

## **MEDIA RELEASE – CBP Port of Douglas Renovation Project**

*(Douglas, Arizona, February 5, 2020)* U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials at the Raul Hector Castro Port of Entry in Douglas, Arizona advises travelers that it will undergo an extensive booth replacement and pavement project.

Beginning Monday, December 16, 2019, officials will begin replacing seven primary inspection booths along with two commercial truck booths. The port's cargo dock and exit booths will also be replaced. At any given time, one or two inspection booths will be demolished, replaced and new asphalt will be laid. Additionally, a pedestrian turnstile will be installed along with a handicap accessible entrance.

Travelers will not need to change their normal routine for crossing the border in Douglas, they will simply be redirected by signage to operating inspectional booths. During the project, four to five vehicle primary lanes will be open for peak commuting times to relieve congestion. These upgrades are needed to keep up with the growing inspectional demands and to, ultimately, create an improved land border experience for travelers, community partners, and personnel. Throughout the project, CBP and the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) will work closely with government stakeholders and community leaders to ensure a smooth throughput.

Use the border wait times website to plan your trip across the border. Travelers may also download the official Border Wait Time app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. “CBP is committed to maintaining the highest service standards possible. At times that requires infrastructure enhancements and construction that may cause delays,” said Jose “Rene” Ortega, Acting Port Director of the Port of Douglas (Ariz.). “CBP makes every effort to mitigate these impacts to the greatest extent possible.”

The project is slated to be completed in the latter part of May 2020.

CBP's Office of Field Operations is the primary organization within Homeland Security tasked with an anti-terrorism mission at our nation's ports. CBP officers screen all people, vehicles and goods entering the United States while facilitating the flow of legitimate trade and travel.

Their mission also includes carrying out border-related duties, including narcotics interdiction, enforcing immigration and trade laws, and protecting the nation's food supply and agriculture industry from pests and diseases.

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