



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States and Mexico

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### **FORT HANCOCK—PORVENIR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE REOPENS TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON FEB. 18**

The Fort Hancock, Texas–Porvenir, Chihuahua International Bridge located 56 miles (90 kilometers) to the southeast of El Paso, Texas–Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua will reopen to vehicular traffic on February 18 at [6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. MST, seven days a week.](#)

The U.S. and Mexican Sections of the [International Boundary and Water Commission \(IBWC\)](#) arranged for the [bridge closure to vehicular traffic in February 2021](#), but kept the bridge open for pedestrian traffic only following an inspection of the U.S. side of the structure by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The main concern was the deterioration of the timber piers that support the bridge on the U.S. side. The U.S. Section of the IBWC just completed a project to encase the piers in concrete to support the bridge until a permanent solution can be determined.

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. In the 1980s, the Mexican Section of the IBWC transferred responsibility for maintenance of the Mexican portion of the international bridge to the Secretariat of Communications and Transportation.

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