



WELCOME

PROPOSED MODERNIZATION PROJECT AT THE
FORT FAIRFIELD LAND PORT OF ENTRY
FORT FAIRFIELD, MAINE

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

July 30, 2024

Fort Fairfield Middle High School

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM





WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS!

GSA welcomes public input on the resources and issues that are important to you.

Public scoping comments must be submitted to GSA by September 6, 2024.

- **IN-PERSON.** Fill out a comment form and submit at this scoping meeting.

COMMENT SHEET
Proposed Modernization Project at the
Limestone Land Port of Entry
Public Scoping Meeting
Limestone, ME
Wednesday, July 31, 2024

(PLEASE PRINT)
NAME and AFFILIATION: _____
ADDRESS: _____
EMAIL: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Public participation is an essential component of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, and GSA welcomes comments on the Proposed Modernization Project at the Limestone Land Port of Entry.

Please fill out the following form to ensure that the analysis, and ultimately the decision, considers the affected communities' concerns.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list and receive information about the project, please provide your email or mailing address above.

1. Please provide us with any environmental or design information or concerns, which you feel should be addressed in the Environmental Assessment for this project.

2. Please use this space to provide any additional comments you might have.

Please leave this comment sheet at the designated "drop box" or mail your comments by September 6, 2024 to the address below:

General Services Administration
Attention: Nick Budris, Project Manager
New England Region
202 Harlow Street
Bangor, ME 04401

You may also email your comment to Limestone.LPOE@gsa.gov with subject line "Limestone EA"

- **BY E-MAIL.** Send comments to:

fortfairfield.LPOE@gsa.gov
(Please include "Fort Fairfield EA" in subject line.)

- **BY MAIL.** Send comments to:

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- **BY QR CODE.** Scan this code and submit comments online.





NEPA PROCESS

INTERNAL SCOPING

- GSA identified a need to update the Fort Fairfield LPOE with current land port design standards and operational requirements of the CBP while addressing existing deficiencies identified with ongoing LPOE operations.
- GSA conducted a Feasibility Study [August 2019] to explore viable alternatives to accommodate the Fort Fairfield LPOE operations.

PUBLIC SCOPING PERIOD WE ARE HERE

- GSA informs local, state, and federal agencies of the proposed project through a stakeholder scoping letter.
- The intent of the Public Scoping Meeting is to describe the project, solicit comments, and listen to community concerns and interests before preparation of the Environmental Assessment (EA).
- The public may submit comments on issues that should be considered in the EA.
- Public Scoping Period ends September 6, 2024.

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT EA

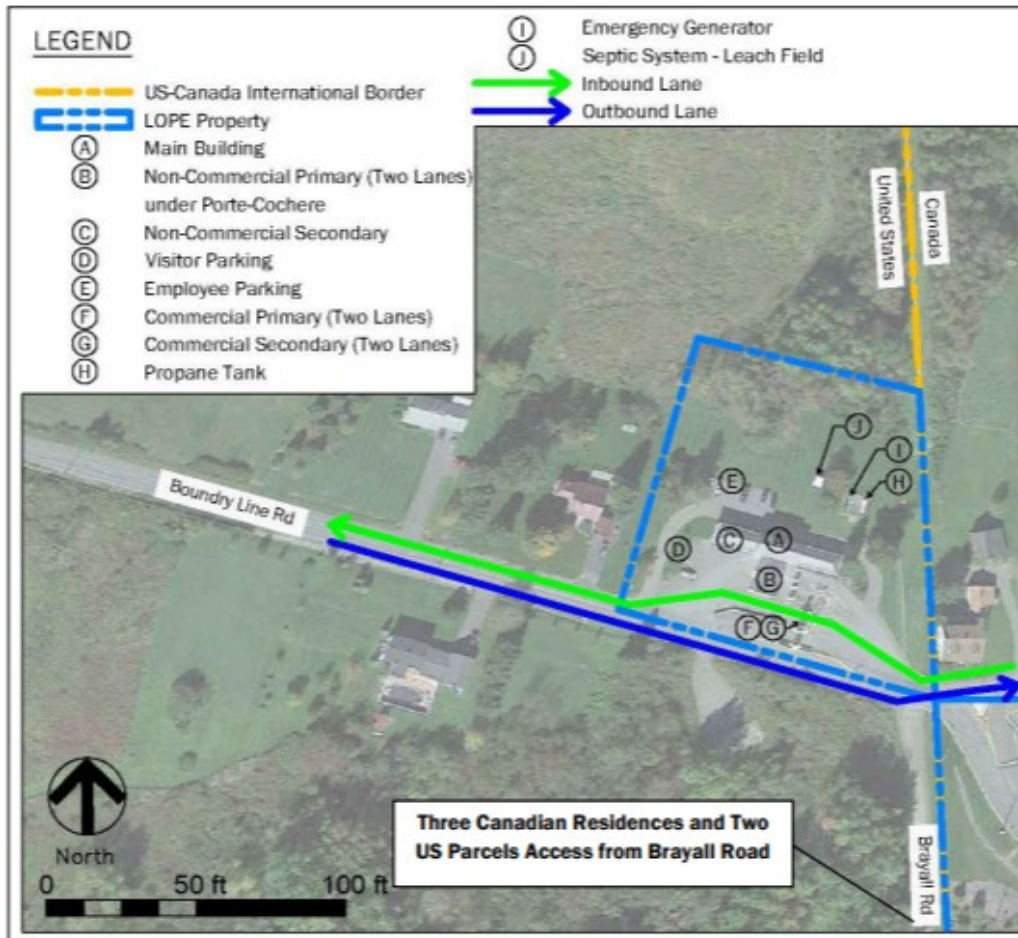
- A Draft EA is developed to analyze potential impacts to the natural and human environment.
- Public comments are considered during the preparation of the Draft EA.
- Required consultations are initiated with federal and state agencies to comply with laws and regulations (e.g., Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act).

DRAFT EA & PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- GSA notifies the public that the Draft EA is available for public review.
- 30-day Public Comment Period is held, which will include a public meeting.
- Written comments on the contents of the Draft EA are accepted via U.S. mail, e-mail, or in-person at the public meeting.

FINAL EA & DETERMINATION PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

- Complete required consultations with agencies.
- Review, consider, and address, as appropriate, the public comments received.
- Revise and finalize the EA.
- Determine if the project can proceed under a Finding of No Significant Impacts.



*Existing Transportation Network
(Feasibility Study, August 2019)*

Purpose.

The purpose of the project is for GSA to support U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) missions by bringing the Fort Fairfield LPOE operations in line with current land port design standards and operational requirements of CBP while addressing existing deficiencies identified with the ongoing port operations.

Need. The Proposed Action is needed to:

- ❖ Increase processing efficiency and capacity
- ❖ Reduce traffic queues and travel delays
- ❖ Minimize conflict points among passenger vehicles and pedestrians
- ❖ Eliminate an ongoing security concern with Brayall Road
- ❖ Improve line-of-sight to inbound traffic
- ❖ Provide better line-of-sight between U.S. and Canadian LPOEs
- ❖ Allow existing LPOE to remain in current location and continue to function as part of the Fort Fairfield LPOE