



General Services Administration  
Coburn Gore Land Port of Entry, Coburn Gore, Maine  
Environmental Assessment  
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING HANDOUT



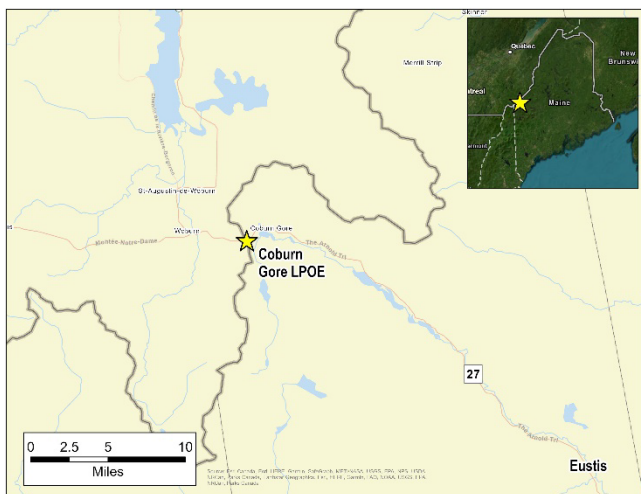
## Summary

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is proposing to modernize the Coburn Gore Land Port of Entry (LPOE) in Coburn Gore, Franklin County, Maine. The proposed project would improve the operational efficiency, safety, and security of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) personnel and cross-border travelers at the LPOE. Specifically, the deficiencies at the LPOE fall into two broad categories: 1) limited capacity and facilities for port operations; and 2) the existing buildings' condition.

A draft environmental assessment (EA) is being prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S. Code [U.S.C.] 4321), as implemented by Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500–1508), and policies of the GSA as the lead federal agency. The draft EA process provides steps and procedures to evaluate the potential natural and human environmental impacts for the proposed modernization and expansion of the Coburn Gore LPOE. The current main building and two single-family residences located on site were built in 1932. As such, they are listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and the GSA will consult with the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) and NEPA compliance.

The GSA is providing an opportunity for the public, stakeholders, and government agencies to provide input during EA preparation. The social, economic, and environmental considerations are evaluated and measured, as defined in the CEQ regulations, by their magnitude of impacts.

## Project Background



The Coburn Gore LPOE is a port of entry for vehicles and pedestrians crossing the U.S.-Canada border between Coburn Gore, Maine, and Woburn, Quebec, Canada. The port accommodates commercial and non-commercial vehicles and focuses on the inspection and control of vehicles, goods, and people. The existing main building and two residences were built in 1932 and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Two additional residences were built in 1967. Due to the lack of capacity for inspections of different traffic types (commercial, non-commercial, and pedestrian), outdated facilities and technologies, and lack of separation between the facilities and CBP housing, the LPOE no longer functions adequately and poses safety and security risks for CBP officers and the traveling public. The existing LPOE has spatial constraints, with limited interior space for offices and processing and limited opportunity for expansion within its current footprint.

Further information about the project can be viewed at: <http://gsa.gov/coburngore>.

## Alternatives Considered

The EA will consider “action” alternatives and a “no action” alternative.

The action alternatives may include:

- Constructing new LPOE facilities—Main port building, commercial processing, a separate non-intrusive inspection, secondary inspection, GOV garage, traffic lanes, parking, and supporting facilities.
- Acquiring additional land.
- Keeping the existing historical main port building in place and relocating the four existing CBP residences.
- Constructing new CBP housing.
- Creating a cul-de-sac at the end of State Route 27.
- Grading for new LPOE facilities.
- Building a retaining wall for new LPOE facilities.
- Constructing on-site stormwater measures.

Under the ‘no action’ alternative, current LPOE facilities would continue to operate under existing conditions.

## National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process



The GSA is currently in the Public Scoping Period phase of the NEPA EA process. The views and comments of the public are necessary to help determine the scope and content of the environmental analysis. An important objective of scoping is to identify specific elements of the environment that might be affected if the proposal is carried out. Potential impacts raised during scoping will be analyzed in detail in the EA.

Your participation in the EA process is appreciated. Written comments must be submitted to GSA by November 27, 2023, using one of the following methods:

- In-Person: At the meeting. A comment sheet will be available. A stenographer will also be present at the scoping meeting to receive and record oral comments.
- Email: Send an email to [coburngore.lpoe@gsa.gov](mailto:coburngore.lpoe@gsa.gov) with subject line “Coburn Gore EA”
- By QR Code: Scan the code in the bottom right corner to provide comments online.
- Mail: Send written comments by mail to:

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