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FORT HANCOCK—PORVENIR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE TO CLOSE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON FEB. 13, 2021; ONLY PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ALLOWED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Fort Hancock, Texas–Porvenir, Chihuahua International Bridge located 56 miles (90 kilometers) to the southeast of El Paso, Texas–Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua will close to vehicular traffic on February 13, 2021 until further notice due to required repairs on the bridge. Only pedestrian traffic will be allowed until further notice. Vehicular traffic interested in traveling to or from Mexico is advised to use the Tornillo, Texas–Guadalupe, Chihuahua International Bridge, also known in the United States as the Marcelino Serna Port of Entry.

The U.S. and Mexican Sections of the [International Boundary and Water Commission](#) (IBWC) have arranged for the bridge closure following a recent inspection of the U.S. side of the structure by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). This closure recommended by TxDOT is needed in order to perform the required repairs. The main concern is deterioration of the timber piers that support the bridge on the U.S. side.

The alternate crossing, the [Tornillo, Texas](#)–Guadalupe, Chihuahua International Bridge, is located 25 miles (40 kilometers) to the northwest of the Fort Hancock–Porvenir International Bridge. Hours of operation are 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m..

Built by the IBWC in 1937 as part of the Rio Grande Rectification Project, the Fort Hancock–Porvenir International Bridge is a small light-duty bridge 510 feet (155 meters) in length with two 8-foot (2.4-meter) wide lanes. It connects Texas Farm to Market Road 1088 with an unnamed farm road in Mexico leading to the Juarez-Porvenir Highway (Mexico’s Federal Highway 2).

The IBWC is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico and settling differences that may arise in the application of the treaties. In accordance with the treaties and other international agreements, the IBWC is responsible for operation and maintenance of the Fort Hancock–Porvenir International Bridge.

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