

Porthill Land Port of Entry

Border crossing station in Porthill, Idaho
Estimated Budget: \$45 million - \$55 million

U.S. General Services Administration



Primary Tenants









Project Overview

The Porthill LPOE is a limited-service port of entry operating 12 hours a day, seven days a week between Porthill, Idaho and eastern British Columbia, Canada. It primarily serves personal vehicles and buses, but also processes a limited number of pedestrians (mostly hikers) and permitted commercial truck traffic. It is relatively remote: 27 miles northwest of Bonners Ferry, ID. After 55 years of continuous operation, the Porthill LPOE is no longer able to meet the operational needs of CBP. The expansion project will enhance the port's operational efficiency and capability, providing new, modern and energy efficient facilities to house port operations and processing functions.

Current Status

In August 2023, GSA met with the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho to discuss their interest in the project. Consultations with the Kootenai Tribe will continue as the project moves forward. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. General Services Administration is in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the expansion and modernization of the Porthill LPOE. As of November 2023, GSA and its contractor are reviewing the scoping information collected and preparing the draft EA. All NEPA-related documents can be found on the project website: gsa.gov/Porthill.

Project Timeline

Planning

Design

Construction

Project Development Study/CMA/Acquisition Services April 2023 - March 2025 Design Award April 2025 Construction Start Date
January 2026

Substantial Completion January 2028

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes \$3.4 billion for GSA to modernize and construct land ports of entry along the nation's borders. These projects will strengthen supply chains, create good-paying jobs, enhance safety and security, and serve as models of sustainability.

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