



R. Castro

Land Port of Entry

Border crossing station in Douglas, Arizona

Facility Details

Port Size: 4.8 acres

Year constructed: 1933

Estimated Budget: \$165M - \$185M



Yearly Border Crossings

Primary Tenants



Personal
1.5 M



Commercial
29 K



Pedestrian
683 K



Project Overview

The Raul H. Castro Land Port of Entry (LPOE), located in Douglas, Arizona, is a critical facility for U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) mission in southern Arizona. Today, the 4.8-acre federal facility, originally built in 1933 and expanded in 1993, is not able to fully meet CBP's 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 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.

The U.S. General Services Administration received funding through the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (BIL) for the complete modernization of the facility based on the findings of a 2019 feasibility study. The project proposes relocation of commercial activities to a newly constructed stand-alone commercial LPOE 4.5 miles away. Relocating commercial operations to the newly constructed commercial port allows for the modernization and expansion of the Castro LPOE.

Current Status

GSA began its programmatic Environmental Impact Statement process in Spring 2022 and will continue to evaluate the potential impact of the modernization and expansion project through Fall 2023. As part of the EIS process, GSA will conduct public meetings to gather input from the local community and key stakeholders. GSA also awarded an architecture and engineering services contract in February 2023.



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 grow 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 modernization and expansion of the Castro LPOE will help improve the traveling public’s experience by relocating commercial vehicle inspection operations to the new commercial Douglas LPOE as well as a proposed increase in the number of vehicular and pedestrian inspection booths from 7 to 10 and from 3 to 6, respectively. This will provide CBP with additional inspection capacity and help reduce northbound border wait times.

Project Timeline



Environmental Impact Statement

Spring 2022 - Fall 2023

Architecture & engineering services contract award

February 2023

Design-build Award

Fall 2027

Construction Start

Fall 2028

Substantial Completion

Fall 2031