

# City of Douglas International Port of Entry (IPOE) Connector Road Design Concept Report (DCR) and NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) Study

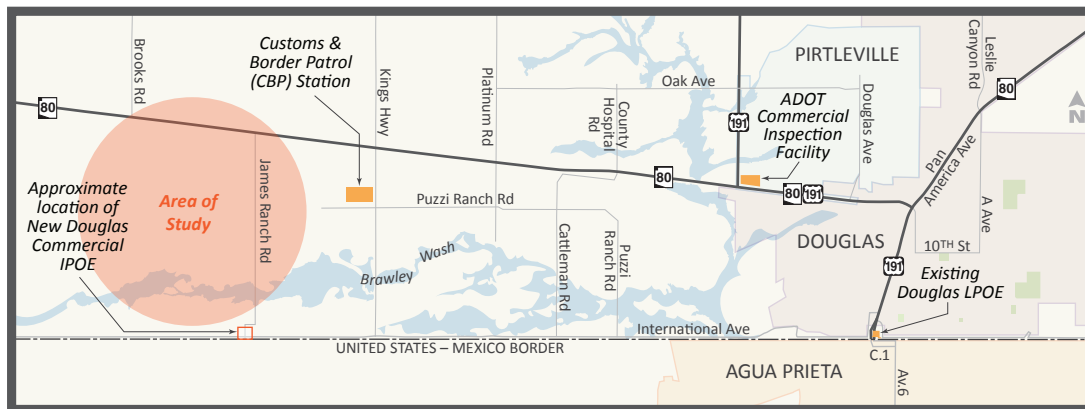
## PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Cochise County, City of Douglas and other stakeholders, are evaluating alternatives to provide a connector road from the new Douglas International Port of Entry (IPOE) to State Route 80. The primary goal of this project is to recommend a preferred connector road location to safely accommodate commercial truck traffic and provide connectivity from the proposed second IPOE near Douglas to the state highway system.

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), in collaboration with the City of Douglas and community stakeholders, completed a regional feasibility study in 2019 and identified the need to separate commercial and non-commercial traffic flows in the City of Douglas. The new commercial port will be located 4.5 miles west of the Castro Land Port of Entry (LPOE) on an 80-acre site at the intersection of James Ranch Road and the U.S. / Mexico border. The new port would process commercial traffic for the binational region and provide cross-border access between the states of Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Once construction of the Douglas IPOE has been completed, commercial operations will move from the Castro LPOE to the new facility.

## CURRENT STUDY PHASE

The study is currently in the public information phase. During this phase, receiving input from as many affected and interested parties as possible is an important part of the study. Input received during the current public information phase will help refine alternatives, learn any important information for the study team to consider in evaluating the alternatives, and better understand the public's priorities and concerns.



## TIMELINE

Notice to Proceed  
*January 4, 2023*

**Public Meeting No. 1**  
*April 27, 2023*

Development of  
Alternatives  
*Spring/Summer 2023*

Public Meeting No. 2  
*Summer 2023*

Development of  
Recommended  
Alternative & Initial  
DCR and EA  
*Summer/Fall 2023*

Public Hearing  
*Winter 2024*

Development of  
Final DCR and EA  
*Spring 2024*

ADOT Review and  
Approval  
*Summer 2024*

★ *Current project phase*

**Thank you. Please leave your comment form with us, or send us your comments by May 19, 2023.**

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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 04/16/2019, and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

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