



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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BORDERLAND BRIDGE TO CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 7 FOR FLOODGATE MAINTENANCE

Borderland Bridge across the Rio Grande in El Paso County, Texas will be closed on Wednesday, September 7, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., for routine maintenance on the bridge's floodgates. If the work is completed early, the bridge will be reopened prior to 4:30 p.m. The work will require West Borderland Road to be closed between Doniphan Drive and Strahan Road. The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (USIBWC) will perform the work as part of its maintenance of the Rio Grande Flood Control Project.

The floodgates, which are embedded in the roadway at either end of the bridge, are designed to operate automatically in the event of a flood, creating a barrier to keep water away from people, buildings, and infrastructure. To ensure the gates remain operable, USIBWC crews will perform routine annual maintenance, including greasing brackets and braces, and pressure washing.

Orange detour signs will be placed in the area. Alternate driving routes are as follows (see attached map):

Northbound traffic for east side of bridge:

- Traffic on Doniphan Drive and West Borderland Road will be diverted to Canutillo-La Union Avenue/Canutillo Bridge, then to Strahan Road where all points can be accessed except at the bridge.

Northbound traffic for west side of bridge:

- Traffic on the west end of bridge (West Borderland Road) will be diverted to Strahan Road then onto Canutillo-La Union Avenue/Canutillo Bridge for access to Doniphan Drive.

Southbound traffic for east side of bridge:

- Traffic on Doniphan Drive will be diverted to Artcraft Road/Artcraft Bridge then to Upper Valley Road to access West Borderland Road up to bridge closure.

Southbound traffic for west side of bridge:

- Traffic on the west end of the bridge (West Borderland Road) will be diverted to Upper Valley Road then onto Artcraft Road/Artcraft Bridge.

The Commission 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. The USIBWC maintains the Rio Grande in this region to meet its flood control and water delivery mission.

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**Traffic Relief Route for West Borderland Road
September 7, 2022 From 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M**



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