

CAMINO REAL BRIDGE PROJECTS

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OVERVIEW

The Camino Real International Bridge (Bridge II) serves as a critical link between Eagle Pass, Texas, and Piedras Negras, Coahuila. It is the city's primary commercial port of entry and has become one of the fastest-growing U.S.–Mexico border crossings. Recognized for being both efficient and secure, the bridge plays a central role in supporting international trade. In June 2025, a Presidential Permit authorized a major expansion project that substantially increase the bridge's crossing capacity. This investment is designed to relieve congestion, support long-term trade growth, and strengthen the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, positioning Eagle Pass as a vital hub in North American commerce.



Project Goals

Realignment & Expansion

The purpose of these projects is to improve traffic flow, travel times, and safety in the vicinity of the Camino Real International Bridge while reducing congestion between commercial vehicles. The current roadway configuration creates conflict areas that result in outbound congestion for passenger-operated vehicles as well as for inbound and outbound congestion for commercial vehicles.



Bridge Realignment Project

Reconfigure the layout

• Estimated Cost of \$23,000,000.00



Bridge Expansion Project

\$50,000,000.00

Expand from 6 lanes to 12 lanes

Top Imports and Exports in 2024

IMPORTS:

- 1-Motor Vehicle Parts
- 2-Gasolinge, other fuels
- 3-Corn
- 4-Soybeans
- 5- Misc. iron & steel articles

EXPORTS:

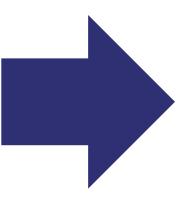
- 1- Commercial Vehicles
- 2- Passenger Vehicles
- 3-Beer
- 4-Motor Vehicle Parts
- 5-Refrigerators, Freezers



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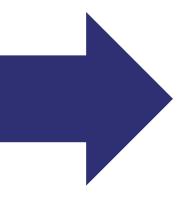
Key Challenges & Considerations



- Must complete environmental reviews and bi-national coordination.
- Construction delays or financing hurdles could escalate costs.
- Requires balancing community impacts (tolls, traffic, land use).
- Permit expires if construction has not started within 5 years.



Strategic Importance



- Facilitates faster, more reliable freight movement for agriculture, automotive, and energy sectors.
- Supports local and regional economies on both sides of the border.
- Positions Eagle Pass as a critical hub in U.S.-Mexico trade integration.

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The Camino Real International Bridge expansion is more than just an infrastructure project. It represents an investment in efficiency, safety, and long-term economic growth for Eagle Pass and the entire region. By expanding from six lanes to twelve, the project will ease congestion, strengthen vital trade corridors, and create opportunities that benefit both sides of the border.

As we move forward, this expansion positions Eagle Pass to play an even greater role in North American commerce, ensuring that our community is not simply adapting to the future, but actively shaping it.



THANK YOU!

