

Texas Department of Transportation
BORDER SAFETY INSPECTION FACILITY PROGRAM
IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES

As of December 30, 2004

TEMPORARY BSIF SITES

Facility complete and operational

Colombia / Solidarity Bridge, Laredo
World Trade Bridge, Laredo
Camino Real International Bridge, Eagle Pass
Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge, Pharr
Veteran International Bridge @ Los Tomates, Brownsville
Free Trade Bridge @ Los Indios
Bridge of the Americas

Modifying facilities but Operational

Zaragoza / Ysleta Bridge (Adding structure canopies- completion date mid October 2004)
Construction Documents (Plans): Complete
Bid: November 5, 2003
Construction: Facility is complete and operational. Relocating WIM to site by February 2005 (CRCP placed late December 2004 plus 30-day cure)

PERMANENT BSIF SITES

1. Colombia / Solidarity Bridge, Laredo

- a. Environmental Assessment:** State FONSI approved on June 5, 2003.
- b. Final Schematics:** Court ruled in favor of TxDOT on 9/30/04. Schematics being reviewed by Design Division
- c. ROW Determination:** Pending Administration direction.
- d. Public Hearing:** Conducted on July 24, 2002.
- e. Plans, Specs & Estimate:** District has commenced the process to engage the services of a consultant.
- f. Bid:** Pending PS&E completion.
- g. Construction:** Pending PS&E completion.

2. World Trade Bridge, Laredo

- a. Environmental Assessment:** State FONSI approved on June 3, 2003.
- b. Final Schematics:** Court ruled in favor of TxDOT on 9/30/04. Schematics being reviewed by Design Division
- c. ROW Determination:** Pending Administration direction.
- d. Public Hearing:** Conducted on July 23, 2002.

- e. **Plans, Specs & Estimate:** District has commenced the process to engage the services of a consultant.
- f. **Bid:** Pending PS&E completion.
- g. **Construction:** Pending PS&E completion.

3. Camino Real International Bridge, Eagle Pass

- a. **Environmental Assessment:** Site B, previously eliminated, is now being reassessed as the preferred site. As a result, the EA must be revised and resubmitted for TxDOT and agency review.
 - THC has concurred that the cotton gin on site is not a historical structure
 - THC has concurred that the Fort Duncan boundaries need to be revised.
 - The 4(f) parkland issues have been eliminated by staying within the ROW.
 SHPO has concurred with no effect on the historic district and results will be incorporated in the 4(f) for FHWA review. After FHWA review, the EA can be revised.

The City of Eagle Pass has denied a temporary construction easement to the State. The City has requested the State construct a ball park for the City. The State is investigating ball park alternatives.

- b. **Final Schematics:** Pending evaluation of alternative site B public involvement to determine the preferred alternative.
- c. **ROW Determination:** Pending evaluation of alternative site B and public involvement to determine the preferred alternative.
- d. **Public Hearing:** Held June 15, 2004. A second Public Hearing is targeted for Spring 2005 once the ball park issued is resolved.
- e. **Plans, Specs & Estimate:** Currently negotiating proposal with ARCADIS. Tentative start scheduled for January 2005.
- f. **Bid:** Tentatively scheduled for September 2006.
- g. **Construction:** Tentative completion date March 2008.

4. Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge, Pharr

- a. **Environmental Assessment:** Evaluating a new site to the east of the GSA facility as a result of the Public Hearing input. The EA is being revised to address comments.
- b. **Final Schematics:** Due 4/29/05 from consultant. Have coordinated and will continue to coordinate with property owner and US Customs.
- c. **ROW Determination:** Pending evaluation of new site to determine the preferred alternative.
- d. **Public Hearing:** Conducted on July 11, 2002.
- e. **Plans, Specs & Estimate:** Pending completion of the environmental / public involvement process to determine the preferred alternative.
- f. **Bid:** Pending PS&E completion.
- g. **Construction:** Pending PS&E completion.

5. Veterans International Bridge @ Los Tomates, Brownsville

- a. **Environmental Assessment:** Evaluating shifting of the site approximately four hundred (400) yards to the east of the current preferred site as a result of the Public Hearing input. The EA is being revised to address comments.
- b. **Final Schematics:** Due 4/29/05 from consultant. Have coordinated and will continue to coordinate with property owner and US Customs.
- c. **ROW Determination:** In progress, pending evaluation of the shifted site to determine the preferred alternative.
- d. **Public Hearing:** Conducted on July 10, 2002.
- e. **Plans, Specs & Estimate:** Pending completion of the environmental / public involvement process the preferred site.
- f. **Bid:** Pending PS&E completion.
- g. **Construction:** Pending PS&E completion.

6. Free Trade Bridge @ Los Indios, Brownsville

- a. **Environmental Assessment:** Evaluating a new (shifted) site east of the GSA facility as a result of the Public Hearing. The EA is being revised to address comments.
- b. **Final Schematics:** Due 4/29/05 from consultant. Have coordinated and will continue to coordinate with property owner and US Customs.
- c. **ROW Determination:** In progress, pending evaluation of the shifted site to determine the preferred alternative.
- c. **Public Hearing:** Conducted on July 9, 2002.
- d. **Plans, Specs & Estimate:** Pending completion of the environmental / public involvement process to determine the preferred site.
- e. **Bid:** Pending PS&E completion.
- f. **Construction:** Pending PS&E completion.

7. Bridge of the Americas, El Paso

- a. **Environmental Assessment:** [FONSI](#) approved by FHWA on December 11, 2002.
- b. **Final Schematics:** Final schematic s approved.
- c. **ROW Determination:** Completed. Site owned by TxDOT.
- d. **Public Hearing:** Conducted on July 16, 2002.
- e. **Plans, Specs & Estimate:** Contract with PGAL executed on 12/11/03. Final plans submitted to DES Division on May 7, 2004.
- e. **Bid:** August 2004, low bid- \$4,783,868.97
- f. **Construction:** Commenced November 2, 2004. Contractor is working on the retention pond and the building pad.

8. Zaragoza / Ysleta Bridge, El Paso

- a. **Environmental Assessment:** FONSI approved by FHWA on January 7, 2004.
- b. **Final Schematics:** Complete. Submitting to Design Division for review.
- c. **ROW Determination:** In progress.
- d. **Public Hearing:** Conducted on October 29, 2003.
- e. **Plans, Specs & Estimate:** Concept meeting conducted on December 1, 2004.

- f. **Bid:** Tentatively scheduled for August 2005.
- g. **Construction:** Tentatively scheduled to begin October 2005. Tentative completion date March 2007.