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales Federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo, o han sido, llevadas a cabo por ADOT de conformidad con 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento fechado 04/16/2019, y ejecutado por FHWA y ADOT.



ADOT TRACS No. F053401L
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Informe Conceptual del Diseño del Conector de Carreteras del Puerto de Entrada Internacional (IPOE por sus siglas en inglés) de la Ciudad de Douglas y Estudio Medioambiental NEPA (por sus siglas en inglés)

FORMULARIO DE COMENTARIO

Por favor, escriba claramente y agregue páginas adicionales si es necesario.

Gracias por participar en el proceso del Estudio del Conector de Carreteras de Douglas IPOE completando este formulario de comentarios. El proceso de participación pública permitirá que el equipo de estudio continúe evaluando el área de estudio mientras considera los temas que son importantes para usted.

1. Por favor, comparta sus opiniones sobre las alternativas presentadas para el Estudio del Conector de Carreteras del IPOE de Douglas. Si prefiere una alternativa a la otra, indique por qué.

2. ¿Algún Comentario Adicional?

3. Información de contacto si desea recibir información sobre el estudio:

Nombre: _____ Dirección: _____

Ciudad: _____ Estado: _____ Código postal: _____ Teléfono: _____

Correo electrónico: _____

Gracias. Por favor, deje su formulario de comentarios con nosotros, o envíenos sus comentarios antes del 1 de septiembre de 2023.

☎ Teléfono gratuito bilingüe de información sobre proyectos:
1.855.753.5327

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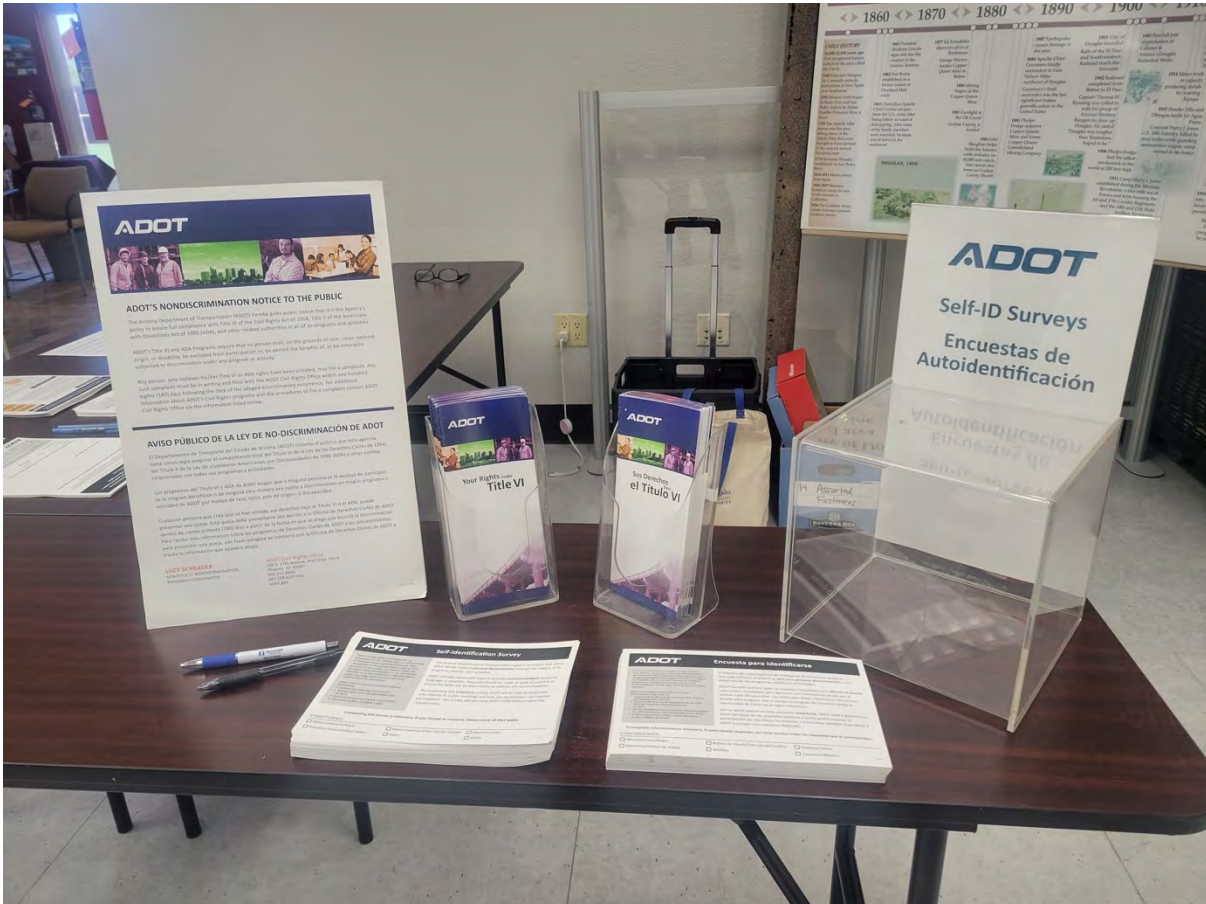
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Anonymous Self-Identification Survey (English and Spanish)



Appendix C: Public Comments

Public Comment Log

Survey Questions/Comments

Public Meeting Questions/Comments

Email/Phone Questions/Comments

Comments & Questions from Public Meeting #2, August 3, 2023

Date Received & Method	Comment	Response
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7/28/23 Project Email	1a) What factors drove the alternate options? 1b) Did they arise from the State or as pressure from the CBP Station? 2) Do you have any idea which options the city is leaning towards?	The alternatives were developed without influence from the CBP or any government agency using ADOT's Roadway Design Guidelines. The City has not expressed a preference.
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7/31/23 Project Email	I am confused concerning the proposed location. I believe the majority of commercial traffic will use HWY 191 leaving Douglas. It would seem more logical to bring the traffic across	Hello Brad, Thank you for your comments regarding the new Douglas POE. I am part of the ADOT/consultant team that is conducting the engineering and environmental studies and documentation for the new Douglas POE.

	the border in an area that would provide a convenient access to the intersection of HWY 191 and HWY 80. Additionally, the ADOT inspection location is at that intersection. King's HWY or Puzzi Ranch or Cattleman RD would even be more efficient than James Ranch RD. There is not a need to relocate a distance of nearly 5 miles unless there are factors in the equation we are not aware of.	Your points about a more efficient connection to US 191 are valid. However, the overarching factor regarding the location of GSA's facility south of James Ranch Road is the City of Douglas donated the land to GSA to facilitate a separate POE for commercial vehicles that they have wanted for many years. In so doing, it will remove the large commercial vehicles from downtown Douglas to a less developed area west of the City. Please let us know if you have any additional comments or concerns. Thank you.
Post Mtg 2: Commenter / Date	Comment	Response/Responder
Robert Maloney, Tactical Holdings Robert.w.maloney@gmail.com , 520-255-0686/Monday, March 11, 2024	Hi this is Robert Maloney. I'm calling about the Douglas International commercial port of entry contractor road study. They were supposed to be a new meeting for the public to have ADOT outlined their decision on which of the three routes they're picking from new commercial land port of entry to the highway in Douglas. I'm trying to find out when that meeting will be scheduled. I can be reached at 520-255-0686. My number once again it's 520-255-0686 and my name is Robert. It's Monday afternoon and I thank you very much. I look for a call back.	Good morning, Mr. Maloney. Thank you for sending your inquiry on this study's progress, which was forwarded by Nanette Pageau. You specifically asked why the public hearing, originally scheduled for April 2024 has been postponed. As we indicated at the previous public meetings, development of the engineering and environmental documents is a discovery process that can possibly impact the project schedule. As the environmental studies proceeded, we learned the federal and state agencies responsible for reviewing potential Air Quality impacts required much more detailed analyses and reports than we anticipated. Discussions with those agencies is ongoing, and we anticipate positive feedback later this month. The approved reports will then be incorporated into the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for ADOT's review and approval. The DEA will be distributed for public comment following ADOT's approval. Due to the lengthy Air Quality analyses, the release of the DEA and scheduling of the public hearing has been delayed. The public hearing is currently scheduled for September 2024. I hope this information addresses your concern. Donald C. Smith M.S. Manager, Environmental Compliance

Appendix D: Civil Rights Meeting Compliance Summary

Civil Rights Meeting Summary

Your email (tgibson@azdot.gov) was recorded when you submitted this form.

Civil Rights Meeting Summary for? *

Douglas International Port of Entry Connector Road Study

Name and Title *

Tara Gibson, Community Relations Project Manager

Time, Date and Purpose of Meeting *

Aug 3, 2023, 4 PM - 6 PM In-person Purpose: To present the alternatives being considered and seek input.

Number of public attendees: *

52

of Self-Identification Surveys returned *

1

ADOT Self-Identification Survey/Racial breakdown. (African American/Black, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, or White). *

White

Accommodation Request for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and ADA? If so, please provide accommodations made or requested and amount associated. *

None

How many participants took advantage of the interpretation services offered (and specify the language) *

None

Where were meeting notices advertised? Please provide the name of the publication, web addressed if posted online and any physical locations of where notices were posted. *

Print advertisements were placed for this meeting on July 19, July 30, and Aug 2 in the Sierra Vista/Douglas Dispatch newspaper.

Were there any EJ (low-income or minority) populations identified as potentially affected communities? If yes, what community engagement tools were used? *

Bilingual direct mail postcards were mailed to approximately 152 residents and businesses located within a two-mile radius within the study area boundaries. Meeting notices were also provided to the city (and/or county) partners to share with their external and internal stakeholders through city (and/or county) communications channels. Public meeting notices were provided in both English and Spanish, mailed to 152 residents and businesses within a two-mile radius of the study area. Engagement was conducted with schools and school districts in the area, HOAs and churches to notify the public in multiple ways. In addition, study and meeting information was shared with city partners and other key stakeholders and businesses in the area, and they were asked to share with their residents/constituents/customers. An announcement regarding the availability of the Spanish interpretation services was made in English and Spanish at the beginning of the in-person presentation.

Provide or attach the LEP, and EJ demographic information that was collected prior to this meeting. Data should include in-person and online data collected. *

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p4xumAMJL8rCVP_VRuRuhEuT2AQabyRaBaJzUuA5AOA/edit

Please attach: •advertisement(s) used to publicize this meeting •mailer(s) that were used to publicize this meeting •photo(s) of the Title VI display to include: Title VI Notice to the Public, Title VI brochures (English & Spanish), Self-Identification Surveys, Sign-in sheet with the date of the meeting •A copy of the Public Involvement Plan (if applicable)

Submitted files



Douglas-POE-Fact-Sheet_August-2023 - Tara Gibson.pdf



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Herald Newspaper - 7-19-23 - Open House #2 Ad - Tara Gibson.pdf



Herald Newspaper - 7-30-23 - Article announcing public meeting - Tara Gibson.pdf



Herald Newspaper - 8-2-23 - Open House #2 Ad - Tara Gibson.pdf



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Karen Lamberton (Stated in comments that she does not need or expect a response to her observations/comments)	1) Surprised that a route using the Puzzi Ranch Road into Highway 191 was not one of the possible options. I suspect if it came up it did not make the first cut for deeper review. 2) I do have some concerns about impact on turning lanes and turning radii at the connections at Highway 80 and then Highway 80/Highway 191. 3) Consider future build-out for ROW and drainage structures. Get Right of Way now and access rights too, especially at all intersection. 4) Consider which alternative best supports adjacent compatible freight uses, refrigerated storage, freight rest area. 5) Consider noise and dust impacts on existing residential areas both during construction and build-out use. Identify a final asphalt layer that is designed to be a quieter roadway surface – use up all those used tires. Anything that uses recycled materials is a positive thing – even if it costs a tiny bit more. 6) Support addressing wildlife	(Individual stated in their comments that she does not need or expect a response to her observations) 1) The extension of Puzzi Ranch Road eastward into Highway 191 is not one of the alternatives being further evaluated. 2) The conceptual design is addressing these issues. 3) Future buildout in terms of ROW needs and drainage structure extensions will be evaluated. 4) A detailed evaluation of the three alternatives under study will include freight uses and construction costs. 5) A noise study and air quality study are being performed for this project and will determine any mitigation measures required. 6) The environmental assessment (EA) document will determine if wildlife crossings are required. 7) Native plant seeding will be stipulated for the revegetation of all disturbed areas. 8) Maintenance responsibility has not yet been determined.

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ROAD DESIGN CONCEPT REPORT (DCR) AND NEPA ENVIRONMENTAL
STUDY**

ADOT TRACS No. F0534 01L / Federal Aid No. 999-A(561)T

AGENCY COORDINATION MEETING AGENDA/MINUTES

AUGUST 3, 2023 @ 1:00 pm

Douglas Visitor Center

1. Introductions
2. Discuss Phase I Study Overview
 - Current Status
 - Project Purpose, Need, and Goal
3. Present Alternatives Under Study
 - Alternative 1: James Ranch Road
 - Alternative 2: James Ranch Road/Puzzi Road
 - Alternative 3: Brooks Road Extension
4. Preliminary Evaluation of Alternatives
 - Traffic Study
 - Drainage Study
 - Environmental Studies
5. Next Steps
6. Obtain Comments / Questions from AGENCIES in attendance
7. Adjourn

**CITY OF DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL PORT OF ENTRY (IPOE) CONNECTOR
ROAD STUDY – MEETING MINUTES
ADOT Project No. F0534 01L
Federal Project No. 999-A(561)T**

Agency Coordination Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2023; 1:00 pm

Attendees:

- Sharon Gilman, Cochise County
- Jackie Watkins, Cochise County
- Daniel Coxworth, Cochise County
- Luis Pedroza, City of Douglas
- Elise Moore, City of Douglas
- J.D. Rottweiler, Cochise College
- Kraig Fullen, Douglas Police Department
- Kevin Lomeli, Douglas Fire Department
- Tazeen Dewan, ADOT
- Sarah Karasz, ADOT
- Nanette Pageau, Kaneen
- Millie Pageau, Kaneen
- Letitia Flores, Kaneen
- Rob Lemke, Stantec
- Don Smith, Stantec

The following issues were discussed during the agency meeting.

- Abandoned railroad alignment south of SR 80: The Douglas Police indicated an easement may be needed to either cross over or cut through the embankment. The team should contact ADOT Right-of-Way regarding ownership of the railroad alignment. Coordination with CBP should occur because they use the RR berm.
- Drainage: Connector road will be raised 8 feet and needs to pass stormwater. A meeting with the City, County, ADOT, and GSA needs to occur to resolve all issues/standards. If the railroad berm is opened, an evaluation is needed to determine where the water will go. Detention basins for metering stormwater should be evaluated, either on State Land or City property.
- Right-of-Way: Discussions with landowners about alternatives and land acquisition are needed. One-on-one conversations cannot happen until the NEPA process is complete.
- The City indicated GSA would like James Ranch Road extended to the south. Further discussion is warranted.