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## **Southbound lanes technology upgrade project at the Bridge of Americas El Paso international crossing to begin September 29** *Lane closures will effect southbound traffic, public should plan accordingly*

**EL PASO, Texas** – U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials in El Paso are advising the traveling public and members of trade community that a construction project in the southbound lanes of the Bridge of the Americas is scheduled to begin on Monday, Sept. 29. The project includes lane excavation and construction to support the installation of bollards, speed humps and technology upgrades which includes LED signage and automated license plate readers.

“This project is being undertaken to upgrade technology and modernize and improve the flow of traffic,” said Francis Brown., acting CBP El Paso port director. “The construction is slated to occur when traffic is lightest between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Friday. Freshly poured concrete will need time to cure so there will be some lanes closures.”

Construction will impact lane availability for southbound vehicle and commercial traffic for the duration of the project. Southbound pedestrian traffic will not be effected. Southbound lane availability will be adjusted as the project progresses. At all times during the project there should be two vehicular and one commercial lane available for southbound traffic instead of the regular five lanes combined.

CBP is encouraging travelers to build extra time into their commute, especially during peak traffic periods. CBP Officials also recommend using alternate routes such as the Ysleta or the Stanton southbound locations for their trips into Juarez, Mexico. The project is scheduled to be completed by mid-November.

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