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PUBLIC NOTICE 03-26

All interested parties are herein notified that the Commander, Heartland District, has received application materials dated 11 May 2026 from the City of Laredo, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation for approval of location and plans for the widening of an existing bridge and addition of new bridge adjacent to the existing bridge over the Rio Grande River, along the international boundary between the United States and Mexico. This waterway does not support commercial vessel activity, but because this bridge connects Laredo, TX to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, it is an international crossing and requires a Coast Guard Bridge Permit.

BRIDGE, WATERWAY AND LOCATION: The World Trade International Bridge located in Webb County, Laredo Texas, over the Rio Grande; Existing Bridge IBWC River Mile Number: 369.66, Proposed Bridge IBWC River Mile Number: 369.52.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The Project proposes to widen the existing World Trade Bridge by adding two lanes and to construct an adjacent new eight-lane bridge parallel, across the Rio Grande River.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

The clearances of each bridge are as described in the table below. Vertical clearance is from low member elevation to normal water elevation. The width of the Rio Grande River at the World Trade International Bridge is approximately 200 to 300 feet wide with a water depth between 1.5 to 3 feet deep during normal river states. **The Horizontal clearances listed below is the distance measured between bridge piers.**

	Existing Bridge Widening	Proposed New Bridge
Vertical	25'	39'
Horizontal	90.9'	93'

Survey Datum: Horizontal NAD 1983 Vertical NAVD 88

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Federal Highway Association is the lead Federal agency for satisfying the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FHWA is acting on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard for all environmental control laws. An Environmental Assessment dated April 2026 and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued on 06 July 2026, pursuant to NEPA,

as amended. The U.S. Coast Guard has tentatively determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact for the purposes of NEPA.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality issued a water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, for this project and is associated with the ACOE Nationwide permit 14 issued on 17 April 2026. There are minimal or no permanent impacts to wetlands.

The project site lies outside of any designated Coastal Zone Management areas.

The bridge is located in the floodplain. The 100-year flood elevation is 413.42'. Elevations are referenced to NAVD88 datum.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

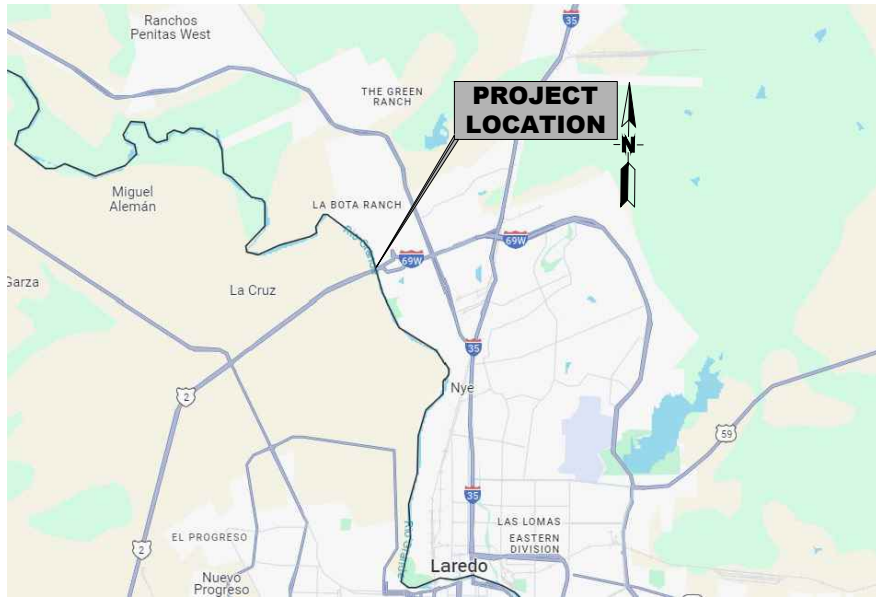
Mariners are requested to comment on the proposed navigation clearances and other navigational safety issues. Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project including its possible impacts to navigation by 31 Aug 2026.

We will forward comments of an environmental nature such as those regarding wildlife refuges, public parks, historic sites, wetlands, floodplain issues, air, water quality, environmental justice, etc. to the FHWA. Comments will be received for the record at the address noted in the header or via email d08-dg-district-dpb@uscg.mil.

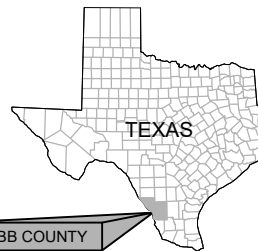
Map of location and plans attached.



Douglas A. Blakemore
Bridge Administrator
By direction of the Commander,
Coast Guard Heartland District

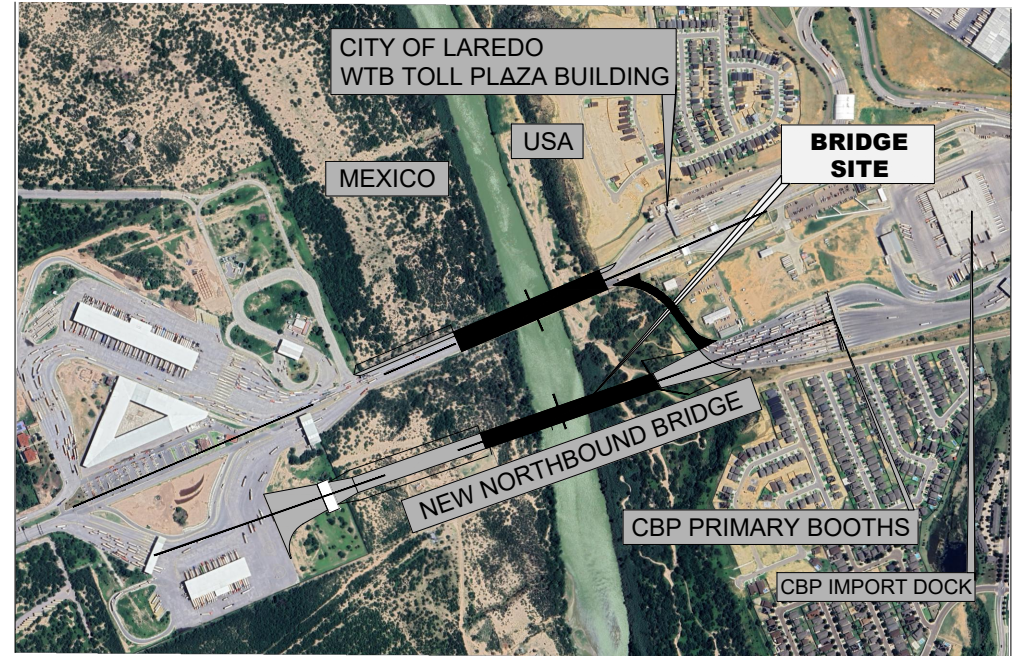


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LAREDO DISTRICT

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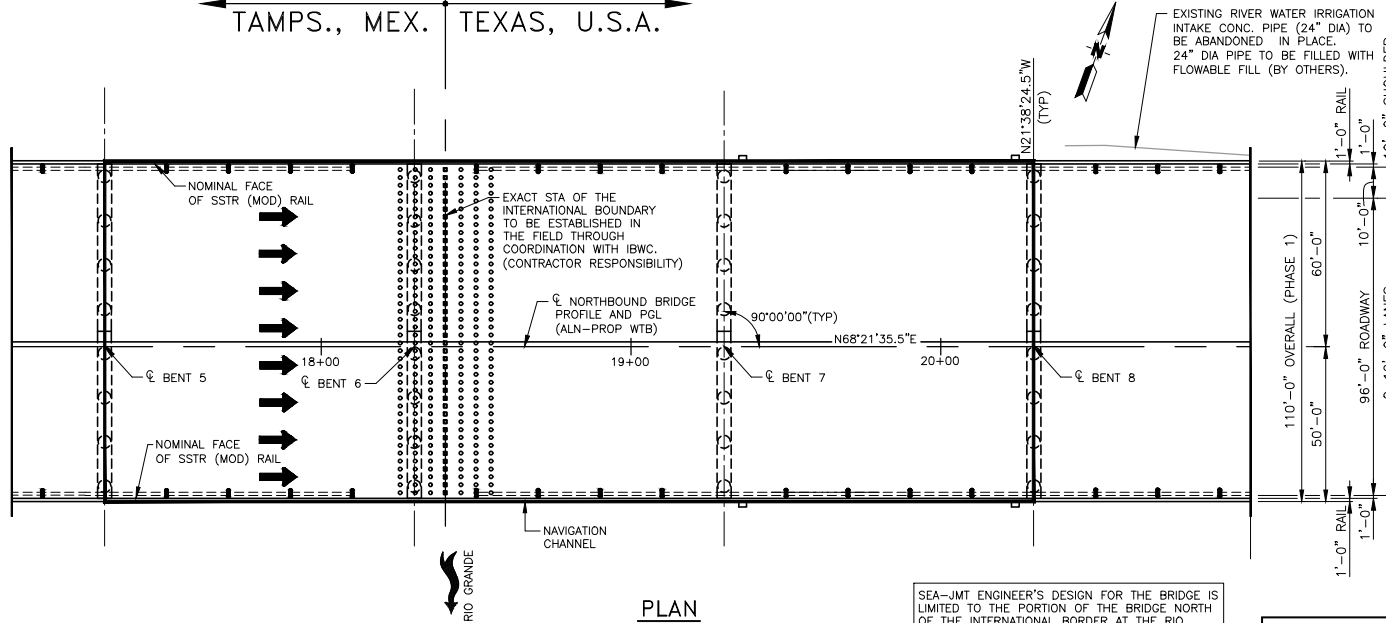
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REV 07/15/2026
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1	07-27-26	REV WATER ELEVATIONS	S.A.M.
		ADDED SURVEY DATUM	
		ADDED RIVER MILE NO.	
REV. NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY
 SEA STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES A JUNIT COMPANY 1000 WEST 10TH STREET, SUITE 100, LAREDO, TEXAS 78040			
 CITY OF LAREDO			
WORLD TRADE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE EXPANSION PROJECT			
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD BRIDGE PERMIT PLANS NEW NORTHBOUND BRIDGE RIO GRANDE RIVER RIVER MILE 369.52			
SHT 1 OF 3			
		STATE	
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NUEVO LAREDO TAMPS., MEX. LAREDO TEXAS, U.S.A.



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PLAN
SCALE 1"=40'-0"

SEA-JMT ENGINEER'S DESIGN FOR THE BRIDGE IS LIMITED TO THE PORTION OF THE BRIDGE NORTH OF THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER AT THE RIO GRANDE. LINE WORK FOR BRIDGE, ON MEXICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY AND IS NOT PART OF THE ENGINEER'S DESIGN. PLANS MAY VARY FROM MEXICO DUE TO DIFFERENT DESIGN REQUIREMENTS (SEISMIC, ETC.)

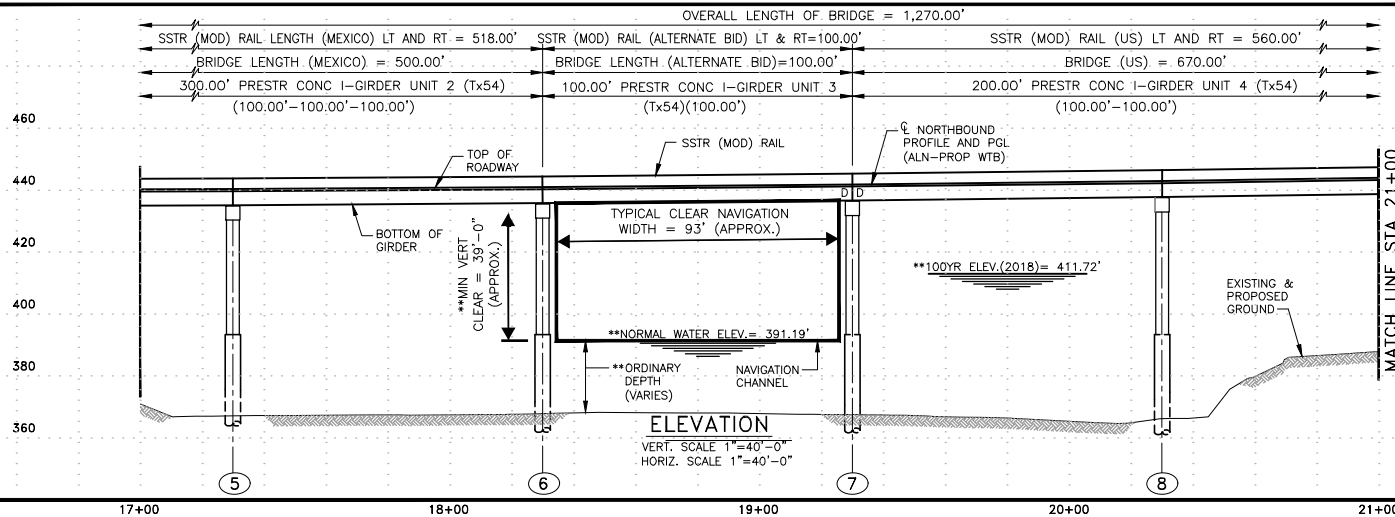
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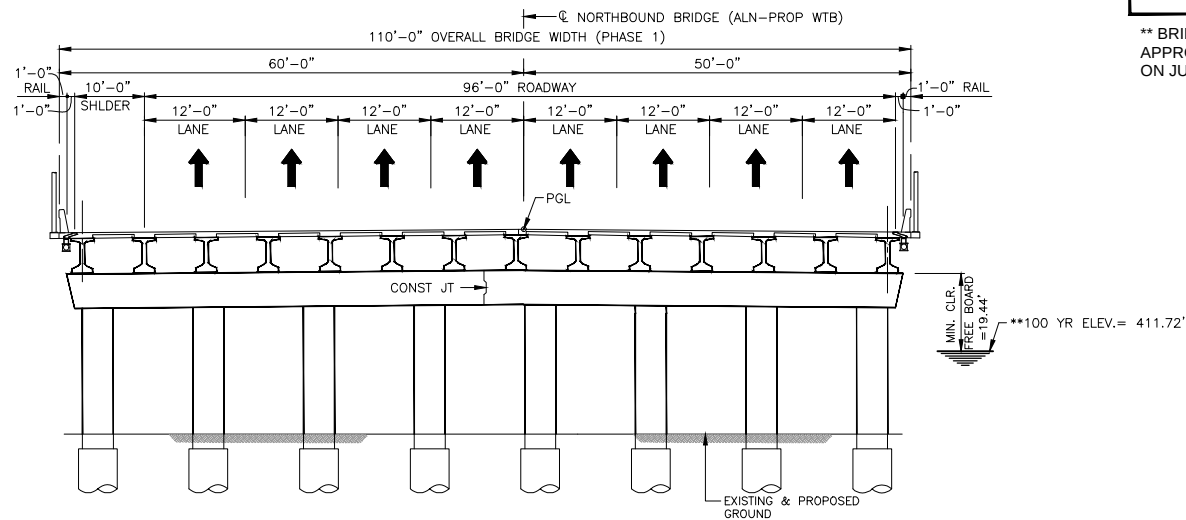
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TYPICAL TRANSVERSE SECTION
(LOOKING UPSTATION INTO UNITED STATES)
(NOT TO SCALE)

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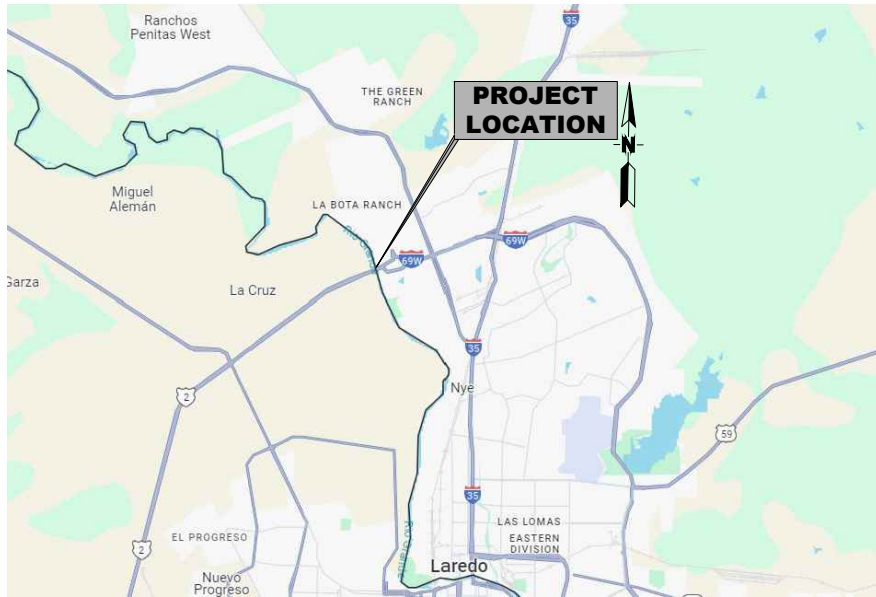
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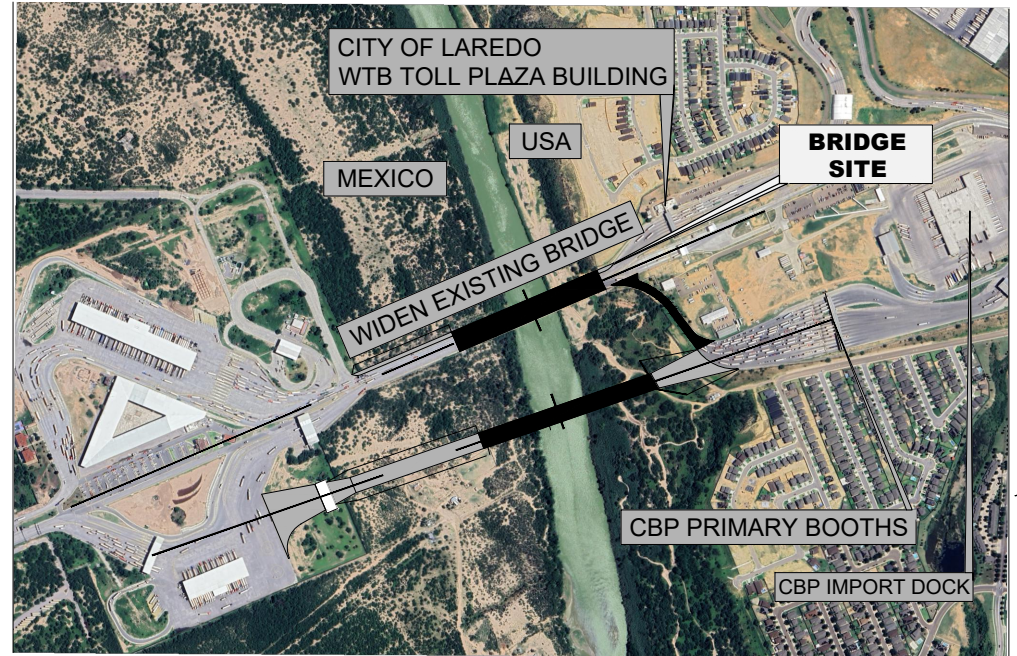
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