

U.S. General Services Administration

Calexico West Land Port of Entry

Border crossing station in Calexico, California

Facility Details Port Size: 17.8 acres Year constructed: 1974

Estimated Budget: \$85M - \$105M



Border Crossings



Primary Tenants



Project Overview

The Calexico West Land Port of Entry (LPOE) is the main border crossing linking the important Imperial Valley agricultural industry to the State of Baja California. Built in 1974, the port's pedestrian and vehicle inspection facility could no longer accommodate current traffic loads or meet the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) security requirements. Since 2015, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has led a modernization and expansion project to replace obsolete 1970s buildings with new expanded vehicle and pedestrian inspection facilities that enhance CBP's ability to accomplish its mission. In fiscal year 2019, GSA received \$191 million to fund Phase 2A of the project, leaving the final pedestrian portion of the project awaiting funding.

In 2021, GSA received funding for Phase 2B through the <u>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law</u> (BIL) to complete the project. Specifically, the BIL-funded portion includes the installation of a temporary pedestrian inspection facility. This will accommodate the demolition of the existing pedestrian building and construct an expanded, permanent pedestrian inspection facility with increased processing capacity. Once complete, the project will provide the port with adequate operational space, reduced traffic congestion, and a safe environment for port employees and visitors alike.

Current Status

GSA completed its programmatic Environmental Assessment process in Fall 2022, which evaluated the potential impact of Phase 2B work as part of the port's modernization and expansion project. As part of the EA process, GSA held a series of public meetings to gather input from the local community and key stakeholders. Preparation of a Design Build solicitation for the final phase is in progress.

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Administration Priorities

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes \$3.4 billion for GSA to make long-overdue improvements for our nation's land ports. It will drive the creation of good-paying union jobs that will add \$3.23 billion in total labor income across the United States. It will arow the economy sustainably and equitably by contributing an additional \$4.5 billion to the National Gross Domestic Product. Investments in these projects will incorporate sustainability features that will sharply reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate environmental impact.

Sustainability Opportunities

This project will be designed to conform to requirements of the Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service. GSA encourages design opportunities to increase energy and water efficiency (including renewable energy and fossil fuel free measures), adherence to sustainable design principles, and minimizing climate risk liabilities above the minimum performance criteria in a manner that is life cycle cost-effective.

Community Impact

The Calexico West modernization and expansion will greatly enhance the traveling public's experience by significantly increasing CBP's pedestrian and vehicle inspection capacity and reducing border crossing wait times.

Phase 2B will double the number of pedestrian inspection booths from six to 12, inside a new, state-of-the-art 39,000 square foot pedestrian inspection building.

