

**Public Announcement  
Public Meeting  
Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of Tactical Infrastructure  
U.S. Border Patrol San Diego Sector, California**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announces the availability of, and seeks information on three Project Descriptions for the Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of Tactical Infrastructure, U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) San Diego Sector, California. One tactical infrastructure project will include the construction of approximately 2,400 feet of all-weather road to connect existing roads on the east and west sides of Bunker Hill. The project location begins approximately ½ mile east of the Pacific Ocean along the US/Mexico border. The second tactical infrastructure project will replace approximately 1,015 feet of primary pedestrian border fence in the proximity of Friendship Circle and include a canopy structure over Friendship Circle proper.

On September 22, 2005, the DHS Secretary, pursuant to his authority under Section 102(c) of Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) of 1996, as amended, exercised his authority to waive certain environmental and other laws in order to ensure the expeditious construction of tactical infrastructure along the U.S./Mexico international border. Although the Secretary's waiver means that CBP no longer has any specific legal obligations under the laws that are included in the waiver, the Secretary committed DHS to responsible environmental stewardship of our valuable natural and cultural resources. CBP strongly supports this objective and remains committed to being a good steward of the environment and to building tactical infrastructure in an environmentally responsible manner. This waiver remains in effect for the Bunker Hill and Friendship Circle projects. To that end, CBP will prepare an Environmental Stewardship Plan (ESP) for the Bunker Hill project. Activities supporting the Friendship Circle fence replacement will be documented in the Environmental Stewardship Review Memorandum (ESRM). The ESP and ESRM will evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with construction of these tactical infrastructure projects in the USBP's San Diego Sector.

The third tactical infrastructure project will replace approximately 320 feet of Surf Fence that was initially constructed in 1993/1994 and repaired in 2002. The Surf Fence is located along the International Border adjacent to Border Field State Park and extends westward into the Pacific Ocean. A Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) was prepared for the Surf Fence project. Permits associated with this project will be updated.

An open house will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Marina Vista Center, City of Imperial Beach, located at 1075 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Imperial Beach, CA, 91932.

The Project Descriptions can be downloaded from the project website at [www.BorderFencePlanning.com](http://www.BorderFencePlanning.com).

Your input can be provided at the open house, at the website listed above, or via phone at 225-757-8088, fax at 225-761-8077, or email to [BorderFencePlanning@cbp.gov](mailto:BorderFencePlanning@cbp.gov). You may also send information via mail to the address provided below. Please provide any information by February 23, 2011.

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